

**Official Minutes of the Monday, November 11, 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, November 11, 2013. 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. 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, Denise Bishoff.
- Also Present** Eydie Cohen and Michelle Lara, DEA; Matt Dr. Rob Bohanek, Principal of Holmes Jr. High School; Kathy Beach, Assistant Principal of Holmes Jr. High School; Elisa Biancalana, Assistant Principal of Holmes Jr. High School; Mark Heimbuch, Mark Schwarz, Kristi Ishikawa, Susan Nichol, Kathy Lankford, Holmes staff: Dr. Thomas Seaton, Principal of John Jay School; Mary Beth Niles, Assistant Principal of John Jay School; Meg Weickert, Principal of Forest View School; Susan Ejma, Principal Juliette Low School; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Jan Fisher, Purchasing Supervisor; Panagiota Angelos, Byrd School; Tina Merrill and Joy Patras of Arlington Heights; Mr. Robert Smith, Cook Illinois; Sharon Pierluissi and Tom O’Sullivan of Grand Prairie; students and families from 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**
- MOTION** by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski, to adopt the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of November, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:
- 5.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
- a. October 15, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - b. October 15, 2013 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
  - c. October 28, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes



**MOTION**

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

WHEAREAS, the current Contract terms agreed to in August 2011 (Section F.3 Prices) read “price for the optional fourth and fifth years shall not exceed the year to year percentage change for the September-September Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, All Items (CPI) “; and

WHEREAS, the September 2012 – September 2013 CPI was a positive 1.2%; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Prairie Transit has agreed to renew for the 2014/15 school year rates at a 1% increase;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Contract be amended to accept a 1% increase for the 2014/15 school year over the 2013/14 rates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Duration of Contract shall be extended for the period from August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015 with District 59 at 1% increase in rate over 2013/14 rates.

Roll Call

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**PREPARATION FOR 2013 TAX LEVY & TAX LEVY HEARING**

Mrs. Gloede commented that the District must levy in the dark because not all pertinent information is available. The public will be notified and adoption will take place at the December 9, 2013 Board of Education Meeting.

Mrs. Gloede noted the Long Term Financial Plan did not deal with the possibility of a pension shift from the state to local level. She also spoke of the possibility of Springfield electing to take money from the wealthiest districts and spread it evenly across all districts.

Mrs. Somogyi thanked Mrs. Gloede and Mrs. Prikkel for all their hard work.

**MOTION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of November 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education directs the Administration to prepare the 2013 levy based on a 2.12% increase over the estimated aggregate levy extensions of the proceeding year excluding the bond and interest levy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education conduct a public hearing on the proposed tax levy during the December 9, 2013 school board meeting and notification of said hearing be circulated in an area newspaper

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

**AWARD OF BID FOR PAPER**

Ms. Fisher noted that vendors have two categories in which to offer bids.  
Mrs. Roberts questioned how quantities were determined.

Mr. Kahly stated quantities were determined by usage per student in the past, and noted there had been a reduction over the past three years from 2600 per student to 2155. Schools have an allowance and are charged for overages.

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

WHEREAS bids were opened on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for paper;

WHEREAS seven (7) bids were received with the lowest conforming bids submitted by Murnane for vellum and xerographic; Pyramid for construction; and School Specialty for tagboard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 award the paper bid to Murnane Paper, 345 Fischer Farm Road, Elmhurst, Illinois for \$107,230.48, Pyramid School Products, 6510 North 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Tampa, Florida Pennsylvania for \$540.75 for a total of \$113,453.73.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO JOHN JAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of school supplies from Ms. Joanne Bina of Mount Prospect;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of dictionaries from BPO Elks Des Plaines Lodge #1526 to third grade students at John Jay School;

BE IT ALSO 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:	7	Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.
	Nays:	0	
	Absent:	0	
	Abstain:	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

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

Mrs. Roberts commented that her GoogleDocs folders were difficult to find, and seem to disappear. She requested a working session with Mr. Grey to navigate through GoogleDocs issues, and to set up alerts for emails containing Google Docs.

Mrs. Somogyi questioned why there was discussion and action taking place at the same meeting.

Dr. Fessler responded that new items are not voted on before discussion.

Mr. Kiel recommended the restructuring of Board of Education Meetings. He suggested closed session take place at 6:30 pm in Dr. Fessler’s office prior to the start of the Board Meeting. He suggested the order of the Board meetings be: Comments and Suggestions from the audience, Consent Agenda, Reports from the Board of Education, and then Special Interest Topics. He suggested this change would allow those in the audience to better understand the Board’s role in District decisions.

Ms. Krinsky reported that money raised by the Foundation would be given to PTO/FTOs in the amount of \$1.00 per student per school.

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

Mrs. Schumacher reported receiving a thank you for attending the “Celebration of Character” that was held in Elk Grove Village on Friday September 27, 2013.

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

Mr. Luedloff reported that Learning Walks would be completed this week. It has been a very positive experience. Staff has worked very hard. The committee will have a report to give to the Board. At the end of each Learning Walk the respond has been “everyone should have this experience”.

Mrs. McAbee reported on Grade Level meetings. She stated no two sessions are the same. Teachers are forced to think more and to take risks.

Dr. Wagner reported that she attended a math meeting collaborating with District 25. She stated that Summer School information was linked on the instruction website.

Mrs. Streit reported that staff is now required to have training on sexual abuse. This training will take place at the January IOI.

Mr. Grey stated he was investigating reinventing school physical spaces. Research shows that improved and innovative learning spaces improve learning. The Third Teacher, an educational design consultancy, will be at the IASB conference, and Board members will have an opportunity to see what they have done at other school districts.

Dr. Fessler presented the Board of Education with a certificate of appreciation and Dunkin Donuts gift cards in Honor of “Board Appreciation Day”, November 15, 2013. Dr. Fessler thanked the Board for all the hard work and long hours they contribute to District 59. He hoped that in the future it would be a week long rather than just one day of recognition.

**MOTION** at 8:55 p.m. by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of November, 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”, including in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (1) 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 10:37 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of November, 2013, 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

**MOTION** at 10:38 p.m. by Mrs. Somogyi, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of November, 2013, 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