

**Official Minutes of the Monday, June 9, 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, June 9, 2014. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:01 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; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Ruth Gloede; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Becki Streit; Executive Director of ELL, Maureen McAbee; Chief Innovation Officer, Ben Grey; Director of Buildings and Grounds, Tony Rossi; Translator, Nancy Torres; and Recording Secretary, Betsy Boswell.
- Also Present Eydie Cohen, DEA; Kelley Zurfahs, Principal of Robert Frost School; Melissa Ward, Coordinator of Early Childhood; preschool staff; Rob Bohanek, Principal of Holmes Jr. High School; Jane Paterala, Principal of Friendship Jr. High; Meg Weickert, Principal of Forest View School; Randy Steinkamp, Principal of Devonshire School; David Pohlmeier, Innovative Learning and Communications; Lore Levene, Coordinator of Literacy; Ross Vittore, Principal of Clearmont School; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; many families from Forest View and Devonshire Schools; Mr. Brosnan and Ms. Randell, Legat Architects; Chris Placek, Daily Herald.
- Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was completed.
- AUDIENCE RECESS** Mrs. Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to address the Board of Education. No one came forward.
- Consent Agenda MOTION** by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski, to adopt the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of June, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:
- 5.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
- a. May 12, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes
  - b. May 12, 2014 Closed Meeting minutes
  - c. May 27, 2014 Special Board Meeting minutes
  - d. May 27, 2014 Closed Session Meeting minutes

- 5.02 Disbursements Resolution
  - Disbursements Listing
  - June 9, 2014–FY '14 Disbursements
- 5.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports
  - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2014
  - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of April 30, 2014
  - c. Investment Report as of April 30, 2014
  - d. Activity Fund Statements as of April 30, 2014
- 5.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
  - a. Certified Contracts
  - b. Certified Retirements
  - c. Certified Resignations
  - d. ESP Resignation
  - e. Temporary Certified Contract

Roll Call     Ayes:        6        Kiel, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

                  Nays:        0

                  Absent:     1        McPherson.

                  Abstain:    0

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

**BOARD  
REPORTS**

Mrs. Osmanski reported attending the Grove Jr. High graduation, stating it was a very nice ceremony.

Mrs. Schumacher reported attending the Friendship Jr. High graduation, noting it was the last ceremony for Mrs. Paterala as Principal of Friendship. She stated it was a festive occasion.

Ms. Krinsky reported as District 59 representative to NSSEO she spoke at the Timber Ridge graduation and also attended Miner School’s graduation ceremonies.

Mrs. Osmanski stated she attended a garden activity at Ridge where the students shared their learning as they toured the gardens.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she also attended the Ridge garden tour, read to students at Byrd School and also attended Byrd’s ExploreMore Day.

Ms. Krinsky shared she read in Spanish to students at Byrd.

**SPECIAL  
INTEREST  
TOPICS**

Dr. Fessler thanked Board members for their involvement in the community, reminding the audience that Board members are volunteers.

Dr. Fessler announced there would be two presentations by students this evening. He stated he was pleased to hear about student involvement in community service projects. He thanked parents, teachers and leaders for encouraging our students to do things for others.

Mr. Steinkamp introduced Kelly Linsner and Danielle Witkowski, sponsors of the SHOW (Students Helping Out the World) Club. He indicated the club was started four years ago to encourage students to help others.

Devonshire students shared some of their projects: Hot Chocolate sale earned \$600 for the Heifer Project; School Supplies Sale to support Operation Shoe Box; Pennies for Patients to benefit patients at Lutheran General Hospital and also a sick Devonshire student; Hand Made Dog Biscuit sale for Heartland Animal Shelter; and Thank You notes for staff.

Ms. Krinsky stated she was very impressed with the number of projects the club took on and the amount of money raised for charity. She told the students she was very proud of them.

Mrs. Osmanski asked the students what they had learned and one student responded he discovered how easy it was to help others. He also stated it made him feel good.

Fourth grade students from Forest View School, along with their teacher Ms. Fitzgerald, shared they had made the decision to take part in the Malawi Project, with the goal of raising \$1550. The students began collecting donations during portfolio sharing conference. They made an iMovie and posters, wrote letters to the president, among others, and used Twitter and Facebook to broadcast their message. They also visited every classroom at Forest View, asking for donations. The students collected \$2600 to buy hygiene kits for orphans in Malawi and will visit with the orphans via Skype.

Ms. Krinsky asked the students how they had thought of the project.

Students replied they had read a book and their teacher had shared stories about a relative who had visited Africa and seen the suffering there.

Dr. Fessler congratulated the students on their wonderful project and thanked them for their presentation.

### **PARK DISTRICT PRESENTATION**

Representatives from Elk Grove, Mt. Prospect and Arlington Heights Park Districts gave a presentation on before and after school child care programs.

Tammy Miller, Director of Leisure Services for the Elk Grove Park District, stated the Elk Grove Park District had partnered with District 59 for over 25 years in providing childcare programming in schools. She indicated the three park districts serving District 59 had met and discussed their programming. All three districts want to meet the needs of District 59 students and families.

Kim Laper of Elk Grove Park District and Kathy Mueller of the Mt. Prospect Park District described a typical day at Kids Club: homework time, quiet reading/reading racers; arts and crafts; outdoor activities; structured games and exercise; and free play. They stated the Kids Club staff members were very experienced and well trained. Staff is CPR, AED and First Aid certified, providing a safe environment for students. They also discussed the flexible options and financial assistance offered to families.

Mr. Kiel asked if all programming was held in the schools. He was informed that all Elk Grove programs were held in schools. The Mt. Prospect programs were either held in schools or a park district facility. The Arlington Heights Park District holds its District 59 program at Juliette Low.

Ms. Mueller stated the staff draws up a monthly calendar of activities, but they also include options for student choice. They like to bring in outside facilitators: tennis or golf pros and dance instructors.

Mrs. Osmanski reported the Community Character Coalition brings character lessons into the Elk Grove Kids Club program.

Mrs. Gloede noted the need to reach out to low-income students through Illinois Action for Children.

Mr. Kiel stated he appreciated all three organizations coming together in service to our students.

### **MIDDLE LEVEL PLANNING**

Dr. Bohanek began his presentation by thanking teachers for their work this year. He stated it was a growing year for teachers; a year of letting students take the lead and not being afraid to fail when trying new teaching strategies. A year of changing their thinking and coming to believe that the depth of student learning is more important than “finishing chapters”.

Teachers became aware of claim and evidence as a part of the new Common Core. They transitioned to the Big 6 Areas of Focus: Creating thinking classrooms; Outcome based thinking and planning; Including 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in daily instruction; Utilize claim and evidence; Develop a deep understanding of the Common Core and content area standards; Increased class time practice and focused feedback for students.

Dr. Bohanek discussed the relationship between the social emotional state of the student and the academic success of the student. He discussed the use of PBIS and the importance of positive feedback. He also mentioned the need for teachers to establish the purpose of each lesson, which will lead to higher student achievement.

Dr. Fessler reported junior high staff formed a middle school leadership team to answer questions such as: What does it mean to be ready for high school? What does it mean to be successful for life? Dr. Fessler stated District 214 is in partnership with us in preparing our junior high students to be successful in high school. He will meet with the principal of Elk Grove High School soon to further discuss our partnership.

Ms. Krinsky asked where District 214 is in regards to the Common Core.

Dr. Fessler explained that ACT still does the talking at the high school level, which seems to be pushing back against the Common Core.

Dr. Fessler stated the district would continue to have conversations about what “One District” means. He stated the family element was one thing common to all schools. We also seek common outcomes.

The Board thanked Dr. Bohanek for his presentation.

