Official Minutes of the Monday, December 9, 2013 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 regular 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, December 9, 2013. President Kiel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: President Brian Kiel and Secretary Karen Osmanski. Members Janice Krinsky, Seana McPherson, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi.

Member Absent: Sharon Roberts.

Others

Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Ruth Gloede; Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Dr. Nancy Wagner; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Becki Streit; Chief Innovation Officer, Ben Grey; Executive Director of ELL, Maureen McAbee; Translator, Nancy Torres; and Recording Secretary, Betsy Boswell.

Also Present

Eydie Cohen, DEA; Kathy Beach, Assistant Principal of Holmes Jr. High School; Elisa Biancalana, Assistant Principal of Holmes Jr. High School; Jane Paterala, Principal of Friendship Jr. High School; Emily Woemmel, Assistant Principal for Friendship Jr. High School; Kelley Zerfahs, Principal of Robert Frost School; Randy Steinkamp, Principal of Devonshire School; Wendy Allen, Principal of Brentwood School; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Jan Fisher, Purchasing Supervisor; Charles Perkins and Bill Enright, Village of Arlington Heights; Ares Dalianis of Franczek Radelet; students and families from Robert Frost and Holmes Jr. High School.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was completed.

AUDIENCE RECESS Consent Agenda Mr. Kiel welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to address the Board of Education. No one came forward to address the Board.

MOTION

Mrs. Schumacher asked to pull Item 5.01b from the consent agenda.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of December, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

5.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings

- a. November 9, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
- b. November 11, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. November 11, 2013 Closed Meeting Minutes
- d. November 25, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

5.02 Disbursements Resolution

Disbursements Listing

December 9, 2013-FY '14 Disbursements

- 5.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2013
 - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of October 31, 2013
 - c. Investment Report as of October 31, 2013
 - d. Activity Fund Statements as of October 31, 2013
- 5.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
 - a. Non-Negotiated Contract
 - b. Certified Lane Changes
 - c. ESP Contracts
 - d. ESP Resignation
 - e. CAMEO Contract
 - f. Temporary Employee Termination
 - g. Temporary Employee Contract

Roll Call

6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Schumacher and

Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Ayes:

Absent: 1 Roberts.

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

Mrs. Schumacher asked for a point of clarification on the November 11, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION

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

<u>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</u> on the 9th day of December, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve Item 5.01b Consent Agenda as presented:

Roll Call

Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Schumacher and

Somogyi.

Navs: 0

Absent: 1 Roberts.

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

REPORTS SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

Students from Robert Frost School spoke to the Board about the "Girls on the Run" program and how it has helped them become more confident and to have a positive attitude. They also spoke of their service projects: a bake sale and friendship bracelet sale that raised \$124 for the American Red Cross. The students ran a 5k race at Montrose Harbor in Chicago on November 16th. The coaches shared a slideshow on the program.

Students and staff from Holmes Jr. High School presented videos created to support the school's *Holmes for Homes* staff/student basketball game and piethrowing event. These events raised funds for needy Holmes families. The entire school supported this event by paying for the opportunity to throw a pie at a staff member, playing in the basketball game, attending the game, or performing at halftime with the pep band, cheerleaders, Step Team or chorus.

Dr. Fessler thanked both groups for their presentations and for showing the Board of Education how they come together as a school community.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

Mr. Luedloff stated there had been two FOIA requests since the November 11, 2013 Board of Education Meeting. He indicated both requests had been addressed.

ACTION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013 TAX LEVY

MOTION

by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, that the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting be opened on this date, December 9, 2013 for a public hearing on the proposed tax levy for 2013 and that the secretary shall record the time as 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Schumacher and

Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roberts.

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

Mr. Kiel invited those present to come forward with questions regarding the tax levy. No one came forward to address the Board.

MOTION

by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski, that the hearing on the 2013 tax levy be closed and the secretary shall record the time as 7:41 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Schumacher and

Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roberts.

