

**Official Minutes of the Monday, September 22, 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, September 22, 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, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi.  
**Member Absent:** Seana McPherson.
- 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; Nancy Torres, Translator and Denise Bishoff, Recording Secretary.
- Also Present Eydie Cohen, DEA; David Pohlmeier, Coordinator of Communications and Design; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Susan Ejma, Principal Juliette Low; Monika Farfan, Asst. Principal, Juliette Low; Rob Bohanek, Principal, Holmes Jr. High; John David, Forest View; Meg Weickert, Principal, Forest View; Dr. Josh Carpenter, Coordinator of TDP and Math; Ann Hansen, Forest View; Mary Beth Niles, John Jay Principal.
- Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was completed.
- AUDIENCE RECESS BOARD REPORTS** Mrs. Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to address the Board of Education. No one came forward.  
There were no Board Reports.
- SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS** **TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**  
Dr. Carpenter stated the district’s TDP program is developing units using backward design. He stated the units are trans-disciplinary and integrated, with a focus on math and science.  
He stated the goal is to have 4-6 units completed this year. There will be a summative task, including development of student solutions based upon real-life problems. Units will include the critical 4 C’s: communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.  
Mrs. Schumacher inquired about the students’ eligibility for the TDP program and how a student is chosen.

Dr. Fessler indicated State code mandates TDP program student selection.

Dr. Carpenter stated TDP teachers would be visiting District 41 to observe their tiers of TDP programming. He also stated he had contacted Dr. Eric Calvert from Northwestern University regarding the Advantage programs and is networking with Roosevelt University.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE**

Mrs. McAbee presented the summer school supervisors: John David, Monkia Farfan, Dana Levy, and Alma Ruiz.

Parent survey results were presented and found to be excellent, especially those regarding the 4-day/week program.

Any attendance issues seemed to be related to daycare, vacations, and work schedules.

Mrs. McAbee reported the time of year parents are asked to enroll in the summer program is at Goal Sharing Conferences in April. Between the end of school and the start of the summer school there needs to be follow up contact with parents.

Summer instruction went very well. Laptops were used during class and there were activities and mental breaks. Issues included online glitches, and students coming to school hungry.

Bernie's Book Bank again this year brought books for every student. Public Libraries paired with schools to provide prizes and books on the last day of summer school.

Staff felt summer school was a success; a good experience for students.

Ms. Krinsky stated her concern that so many students are so far behind. She wondered what else could to be done. Thinking ahead to next year, the district should consider partnering with the high school and other community groups.

Dr. Fessler stated the need to focus on developing an attraction for summer school, not emphasizing remediation.

Mrs. Schumacher stated that adding PE & Art programs to the summer school schedule was a good idea. She noted the need to improve attendance.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PLANNING**

Dr. Fessler reviewed the proposed capital improvement projects, which included an Early Learning Center, office improvements at Devonshire, a new Administration Center and the extension of full day kindergarten.

Mrs. Osmanski stated classroom design should be dictated by the needs of the program.

Mr. Luedloff stated the Devonshire renovation was needed because the nurse's office is not able to service a student in a wheelchair. The Devonshire renovations will be done by District 59 employees.

Mrs. Schumacher stated that building the ELC does not necessarily mean that the rooms that become available should be used for full day Kindergarten.

**ACTION  
ITEM  
MOTION**

**APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 22nd day of September, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approved the Strategic Direction Plan.

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

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

**REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM**

Mrs. Gloede reported that Cropper would reforecast enrollment projections after the 30-day enrollment reports are complete.

Dr. Fessler thanked the board and the SLT for their work on the Strategic Plan.

Mrs. Osmanski stated that after looking at the plan she is very proud of the road map to the future.

Mrs. McAbee reported the CDT will continue to build on what they did this summer. GLMs start on Friday, September 26.

Mrs. Lake reported that she would be forming a healthy food committee to discuss new state guidelines for snacks and other food items sold during school hours. She indicated Denise Webster would be leading the team in bringing recommendations for the SLT and the Board of Education to consider standard practice in District 59.

Mr. Grey reported the long-term process of integrating 21<sup>st</sup> century skills would continue over the next 1 to 2 years. There will be programs for parents where students can showcase their work.

Mr. Luedloff reported the October 20<sup>th</sup> Institute Day will include an ESP Symposium.

Ms. Zurfahs stated she and Ms. Cohen plan to meet with school secretaries at all schools to discuss their responsibilities.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Krinsky reported that the District 59 Education Foundation Back to School event went very well. 500-600 people participated, which was very good for this first time event. District 59 Education Foundation has made the decision to make this an annual event, hosting it at different locations. Holmes Jr. High has been chosen for next year. The date will be August 29<sup>th</sup>. Matt Wilhelm, BMX performer, will be returning.

Dr. Fessler announced that he and the SLT are planning to visit staff at all schools to share conversation and lunch. He stated these lunches were very well received last year. Again, the dates and times will be shared with the Board of Education and they are invited to attend.

Mrs. Schumacher would like an annual calendar for compliance from each department.

Dr. Fessler stated that he attended a dinner honoring Judy Hackett announcing her nomination for Superintendent of the Year.

**MOTION** at 9:08 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, to adopt the following resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 22nd day of September, 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 -5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act

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

**MOTION** at 9:22 p.m. by Mr. Kiel, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 22nd day of September, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

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

**MOTION** at 9:23 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 22nd day of September, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

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

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Sharon Roberts, President

ATTEST:

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Karen Osmanski, Secretary