

**Official Minutes of the Monday, August 25, 2014
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, August 25, 2014. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- Roll Call **Members Present:** President Sharon Roberts, Vice-President Janice Krinsky and Secretary Karen Osmanski. Members Brian Kiel, Seana McPherson and Barbara Somogyi.
Member Absent: Mardell Schumacher.
- 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; and Recording Secretary, Betsy Boswell.
- Also Present Eydie Cohen, DEA; David Pohlmeier, Coordinator of Communications and Design; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Enza Papeck, Director of Social Emotional Learning; Patrick Brosnan, Paul Pessetti, Robin Randall and Stephanie Marcan, Legat Architects.
Mrs. Schumacher arrived at 7:03 p.m.
- 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 Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of August, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:
5.01 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
 - Certified Contracts
 - Certified Resignation
 - Certified Retirements
 - Certified Contract Changes
 - ESP Contracts
 - ESP Resignations
 - ESP Contract Changes

- h. CAMEO Contract
- i. CAMEO Resignation
- j. Temporary Custodian

- 5.02 Semi-annual Review of Closed Session Minutes
- 5.03 Approval of Web Development Agreement
- 5.04 Acceptance of Donations

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

 Nays: 0

 Absent: 0

 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

Mrs. Roberts acknowledged the school supply and backpack donation from Apple Vacations and the donation of an Epson Stylus Photo Printer from Wesley Kiel, Brian Kiel’s father. She stated the District is fortunate to have such generous community members.

BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Osmanski reported on attending the District 59 Foundation Back-to-School Celebration at Grove Jr. High on Saturday. She thanked all the volunteers and sponsors.

Mrs. Roberts also reported on attending the Foundation event, stating Matt Wilhelm presented a wonderful message to the audience.

Ms. Krinsky reported attending another back-to-school event held at the Oasis Mobile Home Park on August 16th. The event evolved out of an intergovernmental task force that was formed to assist families in unincorporated Elk Grove Township. She indicated Elk Grove High School partnered with District 59 to present the event, which was well attended. She also reported that Sodexo had asked to become a part of the task force.

Mrs. McPherson reported attending opening day at Clearmont School with several other Board members.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS

UPDATE ON EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Mr. Rossi and the Legat Team presented updates to the Early Learning Center design process.

Mr. Brosnan stated his team had again met with district staff. The plan includes classrooms arranged around outdoor play areas, a bus drop-off to the north and parent drop off to the south with a long hallway connecting these entrances. He stated the horizontal classroom wings would run east to west for best lighting. He said they had worked to follow the design of Holmes Jr. High, using a modified Mansard roof. He indicated they had brought in Hitchcock Design to assist.

Ms. Marcan showed a typical classroom layout that included a teacher conference area, two adjoining classrooms, an integrated therapy room, two student toilet areas, a mechanical room and several classroom “zones” or content area work stations in the classrooms. She stated they were looking to design a building with a playful, village-like environment. She stated the outdoor play space would provide lots of sensory involvement.

Mrs. Somogyi asked if teachers agreed to have their desks/work stations out of the classroom.

Mr. Brosnan stated there were podiums in the classroom. He indicated they could visit their desk area when not with students.

Mrs. Schumacher asked about adult seating in the classroom.

Mr. Brosnan stated there would be some adult chairs in each classroom.

Ms. Krinsky stated she attended the workshop with Hitchcock Design and was very pleased with their ideas.

Mrs. Osmanski asked if the classrooms had the capability of video display.

Ms. Marcan indicated they did.

Mrs. Roberts asked if the design was similar to other area Early Learning Centers.

Ms. Randall stated this design was more forward thinking and adaptable. She stated it was being designed with the future in mind.

Mrs. Schumacher expressed concern over the amount of outdoor space, which she stated was 1/6 of the total area. She stated it would be difficult to maintain.

Ms. Marcan stated the design team was looking at low maintenance outdoor areas.

Mrs. McPherson asked about the drainage in the outdoor areas; what would happen after a big snowfall.

