

**Official Minutes of the Monday, August 12, 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, August 12, 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; Director of Buildings and Grounds, Tony Rossi; Chief Innovation Officer, Ben Grey; Translator, Nancy Torres; and Recording Secretary, Betsy Boswell.
- Also Present Eydie Cohen, Michele Lara, DEA; Liz Freiburger, Grove Jr. High; Kelley Zerfahs, Principal of Robert Frost School; Maureen McAbee, Executive Director of ELL.
- 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. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski, to adopt the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 12th day of August, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as amended:
- 5.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
- a. July 15, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - b. ~~July 15, 2013 Closed Session Meeting Minutes~~
  - c. July 16, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
  - d. July 25, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
  - e. July 25, 2013 Special Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- 5.02 Disbursements  
August 12, 2013–FY '13 Disbursements & FY '14 Disbursements
- 5.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports
- a. Detail Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2013
  - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of June 30, 2013
  - c. Investment Report as of June 30, 2013
  - d. Activity Fund Statements as of June 30, 2013





Mrs. Gloede stated the final budget focused on building a foundation for an organization that is focused on 21<sup>st</sup> century learning where all students are prepared to be successful for life. Areas of concentration include:

- Professional Development
  - Pedagogy
  - Leadership
- 21<sup>st</sup> century learning
  - Technology replacement
  - Increased rigor in Common Core
  - New position-Chief Innovation Officer

Mrs. Gloede stated we still continue to face challenges from the state, including the state's fiscal crisis, funding inequities and unfunded pension systems.

Internal challenges include the addition of strategic staff positions.

Mrs. Schumacher asked what would be cut from the budget to cover the additional staffing.

Dr. Fessler stated we are in the process of examining how we spend our dollars. He stated we would no longer be spending millions on textbook adoptions. We would also be saving on paper and coping costs as we move to 21<sup>st</sup> century technology. Finally, the District would be checking all vendor contracts to see where we might find some savings.

Mrs. Gloede stated the key things will be to refocus and reallocate.

Dr. Fessler indicated the Board would be involved in this process.

## MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 12th day of August, 2013 the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approve the following changes to the 2013/14 budget for purposes of adoption, said changes to be attached to these minutes as part of the record of deliberation over the same.

	<b>2013/14 Budget on Public Display</b>	<b>2013/14 Budget for Adoption</b>
<b><u>Revenue (excluding transfers and TRS On-Behalf)</u></b>		
Educational Fund	\$78,216,080	\$78,883,304
Operations & Maintenance Fund	7,230,344	7,230,344
Debt Service Fund (including levy)	3,677,907	3,677,907
Transportation Fund	5,117,382	5,117,382
IMR/FICA Fund	3,088,041	3,088,041
Capital Projects Fund	0	0
Working Cash Fund	289,500	289,500
Total	\$97,619,254	\$98,286,478





**DISCUSSION  
ITEMS**

**WELLINGTON PROPERTY**

Mr. Rossi reported the District had closed on the Wellington property purchase on July 31, 2013 and that all went well. He thanked Mrs. Gloede and Mrs. Prikkel for their assistance. He stated the title and deed were being filed and the property removed from the tax roles.

Mr. Rossi stated the property does not meet the health and safety guidelines of the ROE, so there can be no short-term use of the building. Its long-term uses will be a topic of discussion at the next Meeting of the Whole.

Mr. Rossi stated he had met with Bob King Auctions regarding an auction for the contents of the Wellington Restaurant. Mr. King is a professional restaurant supply auctioneer with a staff of 5-6 who can handle everything, including bringing in air conditioning if the systems in the restaurant are not operational. He predicted the auction would net between \$60,000 and \$65,000.

Mr. Kiel asked Mr. Rossi what he needed from the Board.

Mr. Rossi asked for a straw poll of members allowing him to proceed with an auction of the contents of the Wellington Restaurant by Bob King Auction.

The Board gave its support.

**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Dr. Fessler suggested three topics for the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>: Uses for Wellington Property; Enrollment; Strategic Planning.

