

**Official Minutes of the Monday, April 27, 2015
Board of Education Meeting**

- Call to Order** The Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 in County of Cook, State of Illinois, held a meeting in accordance with provisions of the Open Meetings Act, according to Illinois law, at the District 59 Administration Center, 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois on Monday, April 27, 2015. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- Roll Call** **Members Present:** President Sharon Roberts and Vice-President Janice Krinsky. Members Brian Kiel, Seana McPherson, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi.
Member Absent: Karen Osmani.
- Others** Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Ruth Gloede; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Veronica Lake; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen McAbee; Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Communication, Ben Grey; Executive Director of Human Resources, Kelley Zarfahs; Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, Tony Rossi; Translator, Nancy Torres; and Recording Secretary, Betsy Boswell.
- Also Present** Eydie Cohen, DEA; David Pohlmeier, Coordinator of Communications and Design; Michele Ramsey, Principal of Ridge Family Center for Learning; Thomas Seaton, Principal of Rupley School; Matt Legg, Nicola Avena, Julie Nagaro, Amy Meyer, Chris Baldini, Rupley staff; Sunil Bhawe, Board of Education member elect; Tammy Miller and Jeff Collier, Elk Grove Park District.
- Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was completed.
Mr. Kiel agreed to serve as secretary pro tempore.
- AUDIENCE RECESS** Mrs. Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to address the Board of Education. No one came forward.
- BOARD REPORTS** Ms. Krinsky reported attending a diversity symposium at Harper College. She stated the speaker, Freeman Hrabowski, shared his efforts in promoting STEM studies to under-served young people.
Ms. Krinsky also reported serving as a judge for the NSSEO Science Fair. She stated the fair was very exciting with many creative projects.
Mrs. Roberts reported she and Ms. Krinsky attended an Arbor Day event at Robert Frost School. She noted the event was also attended by the mayor of Mt. Prospect, as well as many Garden Club representatives, who planted a red oak tree. Students read poetry and sang. She stated it was a great program.
Ms. Krinsky reported attending the District 59's Got Talent program sponsored by the District 59 Education Foundation. She stated the kids did an amazing job. The event raised \$3000, which will be used for teacher grants.

Mrs. Schumacher reported attending a Lego exhibit at the Arlington Heights Library. She also shared an article from Cornell College’s magazine that featured a story about how she was the first in her family to graduate from college.

**SPECIAL
INTEREST
TOPIC**

HISTORY OF THE RUPLEY SENIOR LUNCHEON

Mr. Legg stated the idea for a senior luncheon at Rupley was born from a project in which he participated while a student at Grove Jr. High. When he was hired as a teacher at Rupley School he promoted the idea of an inter-generational event for his classroom, and the program was born. The first year only his classroom participated, and most of the seniors they interviewed were from the Elk Grove VFW.

Mr. Legg reported the second senior luncheon was expanded to include all three fifth grade classes, thanks in part to a grant from the District 59 Education Foundation. Many more seniors attended, including retired District 59 staff, seniors from local churches and from the Elk Grove Senior Center.

Mr. Legg reported various topics the students and seniors discussed included: WWII, the Fifties, Civil Rights, and economics. He shared that when the program started the students made booklets on the various topics discussed but now the students have tablets and Chromebooks to record their conversations.

Mr. Legg noted it takes many people to organize the senior luncheon. He stated the Rupley resource staff, specials teachers, tech coaches and parent volunteers help to facilitate the event. The students love to dress in their Sunday best when they engage with the seniors.

Mr. Legg stated the ELS and ELL students now also take part in the event. He stated the lunch is always great and a real treat for the students as well as the seniors. After lunch the students and seniors have craft time. This year they will be making a paper rocket.

Mrs. Roberts thanked Mr. Legg and the Rupley staff for their wonderful presentation.

**ACTION
ITEMS**

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK -- MAY 4-8, 2015

WHEREAS: *Preparing Students to be Successful for Life* is the mission of Community Consolidated School District 59; and

WHEREAS: the economic future of our community, state, and nation is dependent upon a knowledgeable and informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS: the week of May 4-8, 2015 has been designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week;

WHEREAS: Members of the Board of Education desire to recognize teachers and all employees of School District 59 during this week;

AWARD OF BID FOR EARLY LEARNING CENTER FURNITURE AND PORTABLE STORAGE

MOTION by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS bids were opened on April 21, 2015 for furniture and portable storage for the Early Learning Center addition to Holmes Junior High;
WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received with the recommended low bid submitted by Lowery McDonnell Company, 255 Mittel Drive, Wood Dale, IL 60191;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 27th day of April, 2015, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approve the award for ELC furniture and portable storage bid, inclusive of delivery coordination, shipping, and installation services to Lowery McDonnell for \$322,449.95.

