

**Official Minutes of the Monday, August 24, 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 Early Learning Center, 1900 W. Lonnquist Blvd. Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Roll Call **Members Present:** President Sharon Roberts, Vice-President Janice Krinsky, Secretary Karen Osmanski, Members Sunil Bhawe, Tim Burns, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi.

Others Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Vickie Nissen; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services; Ben Grey, Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Communications; Executive Director of Human Resources, Kelley Zerfahs; Tony Rossi, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations; 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; Travis Hodges, Network Architect; Eric Swanson, Director for Maintenance; Andy Skic, Coordinator of Safety and Custodial Operations; Mrs. Seana McPherson, Ridge parent; Mrs. Rosann Murray, Juliette Low parent; Mrs. Joann Krestel, Juliette Low parent.

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

**AUDIENCE
RECESS**

Present Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to address the Board of Education.

Ms. Eydie Cohen praised the district for the successful week of mentoring for new staff. She thanked Mrs. Schumacher and Mrs. Roberts for attending. She said that new staff members were impressed by the training and excited to begin the school year.

Mrs. Joann Krestel and Mrs. Rosann Murray, parents from Juliette Low school addressed the Board of Education. Mrs. Murray stated that she and Mrs. Krestel are very pleased with the educational opportunities that her children have at Juliette Low and that they are very happy to hear about the opportunity for a one-way Dual Language Program offered at Juliette Low this year. However, Mrs. Murray stated that she is disappointed that their kindergarten students will be segregated from the dual language opportunities that are being provided to the other children. Her concern is that the district is going to run parallel tracks and not blend the classes and that seems like a missed opportunity.

Mrs. Kristel stated that one of the reasons that they purchased a home in

District 59 is that they appreciated the diversity that District 59 offers. She is a former World Language teacher and the opportunity for her children to learn a second language is important to her.

They are requesting the District consider expanding the opportunities for students to learn a second language. If it is possible to make even a minor change to blend the students, such as a Spanish Club, they would be willing to help in any way. They thanked the Board of Education for all that they do.

Dr. Fessler asked that Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Krestel leave their contact information for follow up.

The Board thanked Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Krestel for coming to address the Board.

REPORTS OF

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Schumacher attended the band and orchestra concerts put on by the summer school students. She felt the concert was excellent. Mrs. Schumacher also enjoyed visiting with new staff at one of the mentoring sessions and at Dr. Fessler's Open House. She plans to attend the first day at Clearmont School on August 26, 2015 for opening day.

Ms. Krinsky and Mrs. Osmanski attended the 2nd Annual Back to School Meet and Greet at Oasis Mobile Home Park. District 59 and District 214 partner on this event. It was a very successful event sponsored by District 59 and District 214 and 500-600 people attended the celebration.

Ms. Krinsky added that she had attended the NSSEO opening ceremony with 500 staff present. Ms. Krinsky serves on the governing board of the eight district co-op.

Mrs. Osmanski shared that the District 59 Education Foundation will host the 2nd Annual Back To School Celebration from 11am-2pm on Grove Jr. High School grounds. Many PTOs will provide activities and surprises for the students. Due to generous donations and fundraising efforts of the D59 Ed. Foundation, there is no cost to families for this event.

Mr. Burns had an opportunity to meet with Carole Medal, Executive Director of the Gail Borden Public Library. Ms. Medal has done research on the educational impact on students who do not have access to public libraries. The Board expressed interest in reading the research.

Mrs. Osmanski shared that at the Mobile Home Outreach planning meeting, they shared that the management at one of the larger mobile home parks is working on with residents and trying to get a library started in the mobile home park. The community is very excited about that possibility.

Mrs. Somogyi attended the District 59 SEL training. She stated that it was a very informative session and the information was very pertinent to the needs of our students.

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Mrs. Roberts stated that she and Dr. Fessler met with 10-12 local realtors recently to help them better understand what District 59 offers. Dr. Fessler

shared that someone recently pointed out that one realtor website lists District 59 as one of the most innovative school districts in the area.

ACTION

ITEM

ADOPTION OF THE 2015/16 BUDGET

MOTION

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59, Cook County, Illinois, has caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and,

WHEREAS, due notice that said tentative budget was available for public inspection, has been given in full compliance with the law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 10th day of August, 2015, notice of said hearing having been given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements complied with; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of August, 2015 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education does authorize:

Section 1. That the fiscal year of this district be and the same is hereby fixed and declared to begin on the 1st day of July, 2015, and end on the 30th day of June, 2016.

Section 2. That the budget, copy of which is inserted in the official minutes of this meeting immediately following the last page hereof, containing an estimate of amounts available in the Educational, Operations and Maintenance, and other funds, each separately, and of expenditures for each of the aforementioned funds, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this district for said fiscal year.

Roll Call

Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

Mrs. Somogyi suggested that with two new Board of Education members, it might be worthwhile to meet more often with Ms. Nissen to learn about budget development.

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Mrs. Schumacher suggested that she would like to see comparative data included.

Mrs. Roberts stated that is something that can be considered.

MOTION by Mrs. Osmanski and seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of August, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education designate Rinn Knoepfle as Secretary Pro Tempore for the September 15, 2015 Special Board of Education joint meeting.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky,
Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

It was noted that there should have been background information included in the resolution regarding the appointment of a Secretary Pro Tempore for the Joint Board meeting so the Board would be aware of who was being appointed and why.

Present Roberts noted that District 214 has invited all of the elementary feeder districts and Harper to attend a joint board meeting.

Ms. Krinsky, Mrs. Somogyi, Mr Bhave and Mrs. Schumacher plan on attending the District 214 Joint Board of Education meeting on September 15, 2015.

MOTION by Mrs. Schumacher and seconded by Mrs. Somogyi to approve the following resolution as amended:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of August, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of school supplies from Elk Grove Township, Apple Vacations employees and 385 backpacks filled with school supplies from Costco Wholesale.

BE IT FURTHER 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.

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DISCUSSION

ITEMS BOARD GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT

President Roberts made the edits on the Board Governance Agreements

document which were suggested at the August 3, 2015 Board meeting. The edits were shared with the Board via a google doc.

Discussion regarding who has the authority to contact the Board attorney will be postponed and discussed if the Board agrees to a Board Self-Evaluation.

Board Self Evaluation

Several board members indicated they felt it would be very helpful for the Board to participate in a self evaluation.

President Roberts will check with IASB to check on possible dates.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Burns indicated that he has been hearing from residents that they would like to know how new residents or new families know about the opportunities at the Ridge Family Learning Center.

Dr. Fessler stated he encourages parents to use the website as a primary source of information.

Mr. Burns explained that if new families do not know that the opportunity exists to attend a school other than their home school, they wouldn't know to search for the information on the website.

Ms. Krinsky stated that she agrees that there should be a review of our process on how we inform families of the opportunities at Ridge and Salt Creek.

Mrs. Schumacher added that the District include the ELC in that discussion.

President Roberts asked that Dr. Fessler discuss this with the SLT and that the Board can get feedback once the conversation takes place.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Dr. Fessler let the Board know that all Board Committee meetings will be posted to ensure there would no chance of violating the Open Meetings Act. Board members were asked to please let the facilitator know if they will be attending committee meeting that they are not assigned to.

Dr. Fessler noted that they would look at adding additional dates for the Finance Committee to meet in the fall.

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President Roberts asked Board members to please look at their profile on the website and see if it needs to be updated.

Ms. Krinsky shared that she will be meeting with District 214 Community Outreach director.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Mr. Luedloff shared a report that outlined resignation data.

Mr. Burns was curious about the performance ratings for staff members who have resigned. Mr. Luedloff felt it would be easy to provide that data.

Mr. Luedloff also shared that the District may need to fill a 1.5 psychologist position with an outside agency at this point because they have exhausted the pool of candidates.

Dr. Fessler stated that generally that would be a consent agenda item, but he wants to update the Board so that when it comes before the Board there would be understanding as to why we are using an agency.

Mr. Luedloff shared that staff and administrators have done an excellent job preparation for the start of the school year.

Mr. Grey gave a short demonstration of the Learning Lab. It is a tool created to help staff create lessons and share resources. It was developed internally with input from CDT and staff and then was developed by Floodlight.

Ms. Zerfahs shared that the District had invited a former student Jennifer Shiro to speak to at the Summer Symposium on Monday. She had attended Frost, FJHS, Prospect High School and is now a student at Harper pursuing a career in education. Jennifer's message about the importance of being a champion and very inspirational for the new staff.

Dr. Fessler thanked the Board of Education for approving the ECL. The building has exceeded every expectation. He congratulated Mr. Rossi and thanked him for his hard work to.

Dr. Fessler thanked Ms. Cohen, teachers, staff and administrators for their effort this summer preparing for the start of this school year.

President Roberts thanked former Board member Mrs. Seana McPherson for attending the ECL Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Dr. Fessler invited the Board members to visit a Jr. High prototype classroom in the Jr. High.

MOTION at 8:50pm by Mrs. Schumacher seconded by Mr. Bhave, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of August, 2015, the Community

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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”, “Collective negotiating matters...”, “The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body”, -5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1,2, & 6) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Roll Call Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts,
Schumacher and Somogyi.
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

A verbatim audio-recording of the meeting was completed in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

MOTION at 9:00pm. by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of August 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call Roll Call Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky,
Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

ATTEST:

Sharon Roberts, President

Acting Secretary Pro Tempore