Dr. Fessler stated that once Anne Riechel has completed the administrative training on CCSS he would bring that discussion to a Committee of the Whole. He indicated Ms. Riechel has provided two sessions with administrators. He stated she models teaching and learning, facilitates common core transition planning and provides pedagogy in understanding the difference in student rigor. She focuses on the skills necessary to be successful in life. He indicated Ms. Riechel would spend four 1/2-days with staff and a 5<sup>th</sup> day with a small group. He stated Ms. Riechel is an excellent trainer and teacher.

Mrs. Schumacher asked about the cost of the training session.

Dr. Fessler indicated Ms. Riechel charged \$800/session and will present 20 sessions this year in our District.

When asked, Mrs. McAbee stated Ms. Riechel's sessions had been inspiring. She stated everyone in attendance was excited.

Dr. Fessler stated Scott McLeod would be coming to District 59 to provide training to the leadership team. Mr. McLeod is a prominent trainer in 21<sup>st</sup> century leadership and, due to a connection with Ben Grey, has agreed to a discounted fee for his services. Dr. Fessler indicated he would invite another area district to attend and share the cost of the training.

## **NEW/OLD BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Somogyi requested an updated BOE meeting agenda calendar.

Mrs. Schumacher requested the names of the Board of Education members appear in the Family Reference Guide. When told the names did appear in the guide, she suggested they be made more prominent.

Mrs. Schumacher asked Dr. Wagner about an item in disbursements regarding 1:1 from ECRA

Dr. Wagner indicated the billing was for the spring survey of staff and students.

Mrs. Schumacher asked the results be shared with the Board.

Dr. Wagner stated the results would be shared as soon as possible.

Dr. Fessler noted he was meeting with ECRA soon to discuss its relationship with our District.

Mrs. Schumacher asked about attendance at Jump Start. She stated she wanted to see if the incentives worked to keep kids in attendance.

Mrs. McPherson stated that as a parent of a summer school student, she could attest to being encouraged to make sure her child was in attendance every day.

Ms. Krinsky stated she had visited Jump Start classes at Frost and saw students engaged and enthusiastic.

## **REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

None.

## **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM**

Mr. Rossi stated he was in the process of having the old Wellington Restaurant sign removed.

Mrs. Schumacher asked about the trucks that have been parking in the Wellington lot.

Mr. Rossi stated he would arrange for “no parking” signage.

Dr. Fessler reported there had been extensive training with the ALT and the SLT, stating the District’s core purpose should guide all discussions. He indicated there would be training with administrators the next day and he would discuss what it looks like to be a leader who inspires. He stated he would discuss the need for principals to be in their classrooms helping to create distinguished teachers. He stated the theme would continue to be: one district, one population, one core purpose.

Dr. Fessler noted Scott McLeod would train staff on embedding technology in the learning experience. He will develop leadership modules.

Dr. Fessler stated he would be working every Tuesday with administrators on professional growth. He noted the District would provide 30-32 hours of professional development for teachers and 100 hours of professional development for administrators.



Mrs. Schumacher stated she was grateful for having been invited to training sessions.

Dr. Fessler stated he wants to send the message that we work together as one to accomplish our core purpose.

Dr. Fessler reminded the Board of the reception at his home on August 14, beginning at 5 pm.

Dr. Fessler reported the opening day celebration would include remarks from Mr. Kiel, recognition of staff milestones and retirements, and a brief message from the superintendent about the challenging work ahead, focusing on teaching and learning.

Dr. Fessler asked for feedback on his Friday updates.

Ms. Krinsky stated she felt they were great.

Dr. Fessler encouraged the Board to send follow-up questions

Mr. Kiel asked Dr. Fessler to highlight the most important items.

Dr. Fessler stated each department gives an update, and these are incorporated in his weekly message.

**MOTION**

at 8:25 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 12th day of August, 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”, Six-month review of closed session minutes, and Student Discipline, in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (1, 9 & 21) 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 9:40 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 12th day of August, 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

**DISCUSSION** The Board discussed topics related to administrative evaluations, expectations for District leaders, and the superintendent’s participation in various organizations. The Board gave its support for Dr. Fessler’s participation in NCERT.

**MOTION** at 10:20 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 12th day of August, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

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