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Osmanski.
Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL FOR THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

MOTION by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 27th day of April, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education appoint Michele Ramsey to the position of Early Learning Center principal effective July 1, 2015.

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Osmanski.
Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

Dr. Fessler congratulated Mrs. Ramsey on her new appointment.
Mrs. Ramsey stated she was very excited about her new role and was looking forward to serving the students, parents and staff of the Early Learning Center.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FEE FOR SERVICE MEDICAID CLAIMING SERVICES AGREEMENT RENEWAL – 3 YEAR TERM

Mrs. Gloede indicated the District was in the third year of a three-year contract with Hawthorne Associates. She recommended renewal of the three-year contract as Hawthorne had agreed to maintain their current rate.

AWARD OF ROOF REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT AT CLEARMONT ELEMENTARY

Mr. Rossi reported there were five bids for the replacement roofing at Clearmont School. He recommended approval of the low bidder. He noted the pricing was very low due to the drop in petroleum prices. He stated the roof to be replaced was the flat roof that is unseen from the street.

AWARD OF MASONRY RESTORATION PROJECTS AT JOHN JAY ELEMENTARY AND FRIENDSHIP JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Rossi reported there was very aggressive bidding for the masonry work and recommended the Board approve all work be completed during the 2015/16 school year to take advantage of the pricing.

Mr. Rossi presented D59 hard hats to Mr. Kiel and Mrs. McPherson as parting gifts upon their retiring from the Board.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board and Administration recognized Mr. Kiel and Mrs. McPherson for their outstanding service on the Board of Education.

Mrs. McPherson thanked the Board members for appointing her to the Board, stating she learned more than she would have thought. She thanked them for the opportunity to serve and stated she might be back in the future.

Mr. Kiel commented on how quickly eight years can go by. He thanked Board members for their work and for the support they had given him. He stated he was a proud alum of District 59, as well as a D59 parent and spouse of a D59 teacher. He also thanked his wife for her support.

Board members wished Mr. Kiel and Mrs. McPherson well as they moved toward new endeavors.

Ms. Krinsky distributed an article on preparing kids for kindergarten. She stated she would like to see an early Head Start program in District 59.

Ms. Krinsky reported the NSSEO superintendent had been recognized as a superintendent of distinction by IASB-North Cook.

Mrs. Schumacher distributed an article about PARCC.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Mr. Grey reported a Google symposium for educational leaders was held at Grove Jr. High. One hundred people attended the symposium, many also touring the building and visiting classrooms. He stated it was a true honor to host this event. He noted there had been many opportunities for recognition this year only because of the great work being done in our classrooms. He stated the logistics of hosting 100 visitors at a school during a student attendance day was very challenging and he thanked his team for a job well done.

Ms. Zerfahs stated she had visited with all principals on staffing needs. She obtained much good information and she is putting a plan together. She reported that Mrs. McAbee was not in attendance tonight because she was attending a special program at Barrington 220 with Carol Dweck.

Dr. Fessler reported several D59 administrators were attending the Dweck program tonight.

Dr. Fessler reported chairing the second meeting of the Community Advisory Committee earlier this evening. He stated some members who have a personal agenda tend to make it difficult to obtain feedback from other members.

Dr. Fessler stated that during the Google symposium a Google executive shared with him that D59 is considered the pinnacle of innovation in the country. He gave credit to the Board for its support in this area.

MOTION at 8:35 p.m. by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 27th day of April, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education recess in a closed meeting to discuss “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body”, and “Collective negotiating matters....” -5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1 & 2) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Osmanski.
Abstain: 0
Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

MOTION at 9:45 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Mr. Kiel, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 27th day of April, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Osmanski.
Abstain: 0
Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

MOTION at 9:46 p.m. by Mr. Kiel, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 27th day of April, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Roberts, Schumacher and
 Nays: 0 Somogyi.
 Absent: 1 Osmanski
 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

Sharon Roberts, President

ATTEST:

Karen Osmanski, Secretary