

**Official Minutes of the Monday, August 10, 2015
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 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, August 10, 2015. Vice-President Janice Krinsky, President Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call **Members Present:** President Pro Tempore Janice Krinsky, Members Sunil Bhawe, Tim Burns, Karen Osmanski, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi.

Members Absent: Sharon Robert, President

Others Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Vickie Nissen; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen McAbee; Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Communications, Ben Grey; Executive Director of Human Resources, Kelley Zerfahs; Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, Tony Rossi; and Recording Secretary, Kathie Lange.

Also Present Eydie Cohen, DEA President; David Pohlmeier, Director of Communications and Design; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Jan Fisher, School Nutrition and Purchasing Coordinator; Dr. Josh Carpenter, Executive Director of Student Growth and Accountability; Monica Jovel, Administrative Assistant for Business Services; Will Hogan, Assistant Principal at Holmes Jr. High

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

**AUDIENCE
RECESS**

Ms. Krinsky welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to address the Board of Education. Ms. Cohen stated that she had recently met a District 59 parent who worked in Glenview. The parent shared that they are very happy with the District 59 school their daughter attends and with the school district. Ms. Cohen also shared that she had attended the memorial service for Wally Hamman, former District 59 administrator. Many former teachers and administrators came together to share wonderful memories of working with Wally. Ms. Krinsky thanked Ms. Cohen for her comments.

**ACTION
ITEM**

RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGES TO THE 2015/16 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Ms. Nissen share the timeline for adoption of the 2015/16 budget:

- 5/26/2015 - Board discussion
- 6/8/2015 - Authorized to put on public display and announce public hearing
- 7/1/2015 - Tentative Budget on public display for 30 days
- 8/10/2015 - Changes from Tentative to Final Budget and Public Hearing
- 8/24/2015 – Budget adoption

Ms. Nissen noted the changes from the tentative budget to the final budget include:

- Early childhood grant

- Updated revenue and expense allocation
- Bond and Interest
- Updated levy
- Updated Debt Schedule
- Capital Projects Fund
- Timing of Expenditures – fiscal year overlap

Mr. Burns asked if the Board could still make changes to the budget at this point. Ms. Nissen stated that the Board would need to adopt the budget by the last day of the first quarter of the fiscal year - September 30, 2015.

Mr. Bhavne asked if the budget accepts the proposed property tax freeze. Ms. Nissen clarified that the proposed legislation for property tax freeze would be for levy year 2016/17 and would not have any impact on the 2015/16 budget.

Mrs. Schumacher expressed that it might be helpful for the Board to have discussions about expenditures along the way, which would allow for better understanding of how the budget is put together.

Dr. Fessler stated that could be accomplished through some of the new Board committees, specifically the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Schumacher stated that she wants to make certain that the full Board gets the information so that all members can have discussion before a proposed budget is presented.

Dr. Fessler reminded the Board that 80% of the budget is salary and benefits, but the remaining 20% can be dissected by the Finance Committee and the Board.

MOTION

by Mr. Bhavne seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of August, 2015 the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approve the following changes to the 2015/16 budget for purposes of adoption, said changes to be attached to these minutes as part of the record of deliberation over the same.

	<u>2015/16 Budget on Public Display</u>	<u>2015/16 Budget for Adoption</u>
<u>Revenue (excluding transfers and TRS On-Behalf)</u>		
Educational Fund	\$82,828,224	\$82,765,465
Operations & Maintenance Fund	7,526,463	7,526,463
Debt Service Fund (including levy)	3,635,353	3,620,012
Transportation Fund	5,297,309	5,297,309
IMR/FICA Fund	3,570,804	3,570,804
Capital Projects Fund	0	0
Working Cash Fund	<u>365,133</u>	<u>365,133</u>
Total	\$103,223,286	\$103,145,186

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

MOTION by Mr. Bhave, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher that the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting be opened on this date, August 10, 2015 for a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2015/16 year and that the secretary shall record the time as 7:29 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Board.

