

**Official Minutes of the Monday, February 24, 2014  
Committee of the Whole 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, met as Committee of the Whole at the District 59 Administration Center, 2123 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL on Monday, February 24, 2014. President Kiel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call** **Members Present:** President Brian Kiel, Vice-President Sharon Roberts and Secretary Karen Osmanski. Members Janice Krinsky, Seana McPherson and Barbara Somogyi.

**Member Absent:** Mardell Schumacher.

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

**Also Present** Eydie Cohen and Michele Lara, DEA; Kelley Zerfahs, Principal of Robert Frost School; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Christine Zelaya, community member; Jessica Martinsen, Juliette Low parent; Anne Hansen and Heidi Thomas, Forest View School; Liz Freiburger, Grove Jr. High; Nichol Novoselsky, Devonshire & Grove parent; Gary Matthews, Fanning Howey.

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

**AUDIENCE  
ADDRESS**

Mr. Kiel welcomed everyone to the meeting, explaining the difference between a regular Board of Education Meeting and a Committee of the Whole Meeting. No one came forward to address the Board.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA  
MOTION**

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

Be it resolved on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the following Human Resources items:

5.01 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report

- a. Administrative Resignations
- b. Certified Retirement
- c. Non-Negotiated Retirement
- d. ESP Contracts
- e. Temporary Employee Resignation



Mr. Rossi noted carpet replacement in LRCs and school offices would continue, as the current carpeting had met its life expectancy. Replacement is recommended for the three junior high schools.

Mr. Rossi stated the District would be purchasing two new red pickup trucks with plows and utility boxes.

## **PARENT COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Fessler stated he had attended a number of PTO meetings, had recently sent out a parent communication and planned to send another shortly after spring break and again at the end of the school year. He stated he hoped to schedule Town Hall meetings in May. He also indicated the District would be sending a spring Community Newsletter to be delivered in April. He asked the Board for its input on parent and community communication.

Mrs. Roberts stated she liked the idea of regular parent communications, which she indicated were different from a community wide newsletter.

Mr. Kiel stated that with so much happening in the District it was good to have the communications coming from the central office.

Dr. Fessler stated he wished to announce the Town Hall meetings in the spring community-wide newsletter.

Ms. Krinsky asked if the newsletter would be posted on the website and sent to the press to increase the visibility of the District.

Mrs. Roberts suggested the superintendent send out parent communications as he saw fit.

Ms. Krinsky suggested the communications be of interest to parents so that they will read them.

## **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mr. Grey stated the Technology Committee had met three times, discussing 1:1 devices and what would be ideal for all students Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mr. Grey indicated there was a 5-year budget to refresh technology. He stated different people have different ideas on the type of technology they prefer. He stated his goal was to come to the Board of Education with solid scenarios.

Mr. Grey stated they were looking at refreshing staff computers before the end of the school year, giving staff a choice between two models.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she attended a tech presentation that indicated teachers piloted many devices with their students prior to recommending one.

Mr. Grey stated he had spoken to several area districts that have fully integrated 1:1 technology. He stated the tech committee would continue to dialog on this topic to determine which device will work best to accomplish our goals.

Mrs. Somogyi asked if they would differ by grade level.

Mr. Grey answered it was possible they would differ.

Mrs. Somogyi asked about allowing students to bring their own device to school.

Mr. Grey stated Glenbrook had piloted a *Bring your own device* program and noted it did not go well. He stated it was, however, a good question and he would look into that option.

**Board  
Comments**

Mr. Kiel reminded Board members of the strategic planning session scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

Dr. Fessler stated the SLT had worked on the strategic planning document. He noted he hoped to talk about next steps when the document was complete.

Ms. Krinsky reported attending a quarterly meeting of the District 59 Education Foundation that was very productive. She indicated both Dr. Fessler and Mr. Grey had also been in attendance. She reported the Foundation was engaging in strategic planning to determine what larger projects they may wish to support. She stated the Foundation might wish to support an event similar to the Day of the Child celebration in Mexico.

Dr. Fessler stated the Foundation also discussed partnering with PTOs for fundraising purposes.

Ms. Krinsky stated she was happy to see the resurrection of the Foundation.

Mrs. Roberts reported she and Mrs. McPherson would be attending an Audit Committee meeting on Tuesday and that Mrs. Roberts would also be attending a Communications Committee meeting that same afternoon.

**MOTION**

at 7:45 p.m. by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of February, 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”, and Collective Bargaining, in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (1&3) 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 10:21 p.m. by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of February, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call	Ayes:        7	Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.	
	Nays:        0		
	Absent:      0		
	Abstain:    0		Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

Mr. Kiel asked Board members to share which Board positions they might be interested in holding. Nominations will be taken during the April Board meeting.

**MOTION** at 10:22 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of February, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call	Ayes:        7	Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.	
	Nays:        0		
	Absent:      0		
	Abstain:    0		Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

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Brian Kiel, President

ATTEST:

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Karen Osmanski, Secretary