Mr. Rossi stated they had planned for good drainage in these areas.

Mr. Brosnan stated the outdoor areas should get a lot of use.

Mr. Rossi asked the Board to consider applying for Gold LEED Certification for the building. He stated there would be an additional cost to do all the paperwork required for the certification.

Mr. Brosnan stated the USGBC documentation, which required tracking of materials, would probably cost about \$200,000. However, there are clean energy grants available if the Board decides to go for the gold.

Ms. Randall stated the building itself could become a teaching tool for the junior high science students.

Mrs. McPherson asked if spending the extra dollars would guarantee the certification.

Mr. Brosnan stated it would not guarantee anything. However, he stated that with planning he had always been able to reach that level.

Ms. Krinsky stated she was a long time environmentalist and would be very pleased to receive the gold LEED certification. She asked how energy efficient the building would be.

Mr. Rossi stated there would be some use of solar energy.

Ms. Randall stated there could be a component of the building with net zero energy use.

Mrs. Roberts asked if a \$150,000 grant was a reasonable and attainable goal.

Mr. Brosnan stated the grant was competitive, but felt the district could be awarded a grant.

Mrs. Schumacher stated the design had too many outside walls due to all the outdoor space. She again stated she was concerned about maintenance of these areas.

Mr. Brosnan stated the outdoor spaces were important to the learning environment. The outdoor light and views of nature simulate learning.

Mrs. Schumacher suggested skylights.

Mr. Brosnan stated that in our climate skylights usually develop leaks after a few years. He stated the outdoor learning spaces were protected from the wind and would be warmer for the students.

Mr. Rossi stated he would gather more information and better figures on the overall cost of gold leaf certification.

Mrs. Osmanski asked if Mr. Rossi had heard anything from the neighbors.

Mr. Rossi replied he had not heard anything lately. He stated the decision had been made to create an underground water storage area rather than a drainage ditch.

DISCUSSION

ITEMS

Mrs. Roberts asked the Board to move the first discussion item to the end of the list. The Board agreed.

INTERNET ACCESS FOR LOW INCOME STUDENTS

Mr. Grey stated District 214 would be offering a Comcast \$10/month Internet Access program to their low-income families, with the district providing half of the cost. He stated Comcast was currently running a promotion for 6 months free when a district signs up. This promotion ends on September 20th.

Mr. Grey stated Barrington District 220 offers free Internet access to its low-income families. He stated they had a participation rate of about 40%.

Mr. Grey stated he had investigated various programs, such as having WIFI installed at the Mobil Home Parks or creating hot spots, but found these options to be too expensive.

Mrs. Schumacher stated the taxpayers are unhappy as their taxes continue to rise.

Dr. Fessler stated Mr. Grey was just sharing information and giving the Board some things to consider. He stated the administration was not making any recommendations at this time. He stated there are many other financial implications and variables, including some staffing gaps that will be discussed with the Board. He stated the administration will identify and set the most pressing priorities and then bring recommendations to the Board.

Mrs. McPherson stated she would like the district to inform families of the Comcast program even if the district does not subsidize the cost. She noted that in Barrington only 40% of families enrolled and there it was free.

Ms. Krinsky stated that although she was passionate about this program, there might be other ways to assist families.

Mr. Grey stated the Comcast program had the lowest price tag. If 40% of eligible families were to sign up it would cost the district about \$48,000 for the first year.

PLACEMENT OF BOARD MEMBER EMAILS ON WEBSITE

All members agreed that their emails should be available to the public.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she preferred to have an all board email posted on the website rather than individual emails.

Mrs. Somogyi stated if a resident wanted to talk to all members they could just email and president and the president could forward the email to the other members.

It was decided that an “all Board” email option be included on the website.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Luedloff stated he had researched BP 5.180 on temporary illness and incapacity. He stated the PRESS recommended policy better aligned with the district’s procedures.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she wanted to better define the roles of the Board Secretary and the recording secretary.

Policies will be updated and will return for Board approval at the September 8, 2014 Board meeting.