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

ADOPTION OF 2013 TAX LEVY

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of December 2013 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the adoption of a total levy in the amount of \$73,595,000 for 2013, which is 2.19% above the 2012 extended levy of \$72,019,971. This amount is to be distributed in the district's funds as indicated in the Certificate of Tax Levy. A signed copy of the *Certificate of Levy* is to be attached to and made a part of the official minutes.

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Schumacher and

Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roberts.

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF CERTAIN FUND LEVIES FOR THE 2013 TAX LEVY

MOTION

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, on December 9, 2013 the Board of Education of School District 59, Cook County, Illinois ("School District") did file a duly approved certificate of tax levy for the 2013 levy year with the County Clerk of Cook County ("County Clerk"); and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, Public Act 89-01 subjected Cook County school districts to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act ("PTELA") for the 2013 levy year and imposed a limit on the increase in tax extensions from the 2012 levy year to the 2013 levy year; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the County Clerk has notified each Cook County taxing district now subject to the PTELA that it may direct the County Clerk's Office, by proper resolution, to make specific and necessary reductions to its tax levy for the 2013 levy year to meet the requirements of the PTELA.

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

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

Section 2. That the Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the County Clerk to make the necessary reductions to the School District's tax levy for the 2012 levy year in order that the levies by fund shall be no less than the following amounts as indicated:

Education	\$61,500,000
Special Education	900,000
Building	6,300,000
Transportation	3,200,000
Working Cash	0
Municipal Retirement	825,000
Social Security	870,000

Section 3. That the Board of Education further authorizes and directs the County Clerk that if any additional reductions are required to be made to the School District's tax levy beyond those projected and specified by the Board of Education Section 2 above, that such reductions shall be made to the following funds as indicated: Building - 100%.

Section 4. That all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

Roll Call

Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Schumacher and

Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roberts.

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT 59 SCHOOL RISING STAR PLANS

Dr. Wagner reminded the Board that schools formerly used their own School Improvement Plans (SIP) until some schools, due to not making AYP, were required to use the state Rising Star Plan. The Rising Star Plan uses the plando-study-act evaluation model. Evaluation is continual with peer review and feedback used for continuous improvement. All District 59 schools now use the Rising Star Plan.

Dr. Wagner indicated several schools have goals focused on instruction. Schools must provide evidence to prove they have accomplished their goals. She noted this process models claim and evidence.

Mrs. Osmanski stated the Board's approval of these plans is their final approval and thanked Dr. Wagner for giving an overview of the Rising Star Plan to the Board of Education.

MOTION

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

<u>BE IT RESOLVED</u> on the 9th day of December, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Rising Star plans for all fourteen District 59 Schools

Roll Call

Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Schumacher and

Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roberts.

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO ADMIRAL BYRD ELEMENTARY AND GROVE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Mr. Kiel stated we are fortunate to have such generous community members who provide the District with these wonderful donations.

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of December 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$198.00 from Mr. Albert Kollar of United Fast Food & Beverage Service Corporation, Elk Grove Village, to the Physical Education Department at Grove Junior High School;

<u>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</u> on the 9th day of December 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of a Bach student trombone from Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kramer to the band program at Grove Junior High School;

<u>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</u> on the 9th day of December 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of books to the students of Admiral Byrd School from Alexian Brothers Spirit Committee, Elk Grove Village, IL;

<u>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT</u> the Superintendent shall communicate to the donors, in writing, expressing the appreciation of the members of the Board of Education, and that these donations shall be listed in the "official" minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Schumacher and

Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roberts.

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS TIF EXTENSION REQUEST

Mrs. Gloede and Mr. Dalianis of Franczek Radelet presented some implications of the requested Arlington Heights TIF extension. Mrs. Gloede noted the village of Arlington Heights would have a slightly different perspective than our school district.