MOTION by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mrs. Somogyi that the public hearing on the 2015/16 proposed budget be closed and the secretary shall record the time as 7:30 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda Mrs. Schumacher pulled Item 6.04 from the consent agenda.

MOTION by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski, to adopt the following resolution
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of August, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve 6.01, 6.02 and 6.03 of the Consent Agenda

- 6.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
 - a. July 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes
 - b. July 13, 2015 Closed Meeting Minutes
 - c. August 3, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes - Waiver Hearing
 - d. August 3, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes - Strategic Planning

- 6.02 Disbursements Resolution
 - a. Disbursement Listing for 2014-15
 - b. Disbursement Listing for 2015-16

- 6.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2015
 - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of June 30, 2015
 - c. Investment Report as of June 30, 2015
 - d. Activity Fund Statements as of June 30, 2015

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- ~~6.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report~~
 - ~~a. Certified Contracts HR~~
 - ~~b. Certified Resignations~~

- ~~c. Certified Lane Changes~~
- ~~d. Certified Leave of Absence~~
- ~~e. ESP Contracts~~
- ~~f. ESP Resignations~~
- ~~g. Temporary Contracts~~
- ~~h. CAMEO Retirement~~

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

Mrs. Schumacher expressed concern about the number of resignations in the last three weeks, especially just as the school year is beginning.

Ms. Zerfahs stated her understanding is that people wait until August 1st to resign due to insurance coverage.

Mr. Luedloff added that while we have always posted jobs, the process of notifying staff via email it is new. Electronic communication allows us to notify staff as positions become available, giving them the opportunity to apply as soon as possible.

Mr. Burns had a question about the maximum number of days for a temporary employee listed under 6.04 g.

Mrs. Zerfahs added that this is the same contract the individual has had for several years.

Dr. Fessler reminded the Board that discussion of individual contracts for services needs to take place during closed session.

Mr. Burns requested additional information on the temporary contract.

Mrs. Prikkel explained that this individual was hired to fulfill the non-public/private school speech and language services through funding from a grant.

Mr. Burns noted that he was not comfortable voting until he had additional information.

Ms. Krinsky stated that the district does have the information, but they do not have it at their fingertips. Since it is a longstanding contract and this is the standard procedure for the district, she suggested that Mr. Burns contact Dr. Fessler and see what the next steps would be to get the information he was requesting.

Ms. Krinsky called for a motion.

MOTION by Mr. Bhave and seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to approve 6.04 of the Consent Agenda:
 6.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
 a. Certified_Contracts

- b. Certified Resignations
- c. Certified Lane Changes
- d. Certified Leave of Absence
- e. ESP Contracts
- f. ESP Resignations
- g. Temporary Contracts
- h. CAMEO Retirement

Roll Call	Ayes: 5	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Schumacher and Somogyi
	Nays: 1	Burns
	Absent: 1	Roberts
	Abstain: 0	

Motion Carried: 5-1-1-0

Mrs. Schumacher voted Aye, but requested that administration please speak with Board about this further so that nothing is left unfinished.

**BOARD
REPORTS**

Mrs. Osmanski shared that she attended the Mobile Home Outreach workgroup session two weeks ago. The level of community involvement has dramatically increased since last year. Representatives from the Sheriff’s Department, the 911 center, the Girl Scouts and parents from Familias Unidas were present and sharing ideas for community involvement. Harper will attend the Back To School Event and share information about the PROMISE and the GED Programs. Harper has also offered to allow the mobile home park communities to use their libraries. The Elk Grove Township will provide free Blood Pressure Screenings. Mrs. Osmanski shared that one of the larger mobile home parks is waiting on grant money to turn one of the trailers into an on-site library and technology center.

Ms. Krinsky asked Mrs. McAbee to thank Griselda Pirtle for the the wonderful job she had done leading the Mobile Home Outreach Group.

Ms. Krinsky and Mrs. Osmanski attended the ISBE Family Connection on Community Engagement Workshop along with Mrs. Veronica Lake, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services and a team of D59 staff. They made a connection with D214 staff who has an active group involved with Community Engagement and look forward to continued opportunities to help families.

Mrs. Schumacher and Mrs. Somogyi went to Glen Ellyn to view learning spaces. Dr. Fessler thanked them both for attending and giving feedback.

Mrs. Schumacher attended one of the District 59 Biliiteracy Workshops and stated it was a very good workshop. She shared that Mrs. Pirtle had requested feedback from a staff member who had recently resigned and Mrs. Schumacher felt this was a good idea.

Mrs. Zerfahs shared that it has been about 10 years since the District conducted exit surveys, but the process could be revisited.

Mr. Burns attended an Elk Grove Park District summer block party where he had the opportunity to talk with a number of parents and community members. He stated that he has received questions about the District’s purpose of purchasing the Wellington

property and the long-range plan for the property. He stated that because he was not on the Board when that property was purchased, he was unable to answer those questions.

Mr. Burns shared that he had sent a link to Board members and to Dr. Fessler from an Elk Grove Village Board meeting where a PTO president addressed to the Village Board and spoke about electronic signs at the two of the District's schools. He stated that community members have questioned him about the accuracy of the statements made at the Village Board meeting regarding the electronic signs.

Ms. Krinsky asked Mrs. Somogyi if this was typically something that the Board of Education would become involved in and if this would fall under Board business. Mrs. Somogyi recalled that normally a PTO purchase would not come to the Board for approval. She stated that generally the Board does not oversee PTOs. She stated that she saw the same video where a woman was expressing her opinion about the safety of the sign at Grove. Mrs. Somogyi stated that she does not believe that it is the Board's responsibility to be involved in that decision.

Ms. Krinsky's understanding was that the sign was to be a gift to Byrd School from the PTO.

Mr. Burns asked if the Board of Education needed these electronic signs.

Ms. Krinsky states that this does not fall under the Board's purview and that the Board has no opinion on that.

Mrs. Osmanski asked Mr. Rossi for clarification. She recalled that when the Rupley PTO wanted to buy a sign for Rupley School, it was not a District decision to put signs at every building and asked if the process was still the same.

Mr. Rossi stated that when Dr. Howard was superintendent, the District did not want to spend money on signs. If the PTO wanted to install a sign, they secured the permits and took it from inception to finish; the District was never involved other than to help with bringing electricity to the sign.

Mr. Burns added that right now the perception out in the community is that the Village of Elk Grove would retain full ownership over the signs to put their message on it during the summer months. He questioned whether that is a Board issue or a PTO issue. His question was, If we accept the gift, are we accepting the gift under those terms of communication?

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Ms. Krinsky's recollection from watching the video was that the woman offered to let the village use the sign in the summer and what she stated was coming from the PTO, not from the village.

Mr. Burns asked if the woman in the video was empowered to make decisions about these signs. Mr. Burns feels that the perception is that the village is going to have full permission to broadcast their message on those signs.

Dr. Fessler stated that he has not had any conversations at a district level regarding these signs. There are other things that the district would want to discuss in terms of equity. Dr. Fessler said he was approached by Mr. John Harrington, Grove Principal, and asked if the Grove PTO could put up an electronic sign. Dr. Fessler asked Mr. Rossi and Mr. Rossi responded that he did not feel that the village would allow it. Dr. Fessler advised Mr. Harrington to check with the village and see what the options were. At that point, the village said no and Dr. Fessler thought that was the end of the conversation. Dr. Fessler happened to be speaking at a PTO meeting at Byrd and he heard a conversation about an electronic sign at Byrd. That conversation was the first he had heard about Byrd discussing an electronic sign. The directive was the same; Dr. Fessler mentioned to Mrs. Esser that he did not believe that the village would allow the sign. Dr. Fessler stated that he believes that someone from the PTO took the initiative to go to the village and had a conversation without any consent or authorization from the school district. That person did not have authority or voice to speak on behalf of the District.

Mr. Burns stated that he was satisfied with this explanation.

Mrs. Somogyi said that years ago a company approached the District wanting to put signs up in the cafeterias promoting advertising of products. The Board at that point in time made a decision not to have signs promoting things that are not educational in District 59 cafeterias. She stated that we currently have signs at our schools that promote school activities. Mrs. Somogyi suggested that the Board could make a statement about what the signs can promote, for example no advertising or that you cannot make money from what goes on that sign. She felt that those are decisions that the Board might need to make down the line and things that the administration would need to look at.

Dr. Fessler stated that he would recommend to the Board that the District not accept any conditional terms for the use of a sign.

Mr. Burns commented that a statement was made that Byrd must have this electronic sign because, during frigid conditions, the lock freezes and cannot be opened to change the sign. Mr. Rossi was not made aware of this problem with the lock. He stated that he is certain they will be able to help to get the lock opened during the winter months. He also said that that the District serves four different communities; each community has its own ordinances as far as signs for the schools.

Dr. Fessler stated that if there are issues with the lock on the sign at Byrd, possibly the District could look at purchasing something functional.

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Mr. Burns asked Mr. Rossi if he could check to see if there is any danger involved when changing the message on the sign at Grove. Mr. Rossi stated that he will check on that and get back to the Board.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

Ms. Zurfahs reported that there were no FOIA requests.

**ACTION
ITEMS**

TAXI CAB SERVICES

MOTION

by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Somogyi to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS proposals were received for taxi cab service rates for the 2015/16 school year;
and

WHEREAS the District has stipulated not all services will be awarded to one company;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 10th day of August 2015, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approves the following base rates for taxicab services:

Vendor	Citicare 7521 Kedvale, Skokie 60076	303 Taxi 9696 W. Foster, Chicago 60656	Universal 1740 W. Armitage Ct., Addison 60174	American Logistics Company 520 W. Dyer Rd. Santa Ana, CA 92707
Min. Trip Charge	\$16.80 (includes 8 miles)	\$21.00	\$25.00	\$65.00 (includes 12 miles)
Per Mile	\$2.20	\$9.77 base pick-up plus \$2.60/mile	\$3.50	\$2.50

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

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ACTION

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND AUTHORIZED AGENT

MOTION

by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Bhave to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS Community Consolidated School District 59 is an Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) employer; and

WHEREAS It is necessary for the Governing Board of Community School District 59 to appoint an Authorized Agent; and

WHEREAS Pursuant to Sec. 7-135 of the Illinois Pension Code, the Governing Board of Community Consolidated School District 59 delegates the following powers and duties to its Authorized Agent:

- 1) To file Petition for Nominations of an Executive Trustee of IMRF; and
- 2) To cast a Ballot for Election of an Executive Trustee of IMRF

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO, is hereby appointed Authorized Agent for Community Consolidated School District 59.

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

The Board of Education congratulated Ms. Nissen on her appointment.

DISCUSSION

ITEMS

BOARD COMMITTEES

Dr. Fessler shared the draft of the Board Committee document and would like have the assignments approved at the next Board meeting on August 24, 2015. He would like to classify the committees as Board Committees, which would necessitate the meetings to be posted to meet the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. He requested the Board member email him if they plan to attend a committee meeting so that he is aware when more than two Board members will be present at a meeting.

Minutes from Board Committees will continue to be shared in the Friday update to the Board. Dr. Fessler invited Board members to contact him if there were specific committees that they would like to serve on.

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Mrs. Schumacher asked if three board members can attend the same meeting if one Board members sits in the back to listen and does not participate. Dr. Fessler responded that it would be fine as long as the committee is not advancing the work of the board. Dr. Fessler would like to get clarity on that, and will get back to the Board with that information.

Mrs. Schumacher requested that Mrs. Somogyi be added to the Board Policy Committee as she has the historical background to benefit this committee. Mrs. Schumacher asked if the full board will continue to look at new and changing Board Policies. Dr. Fessler responded that the process will be the same.

DEPARTMENT WORK MAPS

Dr. Fessler shared the Work Maps google doc with the Board. Ultimately the District would like to create a dashboard and have that displayed on the website. The Board would need to agree on what would go on the dashboard. The most important elements of our strategic plan would be shared on the dashboard. Dr. Fessler noted that Fremont School District uses ECRA to share their information.

Mrs. Schumacher requested a 3-5 minutes explanation of the Learning Lab in the future.

PE COMPLIANCE

Dr. Fessler shared that at the last Board meeting, Mr. Bhave expressed an interest in the “why” behind the District filing a PE waiver.

Mr. Will Hogan, assistant principal at Holmes Jr. High and Mrs. Maureen McAbee gave background information on the reason for filing the PE waiver. The elementary physical education teachers had a planning session on January 23, 2015 to create possible future options to increase the amount of physical education opportunities provided to K-5 students and to move us toward compliance with the daily PE requirement. They worked diligently and creatively to come up with 3 different options. Within each option there are several variations possible, depending on space available, budget, and the enrollment at the building. A summary of the options is listed below.

1. All classes have daily PE for 30 minutes in grade 1-5 and for 20 minutes in Kinder. Given the enrollment at most buildings, this option would require 2 full time teachers at each school (1 additional teacher per building) and a secondary location, or sharing of locations would be necessary. This option would also potentially require a shift in the current scheduling structure at the elementary level. In this option the district would meet the state guidelines.

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Staffing Costs: Salary and benefits=

1.0 Certified Teacher: \$65,000.

1.0 ESP or Teacher Assistant: \$26,000

Total certified staffing cost = 11 FTE x 65,000 (approximately \$700,000)

Total ESP staffing cost= \$300,000

2. All classes would have an average of 3 days per week of PE. In this option 5-6 additional PE teachers would be need to be hired and be shared between 2 schools. This option could potentially be implemented with or without a change in the current scheduling structure. It would require a secondary space, a sharing of space, or combined classes that are team taught. In this option the district would **not** meet the state guidelines but would increase the number of PE classes to 3 per week.

Staffing Costs: Salary and benefits=

1.0 Certified Teacher: \$65,000.
1.0 ESP or Teacher Assistant: \$26,000
Total certified staffing cost= \$390,000

3. All classes would have a PE schedule that is similar to the current schedule, but 20 minute PE Enrichment sessions would be added 2 times per week for each class by hiring part time PE Assistants for each school, or having schools share PE Assistants. The Enrichment lessons would be planned by the Physical Education teacher and carried out jointly by the assistant and the classroom teacher in a secondary space. On off days, classroom teachers could repeat these activities, do classroom Energizer

activities, or other video based movement breaks. In this option the district would **not** meet the state guidelines but would increase the frequency of daily PE activities to 3 times per week, though not all directly lead by a PE teacher.

Staffing Costs: Salary and benefits=
1.0 Certified Teacher: \$65,000.
1.0 ESP or Teacher Assistant: \$26,000
Total ESP staffing cost= \$300,000

Dr. Fessler asked how ISBE defines “daily PE”.

Mrs. McAbee stated the mandate specifies that Daily PE would need to be the typical amount of minutes that you would devote to other things and that the structure would be part of a comprehensive PE curriculum. For this reason, outdoor recess doesn’t count toward daily PE unless it is being led by a certified teacher specifically for physical education.

Mr. Bhavé felt that educational concept for PE is very important and it should not only be the physical activity concept. He also added that he favored Option 1 and a structured PE class.

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Mr. Burns stated that 1-½ - 2 years ago the District went to the public to and asked to extend the school day. Parents felt it would be dedicated to new enrichment programs and innovative learning. He questioned whether this 30 minute gain is going to be designated for PE under these options?

Dr. Fessler shared that Board of Education approved the extra instructional time. The District didn’t feel that based on brain research enough time was being devoted to reading. He added that no decisions are being made about how to address the mandate for daily PE at this time. He does not feel we are not close to making a decision about how we will accomplish that.

Mrs. Osmanski agreed with Mr. Bhavé and that she preferred Option 1. She believes that PE teachers can be very creative at modifying curriculum to includes PE so it is more inter-disciplinary.

Dr. Fessler asked Mr. Hogan if he had any conversations with ISBE as to the definition of a daily PE program. Mr. Hogan said he had not had that conversation, but that it

would need to be a standards-based program taught by a certified PE teacher. Dr. Fessler asked that Mr. Hogan have conversation with ISBE to see if there are any exceptions.

Dr. Fessler stated that the Board asked for options on how to meet the requirement for daily PE. The options would create additional expenses and nothing can or will be done until the Board takes action on it. The District can talk with the ISBE to see what kind of latitude we have and then come back to the Board with some examples of schedules and what that would look like in a school day. At some point we need to deal with the compliance issue.

Mr. Bhavé would like to see the Pros and Cons when viewing the options and examples.

Mrs. Somogyi stated that the work the group has done with the “brain breaks” and the video that was shared with the community is excellent. She thanked Will for the work he has done.

Mr. Burns asked if an option to tweak the specials schedule to increase time for PE has been discussed.

Dr. Fessler stated that the District has not made any recommendations to the Board, but will provide examples of what different options would look like.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Krinsky stated that this item was added to the agenda to address specific concerns about board member communications as they pertain to the Open Meetings Act (OMA).

Open Meetings Act policy is very clear on the matter of electronic communications.

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Communications that are allowed under OMA are very limited. The members of the BOE are diligent in their compliance on this matter and it is important that the Board remains so. The Illinois State statutes state:

(5 ILCS 120/1) (from Ch. 102, par. 41)

Sec. 1. Policy. It is the public policy of this State that public bodies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and that the people have a right to be informed as to the conduct of their business. In order that the people shall be informed, the General Assembly finds and declares that it is the intent of this Act to ensure that the actions of public bodies be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly.

Section 2:140 of our Policy Manual: Communications To and From the Board states in part,

Electronic communications among a majority or more of a Board-quorum shall not be used for the purpose of discussing District business. Electronic communications among Board members shall be limited to: (1) disseminating information, and (2) messages not involving deliberation, debate, or decision-making.

Because a Board-quorum on a 7-member board is 4, a majority of a Board-quorum is 3. Therefore a board member that emails or otherwise meets with two other board members at the same time regarding Board business is in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Bhave stated that during the ISBA new board member training for OMA, it was suggested to never have more than two board members speak about anything related to the public business of the Board, even if it is casual conversation. He stated that this is a very serious matter. He added that the attorney general's office takes a very broad interpretation of the OMA and a violation is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by 30 days in jail and subject to a fine of \$1,500.

Mr. Bhave stated that from what he had heard, the board attorney felt three board members could attend the Mobile Home Park Community Outreach group, but given what ISBA says, why would the Board even take a chance on violating the OMA? Mr. Bhave stated that was the opinion of our board attorney, but not necessarily the opinion of the attorney general or the court's viewpoint. He suggested that three members of the board not be in the room together when there is any discussion of board business outside of an open board meeting.

Ms. Krinsky stated that to her knowledge, our board attorney is very conservative. His recommendation was made when the Board members were part of a larger group discussing a back to school event, not board business.

Dr. Fessler noted that he invites BOE members to attend any of our training sessions because it is training and not board business. This also applies to conferences.

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Mrs. Osmanski noted that adhering to the rules of the OMA was difficult to learn and practice as a new board member. She recalled a time when the Board realized that by adding comments to spreadsheet, they were actually discussing Board business.

Mrs. Schumacher stated that she does not feel the Board wants to be punitive in setting rules, but that the Board should be self-monitoring.

Ms. Krinsky asked if it is sufficient to say that this discussion goes on public record and that the Board will be self-monitoring. The Board members agreed.

Board Procedures and Practices

Ms. Krinsky identified two areas that Mr. Burns had requested be discussed: electronic signage at two of our schools and a matter concerning the plaque for the ELC. She stated that these issues are procedural in nature and are not matters for Board deliberation. She stated that the proper procedure would be to contact the

Board President or Dr. Fessler to ask about how or why such decisions are made. She noted that Board members may bring before the board requests for changes to procedure.

Mr. Burns asked for clarification on when a Board member can bring up something for discussion during a Board meeting.

Ms. Krinsky noted that typically Board members can ask Dr. Fessler why or how a decision has been made and if the Board members feels it needs to be discussed at a board meeting the options would be to:

1. Bring it up under New or Old Business
2. Send a note to Dr. Fessler to say that you would like to have discussion about the particular item and it can be added to the agenda

NEW/OLD BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Somogyi asked whether the board would be meeting with Legat for dinner on August 17th. Dr. Fessler indicated that there may be something planned for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the ELC on August 24, 2015 instead.

Dr. Fessler shared that there will be an Open House at the Fessler's home on August 20, 2015. This is an opportunity for 41 new staff members and their mentors to meet the Board of Education, Superintendency Team and Administrators. It will be social in nature and no Board business will be discussed.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Mr. Luedloff provided information about the Professional Development sessions that were offered this summer. Sessions were held 39 out of 49 days with a great turnout from staff.

Ms. McAbee added that many of the sessions were about Professional Learning and
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there were full sessions for many of the offerings. A customized version of some of the literacy trainings that Dr. Barrett and Mrs. Pirtle offered were presented to the ALT.

Mr. Luedloff stated that on Tuesday, 8/11/2015, CASEL would be presenting a training for administrators. The training typically costs \$200-250 for an individual, but by providing the training in-house, the district would save a couple of thousand dollars.

Ms. Zerfahs shared that the District would be bringing new staff to FJHS for five days of training as part of their contact. She shared a training document with the Board and invited them to attend any of the sessions at Friendship Jr. High for new teachers.

Dr. Fessler stated that at the end of this week, the District would be sending home a couple of key messages - one to parents explaining F & P in laymen's terms and some things that may look different in the classroom this year. The other communication which will be sent to staff and the ALT Team will include a more specific overview. SLT members have done a great job contributing to the content of the communication and

working on the District's messaging.

Literacy expert, Steven Layne, will be kicking off the school year on August 25, 2015. Dr. Fessler added that the District wants to give staff as much time as possible at their building before school starts.

Mrs. Osmanski asked if Board members would be going to the buildings on the first day of school as in the past.

Dr. Fessler confirmed that all Board members had IDs and stated that a signup list would be shared. He added that he appreciated visibility with Board Members SLT members also go out to the buildings and he would like to reach as many buildings as possible.

MOTION

at 9:24pm by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mr. Bhave to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of August, 2015, 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 negotiating matters...", -5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1&2) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

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MOTION

at 10:46pm by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mr. Bhave to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of August, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

DISCUSSION

A question was raised regarding the communication response read during the Open Meeting Agenda, item 10.04. The response read during Open Session was read under the guidance of the District's attorney. One Board member is considering filing a review with the Attorney General's office to determine if there was a violation to the OMA. FOIA requests may also be filed regarding this item.

MOTION at 10:47pm by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mr. Bhave to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of August, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski,
Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Roberts

Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

Sharon Roberts, President

ATTEST:

Acting Secretary Pro Tempore