RESOLUTION TO ISSUE BONDS

Mrs. Gloede stated Mrs. Hennessy had intended to be at the meeting, but her flight was delayed.

Mrs. Gloede stated the petition period ended on August 22nd and that no petitions had been received. She stated the Board could now move forward on the issuance.

Mrs. Gloede indicated she had met with Standard and Poors about the District’s bond rating. She stated the Board would be approving a bond issuance of \$9.9M on September 8th. She stated she was watching interest rates and they could be below 2% at issuance.

She stated the Board could decide at a future meeting how large the January bond issue would be. The total could not exceed \$19.8M.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Mrs. Roberts stated there were several ways to go with the discussion on Board governance. Three documents were attached to the agenda and all three had good points. She stated it might be a good idea to put together a sub-committee to look into takes pieces from each document and blending them into a final document that could serve not only this board, but future boards.

It was decided that Mrs. Schumacher, Mrs. McPherson, and Ms. Krinsky would serve on the sub-committee.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Somogyi reported taking an online workshop through IASB on Bullying. She stated IASB is coming out with more online workshops.

Mr. Kiel suggested the district check with District 214 on how to best proceed with our advanced math programming. He stated District 214 now has freshman take geometry instead of algebra. He stated we might be missing out on preparing students for this change in math programming.

Mrs. McAbee stated she would be meeting with District 214 on September 12th. She stated that Common Core is aligned with algebra.

Mrs. Somogyi stated the administration might want to look at Life Skills offerings in relation to D214 offerings. She noted the importance of communicating with D214 on curriculum.

Dr. Fessler stating that bringing in John Harrington has been helpful in communicating with D214.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she would like a presentation on the STEM program.

Dr. Fessler stated he could arrange for a Board update on the Gateways program.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Mr. Luedloff stated the ALT was looking at bringing in a thought leader. Julie Adams, education consultant and author, had been selected as this year's thought leader. She is the author of Game Changers, a basic guide for teachers. She has been contracted for four visits during the year for ALT meetings and/or PLT sessions.

Mrs. Roberts requested the dates of these sessions be sent to the Board when available.

Mr. Luedloff stated this week the district would hold the first official PLT session, which would include a Webinar on FAST. He stated next week's PLT would be focused on tech devices. He stated there would be a staff representative from each building to assist with PLT planning. He stated a new feedback tool would be implemented by October 1st.

Mrs. McAbee stated the CDT would be meeting again for peer review. The team will share feedback with the GLMs in September.

She reported the FAST assessment has been going well at Ridge. Staff reported the assessment is easy to use and provides information that is easily understood. She reported she and Mr. Haack attended a session related to state assessments.

Mrs. Lake stated her department had been working on the conceptual framework for SEL. They have been reaching out to the schools.

Mr. Grey presented some of the new website features, including the new district calendar and the interactive boundary map. He showed the Get Moving Video. He stated parents could subscribe to the district calendar and have it sent to their smart phone.

Mr. Grey stated the Board Updates would be shared after every meeting to increase transparency. He stated community members could sign up on the website to receive electronic newsletters.

Ms. Zerfahs reported only a few positions remain unfilled. She stated the district has 549 certificated staff, 169 ESPs and 60 CAMEO positions.

Dr. Fessler reported opening day went very well with very few bus issues. He stated the buses had to be held at Rupley later in the week due to the activation of the lightening detector. He stated we are looking into why that school's detector sounds when no others in the area are activated.

Mr. Kiel stated he liked the opening day webcast.

Mrs. McPherson stated several members went to Clearmont for the opening of school. She stated it was nice to see excited students with their parents.

Mrs. Roberts thanked the SLT, Ms. Cohen and Dr. Fessler for all the work accomplished over the summer.

Mrs. Schumacher asked that items that include large expenditures of money or acceptance of donations not be put on a consent agenda.

MOTION

at 9:25 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, to adopt the following resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th 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”, including the evaluation of the superintendent. -5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) 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 10:30 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Mrs. Somogyi, to adopt the following resolution:

