

**Official Minutes of the Monday, March 10, 2014
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, March 10, 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 Osmani. Members Janice Krinsky, Seana McPherson, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi.
- 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 and Michele Lara, DEA; Kelley Zarfahs, Principal of Robert Frost School; Dr. Tom Seaton, Principal of John Jay School, Mary Beth Niles, Assistant Principal of John Jay School; Jane Paterala, Principal of Friendship Jr. High School; John Navickas and Emily Wommel, Assistant Principals of Friendship Jr. High; Randy Steinkamp, Principal of Devonshire School; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Ralph Kahly, Internal Services and Transportation Supervisor; Michael Merritt and family, principal-elect for Brentwood School; Rachel Solomon and family, principal-elect for Clearmont School; Jessica McCormick and family, principal-elect for Robert Frost School; John Harrington and family, principal-elect for Grove Jr. High School; principal search team members; Jessica Zolmierski, choral director for Friendship Jr. High; Mary Jo Long and Kristin Hahn, Friendship Jr. High staff; students and families from Friendship Jr. High School.
- Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was completed.
- SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS** **STUDENT RECOGNITIONS**
The Friendship Jr. High Chorus performed a song from their Choral Contest top-rated performance.
Friendship 8th grade students presented their community service projects, which included “Penny Wars” to raise funds for needy family holiday gifts and a field trip to “Feed My Starving Children” where they packed meals for the world’s hungry.
The Board thanked the students and staff for their presentations.
- AUDIENCE RECESS** Mr. Kiel 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. Roberts, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of March, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented/amended:

- 7.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
 - a. February 10, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes
 - b. February 10, 2014 First Session Closed Meeting minutes
 - c. February 10, 2014 Second Session Closed Meeting minutes
 - d. February 24, 2014 CofTW Meeting minutes
 - e. February 24, 2014 Closed Session Meeting minutes
 - f. February 25, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes
- 7.02 Disbursements Resolution
 - Disbursements Listing
 - March 10, 2014–FY '14 Disbursements
- 7.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2014
 - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of January 31, 2014
 - c. Investment Report as of January 31, 2014
 - d. Activity Fund Statements as of January 31, 2014
- 7.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
 - a. Administrative Contracts
 - b. Administrative Leave of Absence
 - c. Certified Retirement
 - d. Certified Resignation
 - e. Certified Lane Changes
 - f. Non-Negotiated Contract
 - g. Non-Negotiated Retirement
 - h. Certified Non-Renewal Resolution

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. Luedloff stated he wanted to recognize current staff members whose new assignments had just been approved in the consent agenda. The new assignments were: Maureen McAbee as Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; Kelley Zerfahs as Executive Director of Human Resources; Dr. Tom Seaton as principal of Rupley Elementary School; and Mary Beth Niles as principal of John Jay School.

Dr. Fessler congratulated Mr. Luedloff on being appointed Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources and Instruction. He stated the Board had approved these internal assignment shifts without interviews. The great work done by these District administrators earned them their new positions.

Dr. Fessler congratulated the four individuals selected for principal positions in District 59. He stated the selection process occurred over a 2-week period and many staff members, parents and Board members were involved in the process. They began with a pool of over 100 candidates. Some candidates were interviewed as many as 8 times as they rotated through the different teams. He introduced John Harrington as the new principal of Grove Jr. High; Rachel Solomon as the new principal of Clearmont School; Jessica McCormick as the new principal of Robert Frost School; and Michael Merritt as the new principal of Brentwood School.

Dr. Fessler stated he had learned a good deal about the candidates' strengths and areas needing improvement during the lengthy interview process. He noted there would be summer training for the new leaders. He also distributed *The Global Achievement Gap* to the new leaders to read prior to their summer training.

The new principals introduced their families and thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to work in District 59. All expressed excitement over their new positions.

Mrs. Osmanski welcomed the new principals, saying she had been with the District for many years and found it a great place to lead.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she was happy to have had the opportunity to be a part of the selection process, which worked very well.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

Mr. Luedloff stated there had been two FOIA requests since the February 10, 2014 Board of Education Meeting. He indicated the requests related to food service.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Krinsky stated she had attended an NSSEO meeting as the District 59 representative. She stated the NSSEO Board had approved the redistribution of unused assets back to member districts. She stated District 59 received a check for \$107,620.46 from the redistribution. She noted the NSSEO presentations at Board meetings were very good. She learned of an after school program for blind students to assist them with socialization skills.

