

**Official Minutes of the Monday, September 9, 2013
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, September 9, 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 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; Director of Buildings and Grounds, Tony Rossi; Chief Innovation Officer, Ben Grey; Executive Director of ELL, Maureen McAbee; Translator, Nancy Torres; and Recording Secretary, Betsy Boswell.
- Also Present** Eydie Cohen, DEA; Kelley Zerfahs, Principal of Robert Frost School; Wendy Allen, Principal of Brentwood School; Randy Steinkamp, Principal of Devonshire School; Jane Paterala, Principal of Friendship Jr. High School; Emily Woemmel and John Navickas, Assistant Principals for Friendship Jr. High School; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Gina Mendez and Tina Merrill.
- 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 Items 5.01c and 5.04b from the Consent Agenda.
- MOTION** by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Osmani, to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of September, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as amended:
- 5.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
 - a. August 12, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. August 12, 2013 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
 - c. ~~August 26, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes~~
 - 5.02 Disbursements
 - September 9, 2013–FY '14 Disbursements
 - 5.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2013

Mrs. Somogyi stated the process was a little confusing, as the Board had been given a salary range. She stated when a name is attached to a set salary, it has a different appearance.

Ms. Krinsky agreed that in the past the Board had seen specific salaries prior to hiring.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of September, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve Item 5.04b of the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

SPECIAL INTEREST

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

TOPICS

Mr. Luedloff reported there was one FOIA request since the August 12, 2013 Board of Education Meeting. The request from the Daily Herald concerned student fees.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF NCERT MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Mrs. Schumacher stated she was surprised to see that the contract was between NCERT and the District rather than Dr. Fessler. She stated she was concerned that the District would be locked into a three-year contract that would automatically renew within 90 days of its expiration. She stated she was unhappy with the contacts verbiage.

Dr. Fessler explained that he is the District's representative to NCERT. He stated NCERT focuses on bringing together the nation's top superintendents. He stated NCERT also provides many services, but as he is new to the group he does not yet know if these services would be beneficial to the District.

Mrs. Somogyi stated she would like to know what would happen if Dr. Fessler left the District prior to the expiration of the contract.

Mrs. McPherson suggested the District find out what would happen and report back to the Board.

Dr. Fessler stated he would check with NCERT.

Ms. Krinsky congratulated Dr. Fessler upon being chosen for NCERT membership.

Mrs. Roberts stated the membership would provide valuable mentoring to the superintendent.

Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

2013/14 APPLICATIONS TO ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of September, 2013, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Applications for Recognition of Schools for all District 59 schools and authorize submission of the required applications to the Illinois State Board of Education.

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 REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY

Mrs. Schumacher noted the new tobacco policy reflected in BP 5.50 would need to be communicated to staff.

Mrs. Schumacher inquired about the changes to BP 8.20 and asked why we would prohibit community members from using school facilities for social reasons.

Mrs. Gloede stated she recommended deleting the words “and grounds” for the policy, as the District does not issue permits for use of school grounds.

Mr. Rossi stated the District has reciprocal agreements with park districts that allow them to use our grounds. He indicated that the parks around many of our schools are owned by park districts.

Mrs. Somogyi mentioned there had been a private soccer club that had used the property between Holmes and Forest View Schools in the past. She stated there had been some issues concerning the property usage.

Mrs. Gloede suggested the District open discussions with our park districts to refresh the agreements.

Dr. Fessler stated that if there are private teams using our property that we may want to leave the section on grounds in the policy.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Krinsky stated she attended an NSSEO meeting. She indicated they are still in contract negotiations. She also reported her son Derek was recognized as a shining star and he presented the speech he delivered on opening day.

Mrs. Roberts indicated Derek had received a standing ovation following his opening day speech.

Mrs. Roberts reported she planned to attend the next Mt. Prospect elected officials meeting. She stated the topic for the meeting was safety and security and suggested Mr. Rossi might wish to attend.

Mrs. Schumacher reported she had been invited to attend the insurance committee meeting to say good-bye to Judy Sanders, who will be retiring this week. She stated Mrs. Sanders would be missed for her insurance expertise.

Mr. Kiel reported he had sent out a Doodle calendar to set a date for a strategic planning meeting. He indicated they Board would meet on September 21st from 8-11 a.m.

Mr. Kiel reported a delegation from Mt. Prospect's sister city was coming to Mt. Prospect for a visit and hoped to be able to take the delegation to one our our Mt. Prospect schools.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

None.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Mrs. Streit reported her department is looking at how the District provides core support in the area of social/emotional development. This includes taking a look at the PBIS program and any additional supports needed for students. She stated NSSEO is providing training. She stated her department would be doing a District audit to discover what we have in place and how students are identified for special services. She stated she would be making recommendations for next year.

Dr. Wagner reported on the new literacy materials. Training sessions were held in July and August where it was stressed that the materials are one resource for teachers.

Mrs. McAbee reported most teachers are working on classroom environment and getting to know their students. She found that most teachers were just beginning to examine the new literacy materials. She indicated Mrs. Perez was working with schools on Reach. She stated the school tech assistants were being trained in the program's on-line tools. She stated teachers were pleased with the emphasis on non-fiction. She stated the materials would be discussed during the first grade level meeting. She indicated a GoogleDoc of FAQ had been developed for teachers. She stated a draft of a 3-year literacy plan was being finalized.

Dr. Wagner stated she was working on Common Core professional development in math. She indicated that Mrs. Marvucic and two 8th grade teachers had met with representatives from District 25 and District 214 regarding algebra instruction. She reported the middle school math teacher would be meeting with Dr. Christine Trinter, an expert on math instruction, for training in building a backward design model.

Dr. Wagner indicated that by April the District would have a rubric and assessments in place to align with CCSS.

Dr. Wagner stated she would be bringing a discussion on TDP and summer programming to the next Committee of the Whole. She stated she would present data highlights and discuss strengths and opportunities for improvement. She will also provide recommendations summer 2014 and share a long-term plan for TDP.

Ms. Krinsky asked that summer assessment information be resent to the Board.

Mrs. Gloede reminded the Board that demographic study results and enrollment projections would be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. She noted that the Board's opinions on various topics would be critical to the planning process and indicated she would be sending a questionnaire to Board members. She asked members to answer the questions while remembering that there may be no changes relate to the demographic study. She stated the questions have been used with Boards across the country. On September 23rd the Board will discuss their ideas with Cropper.

Dr. Fessler began his report by recognizing Ms. Krinsky for becoming an IASB LeaderShop Academy member.

Dr. Fessler stated the District was a little behind in adopting the Common Core State Standards, which will take about three years to implement. He stated he recommended using professional trainers to make the best use of our professional development time with teachers. He stated 3-40- hours of in-house training had already taken place. He stated the principals did a wonderful job in covering 21st century learning during the first IOI meetings. Dr. Fessler played a video about 21st century learning, stating the key message was how to apply knowledge and how to create thinking classrooms. He stated that staff are excited and want to attend training sessions. He stated we need to do pull-out training to catch up in our professional development.

Dr. Fessler reported that Scott McLeod and Ann Riechel would both be in District this week for staff development and he invited the Board to attend these sessions.

Dr. Fessler shared a list of District committees in need of Board representatives and asked members to look over the list and be prepared during the next meeting to indicate their preferences for committee placement.

Mr. Kiel thanked everyone in the audience for attending the meeting.

MOTION

at 8:38 p.m. by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, to adopt the following resolution:

