

**Official Minutes of the Monday, August 11, 2014  
Board of Education Meeting**

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- 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, August 11, 2014. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- Roll Call **Members Present:** President Sharon Roberts, Vice-President Janice Krinsky and Secretary Karen Osmanski. Members Brian Kiel, Seana McPherson, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi.
- 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 Zurfahs; 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; Melissa Ward, Coordinator of Early Childhood; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Anthony Barone.
- 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. Schumacher, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, to adopt the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of August, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:
- 5.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
    - a. July 21, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes
    - b. July 21, 2014 Closed Meeting minutes
    - c. July 23, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes
  - 5.02 Disbursements Resolution
    - August 11, 2014–FY '14 Disbursements
  - 5.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports
    - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2014
    - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of June 30, 2014
    - c. Investment Report as of June 30, 2014
    - d. Activity Fund Statements as of June 30, 2014

- 5.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
  - a. Administrative Contract
  - b. Certified Contracts
  - c. Certified Resignations
  - d. Certified Lane Changes
  - e. Certified Temporary Contracts
  - f. ESP Contract
  - g. CAMEO Retirement
  - h. Summer Program

5.05 Memo of Understanding with DEA

Roll Call      Ayes:        7        Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

                  Nays:        0

                  Absent:     0

                  Abstain:    0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**BOARD REPORTS**

Ms. Krinsky gave an update on the joint outreach program sponsored by District 59 and District 214. A Meet & Greet was scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Oasis Mobile Home Park. Busing will be provided from the other area Mobile Home Parks to Oasis. Ready for Kindergarten material will be available at the event. There will be raffles and a DJ to provide music.

Mrs. Osmanski stated she and Ms. Krinsky had found the Oasis management very cooperative and a positive relationship was developing.

Ms. Krinsky thanked Dr. Fessler and Mrs. McAbee for their support of this outreach.

Ms. Krinsky reported attending Jump Start classes at Rupley School. She also reported being asked to volunteer in a Rupley classroom. She reported on a welcoming statement she presented to the New Teacher Network on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Roberts reported attending the Administrative Retreat last week. She stated it was a great kick-off to the 2014/15 school year.

**SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS**

Ms. Zerfahs reported there had been one FOIA request since the July 21, 2014 Board of Education meeting. The request concerned bids on seal coating and stripping and was responded to in a timely manner.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGES TO THE 2014/15 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Mrs. Gloede noted the Board had received the budget document, the state budget document and changes to the tentative budget. She stated the tentative budget had been on display between May and August. She stated many changes had been incorporated into the final budget.

Some changes included the incorporation of expenses for the technology devices and lighting upgrades into the 2013/14 budget. Also, the general state aid was added to the final budget, and grant amounts were tweaked. Additionally, the state changed the TRS payments for Title I teachers.

Mrs. Somogyi asked if she was correct in believing that the Board did not need to utilize the full bond issuance.

Mrs. Gloede stated Mrs. Somogyi was correct.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she did not want to budget for items that had not been discussed by the Board.

Dr. Fessler stated that Mr. Rossi was working on a long-term capital projects plan to present to the Board for its consideration.

Mrs. Schumacher noted that for 5 years out of 6 the District's expenditures exceeded its revenue.

Mrs. Gloede agreed to this assessment, stating the District purposefully spent down fund balances.

## MOTION

by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of August, 2014 the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approve the following changes to the 2014/15 budget for purposes of adoption, said changes to be attached to these minutes as part of the record of deliberation over the same.

	<b>2014/15 Budget on Public Display</b>	<b>2014/15 Budget for Adoption</b>
<b><u>Revenue (excluding transfers and TRS On-Behalf)</u></b>		
Educational Fund	\$80,268,978	\$81,208,931
Operations & Maintenance Fund	8,872,463	8,872,463
Debt Service Fund (including levy)	2,662,367	2,662,367
Transportation Fund	5,100,731	5,100,731
IMR/FICA Fund	3,374,566	3,374,566
Capital Projects Fund	0	0
Working Cash Fund	384,845	20,184,845
Total	\$100,663,950	\$121,403,903
<b><u>Expenditures (excluding transfers and TRS On-Behalf)</u></b>		
Educational Fund	\$85,542,046	\$83,411,737
Operations & Maintenance Fund	10,255,600	9,885,657
Debt Service Fund (including debt payment)	3,501,591	3,501,591
Transportation Fund	5,489,892	5,489,892
IMR/FICA Fund	3,121,472	3,121,472
Capital Projects Fund	0	16,024,915
Working Cash Fund	0	0
Total	\$107,910,604	\$121,435,264







The committee facilitator should let Mrs. Boswell know when a meeting is scheduled so that she will post it.

Only meetings that discuss issues which will eventually be voted on by the Board need to be posted.

Mrs. Schumacher raised the question of why the Foundation was on the committee list. She stated it was not a committee and should not be listed as such. The Board agreed to remove the following organizations from the committee list: Foundation, ED-RED, NSSEO, IASB. They will be listed separately as organizations with Board member representation.

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

### **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM**

Mr. Rossi reported planning for the ELC was moving along very well. He stated Legat would provide, a presentation at the next Board meeting. He stated there would be a budget check at each step of the process.

Ms. Zerfahs reported on a New Teacher Network meeting that had taken place with our great new staff. She reported there were a few positions still left to be filled, positions typically difficult to fill. She stated the two salary schedules that came out of the last contract negotiations are posted online. These show the discrepancies between the two schedules, which has caused some candidates to withdraw.

Mrs. Lake reported she and Mrs. Papeck are working on a conceptual framework for SEL. She will be creating a district level SEL team.

Mrs. McAbee reported the NTN training went very well, with teachers having a choice of presentations to attend over a two-day period. She also reported on the full day kindergarten options, stating there were more gen. ed. students than ELL students, which was causing some shifts in student attendance areas.

Mrs. McAbee reported on the Friendship cluster ELL programs available at all schools: Brentwood now having a K-1 Bilingual Program; Devonshire now having a K-1 ESL program, as do Salt Creek and Rupley. She stated we would need to wait and see how space issues in the Holmes cluster would limit expansion of ELL programming in those schools. She stated there remained a need to fix the Oasis shared attendance area; to find a more systematic approach.

Mrs. McAbee invited the Board to attend the Tuesday NTN workshop at Friendship.

Dr. Fessler commended the SLT for the high quality presentation they delivered to the NTN.

Mrs. McPherson asked whether there was a bilingual Polish program at Brentwood and Devonshire.

Mrs. McAbee stated the only bilingual Polish program in the District was housed at Clearmont.

Mr. Grey stated he had launched the new District brand identity. He stated he was proud of the new logo and its symbolism. He stated he was excited about the new website roll-out scheduled for Friday.

Dr. Fessler stated Mr. Grey's department was developing a Unit Planner tool for teachers. Most of the development was done in house, although some work was contracted out to a developer at a cost of about \$40,000. He stated it was an interactive application for curriculum planning and mapping. Lessons can be built and shared with others. He stated Mrs. McAbee and the CDT had been consulted and were very excited about this new tool. He stated the developer was the same company that built the new website. They may market the tool and District 59 would receive a percentage of the revenue.

Mr. Grey stated the tool needed to build out a curriculum map that would be useful to staff. He indicated the developer would host the tool at no cost.

Mrs. McPherson asked if the unit developer could be used for teacher evaluations.

Mr. Grey stated that was not currently possible, but perhaps in the future.

Mr. Luedloff reported all departments were developing work map processes. He stated he would be meeting with each department over the next few weeks and would have final drafts by September 1<sup>st</sup>. These work maps will link to the strategic plan.

Dr. Fessler reported each new principal has a 100-day plan. Most of the plans were chiefly about building relationships.

Mr. Luedloff stated he had met with staff to gather feedback on PLT for the first 3-4 weeks.

Dr. Fessler stated the Board had received copies of a letter from the District Superintendent regarding their compliance visit. He stated the report implies our district is first rate.

Dr. Fessler reported there will be an opening day broadcast from Clearmont to the district at 9:15 am Tuesday. He stated this broadcast would allow teachers to remain in their buildings to prepare for students.

Dr. Fessler reminded the Board about the reception at his home on Thursday for new staff, administrators and Board members.

Mrs. Schumacher questioned the need for a professional editor to review the strategic plan. She stated the plan looked good as is.

Dr. Fessler explained the editor would look at the plan from an audience perspective to ensure its readability.

Mrs. Schumacher stated that could be done in house. She stated this was why we had a communications department. The plan is done.



Mrs. Roberts stated the content of the plan was good. However, she favored having a professional editor.

Mr. Grey stated the editor had been recommended by colleagues from other districts.

At 8:50 p.m. the Board took a break.

**MOTION** at 9:00 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Mr. Kiel, to adopt the following resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of August, 2014, 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“, ...other matters relating to individual students” and “Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act...for semi-annual review of the minutes..” -5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1, 10 & 21) of the Open Meetings Act

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**MOTION** at 10:27 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of August, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 59 DETERMINING NON-RESIDENCY OF STUDENT AND ASSESSING NON-RESIDENT TUITION**

**MOTION** by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski, to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Section 5/10-20b of the *Illinois School Code* establishes a procedure for the determination of student residency and the payment of non-resident tuition should a student be determined a non-resident of the School District; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2014, the School District informed Anthony Orsini and Amanda Wallace that the School District had preliminarily determined that their child, “Student O”, was not a resident of the School District and assessed tuition based on an annual tuition charge of \$12,990.95; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5/10-20b of the *Illinois School Code*, Anthony Orsini requested a review of the School District's preliminary determination of non-residency; and

**WHEREAS**, a residency hearing was held on August 1, 2014 before an impartial hearing officer ("IHO"); and

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Orsini and Amanda Wallace, and the School District, had adequate opportunity to present evidence to the IHO regarding the residency and the non-residency of Student O; and

**WHEREAS**, the IHO issued a Residency Hearing Report on August 4, 2014 finding that Anthony Orsini and Amanda Wallace did not meet their burden to present evidence that Student O resided in the School District with Anthony Orsini, that Student O did not reside with Anthony Orsini as claimed, and that Student O actually resided with Amanda Wallace outside the School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the IHO found that Amanda Wallace, the person who enrolled Student O in the School District, admitted during the hearing that she gave false information on Student O's enrollment forms when she indicated that she was living at Anthony Orsini's apartment in the School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the IHO further found that Anthony Orsini and Amanda Wallace should be responsible for the payment of non-resident tuition for Student O for the period that Student O was enrolled in the District during the 2013-2014 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2014, Anthony Orsini submitted an objection to the Residency Hearing Report by electronic mail; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has received and considered the Residency Hearing Report issued by the IHO on August 4, 2014, the parties' Exhibits from the residency hearing, and the objection submitted by Anthony Orsini on August 5, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 as follows:

**Section 1.** The Board confirms the findings of the IHO as stated in the Conclusion section of the Residency Hearing Report and adopts said Conclusions as its own.

**Section 2.** The Board finds that the objections filed by Anthony Orsini to the Residency Hearing Report and the hearing process are without basis or merit.



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Sharon Roberts, President

ATTEST:

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Karen Osmanski, Secretary