Mrs. Gloede stated a TIF freezes the EAV on properties within the TIF boundaries. This could cause a higher tax rate for the District. She stated the village gets the tax increment, or the difference between the frozen EAV and the actual EAV. These funds are used to develop the area within the TIF.

Mrs. Gloede noted we have recently seen declines in the EAV. When the EAV decreases, villages lose tax dollars. The school district will still receive its levy, but at a higher tax rate.

Mr. Dalianis stated Mrs. Gloede had accurately described the working of tax increment financing.

Charles Perkins and Bill Enright from the Village of Arlington Heights stated the TIF was an investment in the future. They stated the TIF covers 35 acres of distressed property, but only 25 acres are taxable. They stated the village was requesting a TIF extension, which would extend the TIF from 23 years to 35 years. They stated the extension was needed due to litigation and the recession, which prevented the village from finding a developer.

Mrs. Gloede stated the village had agreed to intervene with the district on any tax appeals.

Mr. Dalianis explained the TIF extension had to be agreed upon by all taxing bodies and approved by the General Assembly in Springfield. He indicated the village would be providing surplus payments to the district. In addition, the village would not approve any tax incentives for the TIF property. He noted the District was not required to approve the extension request.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she understood the provisions of a TIF and why the village was asking for an extension for this particular TIF. She stated 35 years was too long. She stated she was unhappy about the TIF when it was first created. She stated she did not think the area was blighted.

Mr. Enright stated the District approved the original TIF. He stated the property fits the legal definition of blighted. He stated there is a high vacancy rate in the International Plaza, with rents below market value. The layout is bad, with one road access. He stated the amount of EAV in the TIF is very small when compared to the whole District. He stated if the area is redeveloped it will benefit all taxing bodies.

Ms. Krinsky asked if the boundaries of the TIF were the original boundaries.

Mr. Perkins stated the boundaries were the same.

Mr. Enright stated he and Mr. Perkins had met with officials of District 214, and would be meeting with their Board of Education on December 12. He noted the Arlington Heights Park District had approved the extension. He urged the Board of keep the amount of the EAV in mind when it voted.

Mrs. McPherson asked why the redevelopment has taking so long.

Mrs. Somogyi stated she would feel better if she knew how the area would be developed and who the tenants would be.

Mr. Perkins agreed and indicated there was a developer interested in the area.

Mr. Kiel stated he lived near the TIF property. He stated he would like to see the numbers from Mrs. Gloede on the impact of the TIF. He stated he would like to see the area developed.

Mrs. Gloede stated she would email the figures to the Board members. She said the discussion would continue at the next Board meeting and a vote would be taken at that time.

Mr. Perkins stated the District would receive about \$1.7 annually in surplus funds over the life of the extension.

Mrs. Gloede stated litigation and recession caused inaction on the TIF. She stated she would recommend approval of the extension in her resolution to the Board.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REQUEST

Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. Gloede requested the Board give its approval to the Audit Committee to establish clarifying guidelines on employee business expenses. They would like to document the current guidelines so everyone is on the same page. The Board agreed to the request.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kiel stated he would be scheduling another special Board meeting for strategic planning and to hold a hearing for a PE Waiver from the ISBE.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Mrs. Gloede stated she had revised the student fee regulation, changing the "student fee" to "Instructional Materials Fee". She stated she hope parents would now better understand what the fee is used for.

Mrs. Somogyi asked of the fee covered the cost of Internet access.

Mrs. Gloede stated it did not cover that expense.

Mrs. Gloede stated the new regulation would allow students to participate in end of the year activities and graduation ceremonies even if fees went unpaid. However, if there were funds due to cover loss or damage to District property, then students could be excluded from these activities. She stated parent letters would be revised to reflect these changes.

Ms. Krinsky asked if the idea to drop fees altogether had lost traction.

Mrs. Gloede noted the Board could discuss that idea during its January meeting.

Mr. Grey stated he would like to convene a task force to do research on 21st century learning spaces and report its findings back to the Board. He stated he had no timeline for now.

Mrs. Osmanski thanked Mr. Grey for the video and articles regarding 21st century learning spaces. She noted that many things already in existence in the District could be reconfigured. She stated the task force was a great idea.

Mr. Grey indicated he would be talking with staff and students.

Mrs. Schumacher inquired about visiting other school districts.

Mr. Grey stated Mr. Rossi was reaching out to some other school districts.

Ms. Krinsky stated her thinking was aided by the materials Mr. Grey presented. She stated she liked his approach.

Mr. Luedloff stated the Learning Walkers noted inconsistencies in space usage.

Mr. Rossi stated he was very excited by the possibilities.

Mrs. McAbee stated she wanted to revisit ELL information and program models with the Board.

Ms. Krinsky stated she was confused by the many ELL terms, including ESL, TBE and Bilingual.

Mrs. Schumacher asked about the difference between TBE and one-way Dual Language.

Mrs. McAbee stated the Dual Language outcome is bilingualism. This is not the case with TBE, where English is the only outcome.

Mrs. Somogyi stated she liked the idea of Dual Language over TBE.

Mrs. McAbee stated she would be meeting with administrators at Brentwood and Devonshire as well as staff. She stated she met with Polish Bilingual parents last week and would meet with Spanish Bilingual parents next week. She stated she would combine the input from these parent groups with parent phone surveys.

Dr. Wagner stated that while preparing for the state audit she became aware that the District is out of compliance with state regulations for elementary PE and had been for many years. She stated the District needs to apply for a PE waiver from ISBE. She stated it was an involved process that included a public hearing. She stated the waiver must be submitted by January 17th.

Dr. Fessler suggested the Board hold the public hearing on the PE waiver when it next met for strategic planning.

Mrs. McPherson asked about what would happen if the waiver is not approved.

Dr. Fessler stated the District does not have enough space in the elementary schools to host daily PE classes. He stated it would be interesting to see how the state board responds, but he predicted the waiver would be granted.

Mrs. Gloede stated she had received information regarding a new TIF in the Elk Grove industrial park. She referred the Board to a District map that showed how extensive an area the proposed TIF covered. She stated she thought the village was gearing up for the O'Hare expansion and ring road. She stated the size of the TIF area was unsettling and there is nothing the District can do to stop the village. We can only express concern. She pointed out that Elk Grove Village has been cooperative in paying off other TIFs. She stated that if EAVs rise quickly, needed funds could be raised quickly.

Mrs. Somogyi stated the TIF puts the burden on others to pay for upgrades to the industrial park. She stated the village had not been free with information.

Mrs. Gloede stated the Elk Grove TIF is a conservation TIF. She stated she hoped to learn more even though we play no role in the decision process.

Dr. Fessler reported he had been making the rounds of PTO meetings, where he has see good turnouts. He stated that when he has completed the rounds of PTO Meetings he would like to follow up with Town Hall meetings at the three junior highs.

Dr. Fessler thanked Board members for attending the recent staff luncheons. He stated he would be posting comments from the luncheons on Google Drive.

Dr. Fessler showed the Board a video of the Friendship Invention Convention.

Mrs. Gloede updated the Board on pension reform. She stated the pension bill had passed quickly and there were many angry people. She stated the bill would be challenged in the courts. A pension cap will be implemented beginning in June, 2014. She stated the funding of pensions would probably shift to local school districts. Employee contributions will be reduced by 1%.

MOTION

at 9:47 p.m. by, Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of December, 2013, 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", in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roberts.

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

MOTION

at 10:45 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, to adopt the following resolution:

<u>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</u> on the 9th day of December, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call

Ayes: 6 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Schumacher and

Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roberts.

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

The Board discussed how the District would communicate changes in leadership roles to the District 59 community.

MOTION

at 10:47 p.m. by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mr. Kiel, to adopt the following resolution:

<u>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</u> on the 9th day of December, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

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