

**Official Minutes of the Monday, July 21, 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, July 21, 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 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; Translator, Nancy Torres; and Recording Secretary, Betsy Boswell.
- Also Present** Eydie Cohen and Michele Lara, DEA; David Pohlmeier, Coordinator of Communications and Design; Kate Weiland, Heather Soskin, Leanne Newman and Laura Cacioppo; Ridge staff; Cindy Krizizke and Raksha Papa, Juliette Low staff; Dan Sullivan, Bob Bardelli, Mike Rizzo, Lawrence Nucian, Mary Mylin, residents; Patrick Brosnan, Legat Architects; Nick Papanicholas, Nicholas and Associates; and members of the District 59 Education Foundation Board of Directors.
- 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. Mr. Dan Sullivan came forward.
Mr. Sullivan stated he lived at 716 Crestwood Lane in Mount Prospect. He stated he was unhappy with the plan for building such a large structure behind his property. He asked if other locations had been considered, why there was a need for such a large building, and also asked if only District 59 residents would be allowed to send their children to the school. Mr. Sullivan stated he was concerned about added traffic and also about flooding.
Mary Mylin of 1725 W. Martin Lane, Mount Prospect came forward to address the Board. Mrs. Mylin stated she was very concerned the proposed building would create traffic congestion and additional flooding issues. She asked if “illegals” would be allowed to attend the school. She asked if the preschool children could be housed at Forest View School. She stated the flooding problems are already bad in the area.
Mrs. Roberts thanked the speakers for their comments.

Mrs. Schumacher arrived at 7:08 p.m.

**Consent
Agenda
MOTION**

by Mrs. Somogyi, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 21st day of July, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- 5.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
 - a. June 9, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes
 - b. June 9, 2014 Closed Meeting minutes
 - c. June 20, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes
 - d. June 23, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes
 - e. June 23, 2014 Closed Meeting minutes
- 5.02 Disbursements Resolution
June 9, 2014–FY '14 Disbursements
- 5.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2014
 - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of May 31, 2014
 - c. Investment Report as of May 31, 2014
 - d. Activity Fund Statements as of May 31, 2014
- 5.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
 - a. Administrative Contract
 - b. Administrative Resignation
 - c. Certified Contracts
 - d. Certified Contract Adjustment
 - e. Certified Resignations
 - f. Certified Leave of Absence
 - g. ESP Contract
 - h. ESP Resignation

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 reported attending an Intergovernmental Task Force meeting to discuss the need to better serve the District’s 1200 students who live in unincorporated Elk Grove Township. She stated representatives from Elk Grove Township, Cook County Commissioner’s office, Cook County Sheriff’s office, Cook County Public Health Department and High School District 214 were in attendance. The group will sponsor a back-to-school event on August 16th. She noted Mrs. Osmanski was also in attendance.

Mrs. Schumacher reported attending a site visit to the Early Learning Center at School District 62. She indicated it was a wonderful building, but much bigger than needed in District 59. She noted the very large outdoor space would have to be maintained by staff.

Ms. Krinsky reported attending a meeting of the junior high curriculum design team.

**SPECIAL
INTEREST
TOPICS**

DISTRICT 59 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Ray Hardtke of the District 59 Education Foundation spoke to the Board, sharing the Foundation's history. He stated the Foundation had funded \$174,000 in grants to the District since its inception in 2004. He noted the Foundation had received a grant from Motorola several years ago that was used to fund scholarships for District 59 teachers to attend a Harper College class related to the teaching of science.

Mr. Hardtke reported the Foundation currently has relationships with Little Boots Rodeo and Got2Run, receiving funding from both of these sources. Parents who purchase certificates of appreciation that are given to teachers also fund the Foundation.

Ms. Krinsky, former Foundation Director and current Board of Education representative to the Foundation, announced a back-to-school event would be held on August 23rd for all District 59 families. The event is sponsored by the Foundation, which has received generous contributions from Legat Architects, Nicholas and Associates and Sodexo.