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS**

Mr. Luedloff reported there had been one FOIA request since the May 12, 2014 Board of Education Meeting. He indicated the request was related to snow removal bids. Since the district does its own snow removal, the requested information was irrelevant.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

### **TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR, PLACE FY2014/15 BUDGET ON PUBLIC DISPLAY, AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

### **MOTION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that on the 9th day of June, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education resolves that the fiscal year for Community Consolidated School District 59, Cook County, Illinois, be and hereby is established as commencing July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public hearing on the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 be set for 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 11, 2014, at the Administration Center, 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, and that proper notice of said hearing and of the availability of the budget for public inspection be given by the Secretary of this Board of Education by publishing notice thereof at least thirty days prior to August 11, 2014 in the Journal Topics, a newspaper published in this district, which notice shall be substantially in the following form:

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59, Cook County, that commencing at 9:00 a.m., on July 1, 2014 a tentative budget for said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the reception desk of said school district at 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, during usual and customary business hours, and will also be placed on the District’s website.

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held on said budget at 7:00 p.m., on the 11th day of August 2014, at the Administration Center, 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

**Dated at** Arlington Heights, Illinois, this 9th day of June, 2014.

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

**DIRECT SCHOOL TREASURER TO TRANSFER INTEREST EARNED IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND TO THE EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/14**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kiel, seconded by Mrs. Somogyi, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Education to transfer on an annual basis 100% of the interest recorded from investments in the Debt Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-22.44 of the School Code provides that the Board of Education of the District has the power to transfer the interest earned from the investment of the moneys in Debt Service Fund to the respective fund of the District that is most in need of such interest income, as determined by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined by the Board of Education that the Educational Fund is most in need of the interest income recorded from the investment of moneys of the School District in the Debt Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District that the Board of Education direct the School Treasurer to transfer 100% of said interest income to the Educational Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of June, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education:

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 School Treasurer of the District be and is hereby directed, pursuant to Section 10-22.44 of the School Code, to transfer 100% of interest recorded from the investment of moneys in the Debt Service Fund to the Educational Fund, effective in fiscal year 2013/14.

Section 3. 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.



1. The Board finds that all of the recitals contained above are true and correct, and that the same are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Board hereby authorizes law firm Franczek Radelet P.C. as its legal representative to: a) file a Request to Intervene in Appeal Proceedings in all 2013 assessment appeals filed at the PTAB for which the Board receives notice from the local county Board of review, and b) represent the Board’s interests in those proceedings.
3. All motions and resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
4. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of the resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other sections, paragraphs, clauses, or provisions of this Resolution
5. This Resolution shall be in force and effect upon its adoption.

Approved the 9th day of June, 2014, by the following roll call vote of the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education.

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

**ADOPTION OF PREVAILING WAGE RATE**

Mrs. Gloede indicated more and more governmental bodies are taking issue with this mandate.

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

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted "An ACT regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workmen employed in any public works by the State, County, City or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works", approved June 26, 1941, as amended, being Chapter 820 ILCS 130/1-12, Illinois Compiled Statues; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Act requires that the Board of Education of the Community Consolidated School District 59 (District 59) investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said ACT for laborers, mechanics, and other workers in the locality of said District 59 employed in performing construction of public works, for said District 59; and



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59:

**SECTION 1:** To the extent and as required by "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, County, City or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" approved June 16, 1941, as amended, the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in the construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of this District 59 is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in the Cook County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June 2010, a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The definition of any terms appearing in this Resolution which are also used in the aforesaid Act shall be the same as in said Act.

**SECTION 2:** Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply said general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work or employment except public works construction of this District 59 to the extent required by the aforesaid Act.

**SECTION 3:** The Board of Education Secretary shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of this District 59 this determination of such prevailing rate of wage.

**SECTION 4:** The Board of Education Secretary shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed, or file their names and addresses, requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.

**SECTION 5:** The Board of Education Secretary shall promptly file a certified copy of this Resolution with both the Secretary of State Index Division and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

**SECTION 6:** The Board of Education Secretary shall cause a notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area that the determination of prevailing wage has been made. Said notice shall conform substantially to the notice attached hereto. Such publication shall constitute notice that this is the determination of District 59 and is effective.

PASSED THIS ninth day of June 2014.

Roll Call      Ayes:        5      Kiel, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts and Somogyi.  
                  Nays:        1      Schumacher.  
                  Absent:      1      McPherson.  
                  Abstain:     0  
Motion Carried: 5-1-1-0

**4-YEAR RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR INSURANCE BENEFIT CONSULTING SERVICES**

Mrs. Somogyi stated she does not usually compliment consultants, but having worked with GCG through the Insurance Committee, she found them very helpful and professional.

Mrs. Gloede agreed, stating much had been accomplished during the last three years with the help of GCG. She indicated they would walk the committee through the Affordable Care Act.

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

WHEREAS GCG Financial has successfully provided employee insurance consulting services to the District over the past three years; and

WHEREAS the Employee Insurance and Wellness Committee expressed ongoing support of continuing the relationship with GCG Financial;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approve a four-year contract for insurance benefit consulting services to GCG Financial, Inc., 3000 Lakeside Drive, Suite 200 South, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015 for annual fee of \$61,200.

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

**SET TIME, DATES AND LOCATION FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, the District 59 Board of Education hereby sets the date, time and place for its regular meetings in accordance with the listing of meeting dates and times attached to this resolution.

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

**RIDGE FAMILY CENTER FOR LEARNING INTER-SESSION PROGRAMMING**

Mrs. Somogyi commented on being disappointed on the number of students that enroll in the inter-sessions. She asked that the Board be kept informed of attendance during the upcoming school year.

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

WHEREAS, the 2014/15 balanced calendar for the Ridge Family Center for Learning Elementary Program provides time during the school year for three inter-sessions: 1) September 29 - October 10, 2014 (10 days); 2) January 5 - 9, 2015 (5 days); and 3) March 30 – April 2, 2015 (4 days)

WHEREAS, attendance at an inter-session is an addition to the school year calendar and families are required to pay a fee to participate in an inter-session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the following fee arrangements at the Ridge Family Center for Learning for the 2014/15 school year:

Sep/Oct 2014	Inter-session	(10 days)	\$200
January 2015	Inter-session	(5 days)	\$100
Mar/Apr 2015	Inter-session	(4 days)	\$ 80

Adopted this 9th day of June 2014, by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

**AGREEMENT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT AND COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 59**

Mrs. McAbee stated she would sit on the center’s advisory committee. She stated the center offers many outreach activities to our families, both in and out of Mt. Prospect.

Ms. Krinsky stated the center offers fabulous programs and opportunities to the community. She stated she would like to see the same opportunities be given to families that reside in unincorporated Elk Grove Township.

Mrs. Somogyi stated she had attended an open house at the center and found their work amazing.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of June, 2014, the District 59 Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreements attached to this resolution between the Village of Mount Prospect and Community Consolidated School District 59, commencing July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Roll Call      Ayes:        6      Kiel, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays:        0

Absent:      1      McPherson.

Abstain:     0

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

### **TECHNOLOGY DEVICE PURCHASE PLAN**

Mr. Grey stated the technology committee had met throughout the year, establishing drivers and discussing tech devices to meet the needs of students. The committee also discussed support for staff (Innovative Learning Director and coaches) to assist in building technology into the learning experience. He noted Google offered free training with the purchase of their devices.

Mr. Grey stated the committee recommended two devices, a Chromebook and a Nexus 7 for all students in grades 3-7, which could be taken home by students. The recommendation for students in grades K-2 was a Nexus 7 that would remain at school. All certified staff would be issued a laptop and a tablet. He stated the staff tablets had arrived and had been distributed to staff for use over summer break.

Mr. Grey stated the overall technology plan came in at approximately \$90,000 under budget.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she was initially opposed to much of the technology plan, but was happy to see the cutbacks. She stated she was happy to see the Pre-K students would not be issued individual devices. She asked who would be responsible for organizing and charging the tablets.

Mr. Grey replied that classroom staff would take charge of the devices.

Mrs. Schumacher asked about the LRC labs.

Mr. Grey stated the computer labs would remain the same for next school year. He indicated current staff laptops would be sold, creating an additional revenue source.

Mrs. Schumacher requested Mr. Grey's department track device repairs carefully.

Ms. Krinsky stated Mr. Grey had done a great job. She noted she had served on the technology committee and was pleased with the recommendations and the cost savings.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the CCSD 59 technology committee met to establish a recommendation for the technology environment moving forward in order to afford students greater opportunities to learn with technology to prepare them to be successful for life,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 9th day of June, 2014, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 authorizes the implementation of a plan to provide a Nexus 7 tablet to all students in grades K-8, a Google Chromebook to all students in grades 3-8, a carrying case for all students in grades 3-8, a Nexus 7 tablet for all certified staff, five Nexus 7 tablets per classroom for early childhood, a protective case for all tablets, and a charging cart for all classrooms in grades K-2.

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

Mrs. McPherson arrived during this discussion.

Dr. Fessler stated that in response to Board member questions on an early childhood center, Mrs. Gloede would be presenting financial options, Mr. Rossi would present design options and Mrs. Streit would review the purpose of the center. He noted Mr. Rossi would need direction from the Board on next steps.

Mrs. Gloede introduced Ms. Hennessy of William Blair. Mrs. Gloede stated there were many options for financing an early childhood center. She reviewed the long term planning process that was discussed during the May 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. She noted that since May 27<sup>th</sup> the state had adopted its budget and in that budget the state reversed its position on TRS contributions for Title I staff. This, along with a higher than expected decrease in EAV, changed the financial landscape. She noted the district’s tax rate would increase.

Mrs. Gloede stated the district’s strong fund balances stabilize the district. She stated if the Board chose to issue bonds to fund an early childhood center the timing was good, as the district’s excellent rating would mean lower interest rates. She also noted the future rise of the EAV would lower the tax rate. She stated the 2009 bonds would retire in 2016.

Mrs. Gloede presented three versions of the long-term plan. She stated Version I was unchanged from the original LT plan, except for the impact of the decrease in EAV. It included the issuance of bonds to build an early childhood center. Version II included the issuance of bonds but also use of some working cash to fund an early childhood center and Version III included using fund balances to pay for an early childhood center. She stated the estimated cost of construction was \$14.3M. She stated the pros for using fund balances included \$18M in working cash and fund balances at 100%.

The cons included tax implications (tax rate would increase). She stated if the Board chose to use existing funds the district's fund balance would be reduced to 70%.

Mrs. Gloede indicated other options included delaying projects, canceling projects or reducing the size of projects.

Ms. Hennessy spoke to the use of bonds to finance an early childhood center. She stated the current interest rates for bonds are at historic lows. She explained that if the Board decided to finance the entire project with bonds, the bond issue could be split, issuing \$9.9M in September and \$4.4M in January 2015. This would fall under the rules of small bond issuers (under \$10M per calendar year) and save approximately .05%. She presented options for 5 years and 7 years.

Ms. Hennessy presented the following financing schedule:

July: authorize working cash bond issuance.

August 14: Public Hearing

September 8: Bond Resolution

October 1: Proceeds available.

Mrs. Somogyi asked if there would be a problem with the July meeting being changed to July 21.

Ms. Hennessy stated this would not be an issue.

Mrs. McPherson asked about the risk of not using fund balances. What if the state sees the large fund balances?

Mrs. Gloede stated it was not a problem; the state looks at EAV when determining school district wealth, not fund balances.

Mr. Rossi stated the Board had given him permission to obtain preliminary drawings for an early childhood center. He stated a lot of work had been going on as Legat held workshops with preschool staff to determine what they valued in an early childhood center. Also, several staff had visited District 62's early childhood center.

Mr. Rossi stated the Holmes site would accommodate future enrollment growth; was a safe and secure site; was 132' away from the closest home and would have a separate transportation staging area.

Mr. Brosnan and Ms. Randell from Legat Architects stated the meetings they held with preschool staff informed the design. They showed several options of how to use the property space.

Mr. Kiel asked if there would be room for an addition to Holmes.

Mr. Rossi stated the Board could explore changes to Holmes as well.

Mrs. Somogyi noted there were different sizes of classrooms and asked if there were plans for a daycare center.

Mrs. Ward stated they had not discussed plans for daycare. She stated they had looked at spaces for parent training and the need for flexibility to incorporate expansion.

Mrs. Schumacher requested the Board be invited to any future site visits.

Dr. Fessler stated District 62 welcomes visitors and would be happy to schedule Board member visits.

Mrs. Streit explained why an early childhood center on one site would improve teaching and learning in District 59. She stated a center would foster more effective use of resources and provide for flexible programming. It would eliminate the need for staff to travel from site to site. All programming would be in one location, including ELL testing and Ready for Kindergarten. It would provide equity to staff, all staff having equal access to collaboration with colleagues. It would provide better opportunities for family involvement, networking and training. It would provide an environment specifically built for 3-5 year old children. It would provide an opportunity for Holmes students to experience career exploration.

Next steps- June 23: authorize redesign start; July 21: schematic design update; Fall 2014: start construction; August 2015: open center.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she wanted to be sure that if this is done it is done right and will not be rushed.

Mr. Rossi stated he would not rush the Board.

Mr. Brosnan stated much had already been accomplished. He stated the preschool staff had been very helpful.

Ms. Krinsky stated she was impressed with the design workshop, as there was lots of sharing of ideas. She stated she felt confidence in the team.

Mrs. Ward stated the preschool teachers are ready and very supportive of the early childhood center.

Dr. Fessler asked the Board for its comfort level in proceeding with the project.

Mrs. Roberts stated she was comfortable with the timetable, but needed more time to think about the financing piece.

Ms. Krinsky stated she was in full support of the project.

Mrs. Osmanski stated she was supportive of the timeline.

Mr. Kiel also indicated his support of the timeline.

Mrs. McPherson stated she liked the idea of opening in 2015/16. She stated the preschool needs to be out of the elementary buildings to provide space for full day kindergarten. She stated she felt comfortable leaving the design details in the hands of experts.

Mrs. Somogyi stated she was apprehensive about vacating the working cash fund. She stated she wished to preserve the district's fund balances.

Ms. Hennessy stated she liked the option of issuing bonds, whether the issuance is split or not.

Mrs. McPherson stated she would like to see the dollar impact on taxpayers for each financing option.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she did not like to take on debt.

Ms. Krinsky stated that with the low interest rates it is worthwhile to issue bonds.

Mrs. Roberts asked about other projects under consideration.

Mrs. Gloede stated perception was important and the public would be more likely to accept a bond issuance for an early childhood center than for an administration center.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she was concerned about taking on too much projects at the same time.

#### **PRECEDURES FOR BOE CLOSED SESSIONS RECORDINGS**

This item was pulled off the agenda until a later meeting.

#### **BOARD RETREST AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. Roberts asked if Board members wanted to hold the retreat off site.

Mrs. Somogyi stated she would be uncomfortable holding an open meeting off site.

The Board agreed to hold the Board retreat in the Boardroom on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2014/15**

Mrs. Osmanski asked to be added to the Foundation committee.

Mrs. Roberts asked if anyone else wished to be the NSSEO alternate. No one volunteered.

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

Mrs. Schumacher distributed an article from the Journal and Topics newspaper regarding Dr. Fessler's new contract.

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

Mrs. Levene reported that on the final day of the state legislature the representatives voted to move Title I TRS payments back up to 35%. She stated this decision had thrown off the Title I plans for next year.

Mrs. Gloede noted the district could still offer full day kindergarten next year for Title I schools. She stated the district might be able to fund 61% of the TRS using Title I funds. She stated an amendment would be filed.

#### **MOTION**

at 11:05 p.m. by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adopt the following resolution



**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** on the 9th day of June, 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”, “Student Discipline”, and “Business Matters”, in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1,6,9) 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 11:46 p.m. by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mr. Kiel, to adopt the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** on the 9th day of June, 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

Mrs. Schumacher asked if the Board could recognize the Jr. High students who won the UOP Science Contest as well as the contest that was run internally in the District.

Dr. Fessler stated he would send out dates for Board members to visit the D62 Early Childhood Center.

**MOTION** at 11:50 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, to adopt the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** on the 9th day of June, 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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Sharon Roberts, President

ATTEST:

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Karen Osmanski, Secretary