Mrs. Schumacher reported attending a learning spaces committee meeting where they viewed a presentation from HERO. She stated it was an interesting presentation and that the company did not push specific materials.

Ms. Krinsky reported attending a biliteracy training session that was very well done. She reported the K-2 bilingual teachers were working together and the commitment from staff was inspiring. She stated both Mrs. McAbee and Ms. Perez had done a wonderful job.

Mrs. Somogyi reported attending an ED-RED meeting. She distributed a brochure on funding expectations.

Mrs. McPherson reported attending the District 59 Choral Contest at Grove Jr. High and noted Dr. Fessler was also in attendance. She stated the choirs were all impressive.

Mr. Kiel reported attending the “You Be the Chemist” challenge where 3 of the top 5 contestants were District 59 students.

Mrs. Schumacher asked if the new science curriculum helped the students excel in the competition.

Dr. Wagner stated our science teachers make students think. This more likely would contribute to their success.

Mr. Kiel suggested the three students be invited to a Board of Education meeting.

**ACTION
ITEMS**

**FY 2014/15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO BE CHARGED TO
THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUND**

MOTION

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

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Education completed a review of proposed capital improvement projects during the February 24, 2014, Board of Education meetings;

WHEREAS, the administration has recommended that category 1, 2 and 3 projects on the capital improvement project list be completed during the 2014 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of March, 2014, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education authorize the administration to proceed with purchasing and bid procedures required to implement the category 1, 2 and 3 projects as indicated in the 2014/2015 Building Improvements Projects Report for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. The cost for completion of district-wide building improvements, to be charged to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, for the 2014/2015 fiscal year is estimated at \$2,664,000.00.

Roll Call

Ayes: 7 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR PAY BUS FEE

Mrs. Gloede explained this fee is charged to families that request bus service but are not eligible to receive free transportation.

Mr. Kahly state the student must board at an established bus stop to qualify for the pay bus program. Currently 16 students pay for busing.

Mrs. Somogyi asked for the number of students that ride the bus to school.

Mr. Kahly stated approximately 4500 students ride the bus each school day. He stated most requests for pay bus service arise from a childcare arrangement.

Mrs. Gloede stated her recommendation was to keep the pay bus fee the same for the 2014/15 school year.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of March, 2014 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education establish the 2014-15 school year pay bus fee at \$335.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

APPROVE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDITOR CONTRACT FOR 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 FISCAL YEARS

Mrs. Prikkel stated a committee had interviewed two auditing firms and was recommending Miller Cooper.

Mrs. Gloede stated Miller Cooper had excellent experience in Education. She introduced Susan Jones, a representative of Miller Cooper who stated she was very excited at the prospect of working with District 59.

Mrs. Gloede noted the contract with Miller Cooper was for three years.

Mrs. Roberts stated she and Mrs. Somogyi had sat in on the interviews and they were very impressed with Miller Cooper.

Mrs. Prikkel stated the company had excellent references.

Mrs. Somogyi stated it was an interesting interview process.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of March, 2014 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd., Two North Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606, to perform the annual audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, 2015 and 2016 at all-inclusive fees of \$31,000, \$31,500, and \$32,000 respectively. The cost includes the preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in formats suitable for submission to the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) and the Annual Financial Report (ISBE 50-35).

Mr. Grey stated he was confident Apple would deliver the laptops within the requested timeline.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on March 10, 2014 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education authorizes the purchase of 690 Apple laptops at a total cost of \$668,271.90.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**DISCUSSION
ITEMS**

2014/15 TRADITIONAL AND BALANCED CALENDARS

Mr. Luedloff explained that normally the school calendars would be set for Board approval at this time, but due to ongoing certified negotiations there would be a delay. He stated he wished to present a framework for the 2014/15 calendars and receive Board approval for start and end dates. He stated the Traditional Calendar included a student start date of August 20th and an end date, including 5 emergency days, of June 11th. He indicated the Balanced Calendar included a student start date of July 30th and an end date, including 5 emergency days, of June 11th.

The Board of Education gave verbal approval for this framework.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kiel announced a special Board Meeting to be held on March 13th from 5-7 p.m.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S TEAM

Dr. Fessler announced Mrs. Boswell would be staying another year in the Superintendent’s Office.

Dr. Fessler announced The Grove Cluster Fine Arts Festival would be held on March 15th from 1-3 pm.

Dr. Fessler reported he recently attended an SSA meeting. Pension reform and other political concerns were discussed.

MOTION at 8:36 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of March, 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.