Mrs. Jenny Randolph, Foundation Director, spoke about the need for volunteers for this event as well as future events. She invited the Board of Education members to volunteer to direct participants and supervise children as they take part in the various activities.

Mrs. McPherson suggested perhaps junior high students could be recruited to assist at the event. She offered to assist with the effort.

Mrs. Roberts thanked the directors for their presentation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

Mr. Luedloff reported there had been two FOIA request since the June 9, 2014 Board of Education Meeting. He indicated the requests were related to union dues and District payables from 2008 through current bills. He stated Mrs. Prikkel had been working on the payables request.

RECOGNITION

Dr. Fessler introduced Veronica Lake as the new Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services. She comes to District 59 from School District 116. He stated Mrs. Lake has extensive grant writing experience as well as experience working with children in poverty.

Mrs. Roberts welcomed Mrs. Lake on behalf of the Board of Education.

**ACTION
ITEMS**

**CONSTRUCTION OF AN EARLY LEARNING CENTER ADDITION TO
HOLMES JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Mrs. Schumacher inquired whether the District had explored the flooding issues mentioned by two residents.

Mr. Rossi stated he had made it his priority to assure the new structure would not expand flooding issues in the neighborhood. He stated he had met with Mount Prospect officials regarding flooding in the area. He noted no complaints had ever been filed with the District regarding flooding in the Holmes/Forest View neighborhood. He indicated the Village would be issuing permits for the building and there would be discussions regarding storm water retention. Mr. Rossi guaranteed the new structure would not have a negative impact on the neighborhood.

Ms. Krinsky stated the District holds to the highest possible standards. She stated Mr. Rossi would stand behind his guarantee.

Mr. Rossi stated he would establish a point person from the neighborhood and give that person periodic updates.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she was a little nervous about Mr. Rossi's guarantee.

Dr. Fessler stated there are codes the District must follow regarding water retention. He stated the District would partner with the Village of Mount Prospect to help solve the flooding issues.

Mr. Kiel thanked the administration for holding the Early Learning Center community forum and for keeping the Board informed as they addressed issues that were raised during the forum.

Dr. Fessler stated the District had considered several sites for the Early Learning Center, noting Mr. Rossi had done a lot of legwork. He stated that in the end the Holmes campus stood alone as the best site for the center.

Mrs. McPherson stated most of the questions asked by Mr. Sullivan had been covered at the forum and suggested they be reviewed.

Mrs. Gloede stated the transportation issues had been addressed at the forum but that no one was in attendance tonight from that department.

Mrs. Somogyi stated she had concerns about the center but was in full support of early childhood learning.

MOTION

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the benefits of a centralized early learning center and had the opportunity to visit an established early learning center;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed conceptual drawings presented by Legat Architects;

Mrs. Schumacher asked what the additional \$5M was for.

Mrs. Gloede stated the district may not issue the full bond amount or the amount in excess of the cost of the Early Learning Center could be used for other projects for which the Board would give approval. She stated the debt would be retired in 2021.

MOTION

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the “Code”), a fund to be known as a Working Cash Fund (the “Fund”) may be created and maintained in and for Community Consolidated School District Number 59, Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), in the manner prescribed in the Code, for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District has heretofore created and maintained such Fund in the manner prescribed by the Code; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Code, the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) is authorized to incur an indebtedness and issue bonds as evidence thereof (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of increasing the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Fund be increased and that the District incur an indebtedness and issue Bonds as evidence thereof in an amount not to exceed \$19,800,000 for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, before such Bonds may be issued for said purpose, the Board must adopt a resolution declaring its intention to issue such Bonds for said purpose and direct that notice of such intention be published as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 59, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Declaration of Intent. The Board hereby declares its intention to avail of the provisions of the Code, and to issue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$19,800,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fund and enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

Section 3. Notice of Intent. In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, notice of said intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the Code and to issue Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Fund shall be given by

publication of such notice at least once in the *Daily Herald*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Section 4. Form of Notice. The notice of intention to issue the Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF INTENTION OF
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 59
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$19,800,000
WORKING CASH FUND BONDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 21st day of July, 2014, the Board of Education (the “*Board*”) of Community Consolidated School District Number 59, Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$19,800,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the “*Secretary*”) within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 3,182 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary on or before the 4th day of August, 2014, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 4th day of November, 2014. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days

after the date of publication of this notice and after the 4th day of August, 2014, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 24th day of February, 2015, unless none of the voters of the District are scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office at said election, in which case an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 7th day of April, 2015. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to any of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 59, Cook County, Illinois.

DATED this 21st day of July, 2014.

Karen Osmani
Secretary, Board of
Education,
Community Consolidated
School District Number 59,
Cook County, Illinois

Sharon Roberts
President, Board of Education,
Community Consolidated School
District Number 59, Cook County,
Illinois

Section 5. Further Proceedings. If no petition signed by the requisite number of voters is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of such notice of intention to issue the Bonds, the Board shall, by appropriate proceedings to be hereafter taken, fix the details concerning the issue of the Bonds and provide for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the same.

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. Public Hearing. The Board hereby calls a public hearing to be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 11th day of August, 2014, in the Boardroom of the Board of Education/Administration Center, 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, in the District, concerning the Board's intent to sell the Bonds and to receive public comments regarding the proposal to sell the Bonds (the "*Hearing*").

Section 3. Notice. The Secretary of the Board (the "*Secretary*") shall (i) publish notice of the Hearing at least once in the *Daily Herald*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District, not less than 7 nor more than 30 days before the date of the Hearing and (ii) post at least 48 hours before the Hearing a copy of said notice at the principal office of the Board, which notice will be continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding the Hearing.

Section 4. Form of Notice. Notice of the Hearing shall appear above the name of the Secretary and shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 59,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$19,800,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Community Consolidated School District Number 59, Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), will hold a public hearing on the 11th day of August, 2014, at 7:00 o’clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Boardroom of the Board of Education/Administration Center, 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in an amount not to exceed \$19,800,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

By order of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 59, Cook County, Illinois.

DATED the 21st day of July, 2014.

Karen Osmanski
Secretary, Board of Education, Community
Consolidated School District Number 59, Cook
County, Illinois

Section 5. Hearing Requirements. At the Hearing, the Board shall explain the reasons for the proposed bond issue and permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present written or oral testimony within reasonable time limits. The Board shall not adopt a resolution selling the Bonds for a period of seven (7) days after the final adjournment of the Hearing.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Dr. Fessler noted that some teachers were being paid to attend certain trainings. He stated he wished to give a lot of ownership to staff.

Dr. Fessler noted Mrs. McAbee and Mr. Grey were creating a unit builder to assist teachers.

Mrs. Schumacher asked about the teaching of spelling and cursive writing.

Dr. Fessler stated the need to bring in data experts to evaluate district procedures.

Mrs. Osmanski asked about the plan for a second unit.

Mrs. McAbee stated it had always been the intention to have other participants for the CDT when designing another unit, keeping about ½ of the participants from the first session. She stated they were currently going through the review process. She indicated all teams K-8 had a common approach. She stated the first unit would be presented during GLMs.

Dr. Fessler stated it was his goal to have a solid curriculum in place within three years.

Mrs. McAbee reported the Jump Start program had begun, and the Instrumental Music Camp would begin next week. She also reported the Ridge staff had returned to work and they would be having an Inservice on Tuesday.

Dr. Fessler stated the SLT would be making a presentation during the Ridge Inservice at 8 am Tuesday. They would present the focus for the school year.

MOTION

at 8:56 p.m. by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 21st day of July, 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”, “the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body”, and “The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts”, in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1 & 6 & 7) 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 9:51 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 21st day of July, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

