

**Official Minutes of the Tuesday, May 26, 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 Tuesday, May 26, 2015. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- Roll Call **Members Present:** President Sharon Roberts and Secretary Karen Osmanski. Members Sunil Bhave, Tim Burns, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi.
Member Absent: Janice Krinsky.
- 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 Zerfahs; 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; Griselda Pirtle, Coordinator of ELL; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Ralph Kahly, Internal Services and Transportation; Maribel Gonzalez, Transportation; Jan Fisher, Purchasing and School Nutrition; Susan Ejma, Principal of Juliette Low School; Matt Legg, Rupley staff; Rob Bowers, Principal elect for Holmes Jr. High; Patrick Thomson, Sodexo.
- Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was completed.
- AUDIENCE RECESS** Mrs. Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to address the Board of Education. No one came forward.
- CONSENT AGENDA MOTION** by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mr. Bhave, to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of May, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented/amended:
- 5.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
- a. Administrative Contracts
 - b. Certified Contracts
 - c. Non-Negotiated Contracts
 - d. ESP Retirements
 - e. Administrative Compensation for 2015/16
 - f. Non-Negotiated Compensation for 2015/16

Mrs. Pirtle and Mrs. McAbee presented information and updates on the District's ELL programming.

Mrs. Pirtle stated she wished to recognize the ELL teachers for their hard work and efforts in transitioning to the dual language model of delivery.

Mrs. Pirtle reviewed the 5 levels of language proficiency development for ELL students. Students are administered the ACCESS test to determine where they fall along the pathway to proficiency. She noted a score of 4.2-5 means the student can exit the ELL program, but they will still receive support.

Mrs. Pirtle noted the ELL programming is divided into two types-bilingual and monolingual. The bilingual model is further divided into the dual language model and the transitional bilingual model. The dual language model has a goal of biliteracy, while the transitional bilingual model's goal is English proficiency only. This second model is being phased out of our district. Only 5th graders will be part of this program, which will be the final year for transitional bilingual programming in District 59.

The dual language (DL) model is again divided into two-way DL or one-way DL. However, both models have the same goal of biliteracy. The only two-way DL program in District 59 is housed at Salt Creek School and students are selected through a lottery process.

Mrs. Pirtle explained the ELL placement process. When students are registered their parents complete a home language survey. If parents indicate a second language is spoken in the home, the student must by law be screened for English proficiency. If screening shows they are English proficient they are placed in a Gen Ed classroom. If they are not proficient the parents are presented alternatives – the first being biliteracy. If the parents opt out of this opportunity, they are offered the monolingual (ESL) option. If parents opt out of ESL the student is placed in a Gen Ed classroom. The two-way DL program has a different process, as indicated above.

Mrs. Pirtle reported the first two-way DL cohort will be moving to junior high next school year. She stated a DL program has been established at Grove Junior High to enable these students to continue on their journey to biliteracy. A Spanish Heritage class has been developed as well as a DL model for Language Arts and Social Studies. She stated she is collaborating with District 214 to create a program that will provide a Seal of Biliteracy on the student's High School Diploma.

Mrs. Pirtle stated the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) has been a critical piece of the ELL program. She indicated there is now a Polish BPAC as well as Spanish BPAC.

Mrs. Pirtle stated she hoped for more professional development for ELL teachers as they continue shifting to the DL model. She also hopes to expand the two-way DL program.

Mrs. Roberts thanked Mrs. Pirtle for her excellent presentation.

Mrs. Gloede stated a key take-away from the budget process in District 59 is that the Board need not panic due to Long Term Planning and excellent fund balances. Mrs. Gloede noted that budgets do not stand alone, but rather reflect what the organization is working on and toward.

Mrs. Gloede reminded the Board that it is not cheap to move the District in a new direction. She indicated that there are always uncertainties on the revenue side, whereas the expense side is better known.

Mrs. Gloede listed the Key Strategies for District 59: a well-equipped staff; coaches; instructional resources; development of Learning Lab unit builder; CDTs; PLTs; Full Day Kindergarten; Early Learning Center; “right staffing”; SEL; 21st century tools and environments; prototyping learning spaces; software upgrades; Lighting upgrades.

Mrs. Gloede presented specific needs within each of the major funds.

Mrs. Roberts thanked Mrs. Gloede for her report.

AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION ON 2014 ASSESSMENT APPEALS AT THE PROPERTY TAX APPEALS BOARD (PTAB)

Mrs. Gloede stated this resolution allows the District to intervene on all 2014 assessment appeals. She indicated the district’s law firm is notified of each appeal and occasionally partners with District 214, depending on the property location. She stated the volume of appeals is huge.

DIRECT SCHOOL TREASURER TO TRANSFER INTEREST EARNED IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND TO THE EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15

Mrs. Gloede stated this resolution allows the District to transfer interest earned to the Education Fund at the end of the fiscal year. The amount of interest is approximately \$60,000.

AGREEMENT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT AND COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 59

Mrs. McAbee stated the District has a long-standing agreement with the Mount Prospect Community Connections Center. The Center offers many services to District 59 families, including social services, medical health, personal safety, library services, among others. Some services are restricted to Mount Prospect residents, while others are available to all District 59 families.

Mrs. McAbee stated that as part of this agreement District 59 can hold meetings and/or trainings at the center. Also, the Center’s staff has offered to come to the District to provide programs that are open to all families. Mrs. McAbee recommended approval of the agreement, which included a payment of \$400 per month.

DETERMINATION OF SERIOUS SAFETY HAZARDS RELATED TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Mr. Kahly introduced Mrs. Maribel Gonzalez as the new Transportation Coordinator upon Mr. Kahly's retirement.

Mr. Kahly stated the hazardous conditions had been reviewed and were unchanged.

Mrs. Gloede thanked Mr. Kahly for all he has done while working with District 59 transportation and wished him well.

Mr. Kahly thanked the Board for their past support and future good wishes.

AWARD OF BID FOR SEALCOATING AND RE-STRIPING AT VARIOUS DISTRICT 59 FACILITIES

Ms. Fisher noted the sealcoating and restriping of various properties around the district requires an annual bid. About 1/3 of the properties are sealcoated on a rotating basis and all properties are restriped each year.

Mr. Swanson stated the low bidder, Onyx Sealcoating, had the best references he had ever seen. There was an issue with their bid in that they miscalculated the total square footage and made a lower bid than they intended, but they have agreed to do the work and guarantee the District will be pleased with the work.

ABATEMENT OF \$1.4 MILLION IN WORKING CASH FUNDS TO THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND

Mrs. Gloede stated the Board Policy on fund balances requires her to take a look to make sure funds are in the 50-60% balance range. She indicated the Operations and Maintenance Fund needed the additional revenue to be transferred from the Working Cash Fund.

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2015/16

Board committee assignments were discussed and the final assignments will be published in the Board weekly update.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board members discussed the naming of the new ELC and the possibility of placing the District 59 logo of other district buildings. They also discussed the ELC building design that includes a playful "elc" above a student entrance. They Board agreed to keep the design.

A list of Open Meeting Act exceptions was distributed to Board members.

Mrs. Schumacher suggested a staff survey be taken regarding changes to work spaces in the Administration Center prior to any future work being done.

Mrs. Roberts noted this suggestion was beyond the responsibilities of the Board of Education and should be left to administration.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S TEAM

Dr. Fessler reported he and the SLT were meeting with school staff to discuss their concerns and address and questions. Staff shared concerns about the elementary late release time.

Dr. Fessler reported attending a Community Advisory Meeting with Mrs. Roberts prior to the Board of Education meeting. The Strategic Plan was discussed. He stated the meeting was very productive.

Dr. Fessler reported the SLT is planning for the end of the school year. He stated he would like to schedule a meeting with the SLT and our two new Board members. Each SLT member will explain their responsibilities and provide their work maps.

Dr. Fessler stated the District would be gathering parent feedback on the school start and end times now that they have experienced a full year of these new times.

Mr. Rossi reported having received an invoice from the Village of Mt. Prospect for \$160,000 in fees for the construction of the ELC. He stated in the past all municipal fees had been waived for the school district. He spoke to the new Village manager and the mayor, who waived some but not all fees. He asked for Board support for a letter to be drafted in opposition of these fees. The Board agreed to sending a letter of opposition to the village.

Ms. Zurfahs reminded the Board that Robert Frost School would be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Thursday at 5 pm.

Mr. Grey stated he was working on crafting the messaging for graduation ceremonies. He stated this would be completed by the end of the week so that Board members can weave the messages into their graduation speeches.

Mr. Grey also reported the communications consultant would like to meet with the Board for a 30 minutes session. He suggested this occur at 6:30 pm on June 22 prior to the scheduled Board meeting.

Mr. Grey also reported on a new apparel shop for sportswear purchases for all District 59 schools. 15% of sales will go the school PTOs.

Mrs. Osmanski reported the District 59 Back to School event is planned for August 29, 2015. Flyers will be going out to families soon.

Dr. Fessler reported there would once again be a new staff reception at the Fessler home on August 20, 2015.

Mrs. Roberts asked Mrs. Boswell to send out a Doodle calendar to Board members to schedule a Board Retreat.

MOTION

at 10:15 p.m. by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Somogyi, to adopt the following resolution:

