

**Official Minutes of the Monday, December 9, 2013  
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 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** 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.
- Consent Agenda** Mrs. Schumacher asked to pull Item 5.01b from the consent agenda.
- MOTION** 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









**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;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 seen 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:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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:

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

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

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

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Brian Kiel, President

ATTEST:

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Karen Osmanski, Secretary