

MINUTES

The Minutes of the
Community Consolidated School District 15, Community Consolidated School
District 21, Prospect Heights School District 23, Arlington Heights School
District 25, River Trails School District 26, Mount Prospect School District 57,
Community Consolidated School District 59, Township High School District 214,
Harper College District 512 and NSSEO
Joint Boards of Education Meeting
held on September 15, 2015,
at the Forest View Educational Center,
2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois
at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., the Special Meetings of the Joint Boards of Education was called to order by President Harrison, District 21; President Page, District 25; President Johnson, District 26; President Nejd, District 57; President Roberts, District 59; President Kreutzer, District 214; and Board Member J. Krinsky, NSSEO respectively, with Notices to Board Members and Members of the Press sent on August 31, 2015 reading as follows:

Notice of Special Joint Workshop Meeting of the Boards of Education

You are hereby notified that Community Consolidated School District 15, Community Consolidated School District 21, Prospect Heights School District 23, Arlington Heights School District 25, River Trails School District 26, Mount Prospect School District 57, Community Consolidated School District 59, Township High School District 214, NSSEO and Harper College District 512 will conduct a joint Board of Education Workshop on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. The workshop is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the Board/Arlington Rooms at the Forest View Educational Center, 2121 South Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- V. BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP
 - o State and Federal Legislative Updates
 - o PreK-14 Initiative
 - o School Calendar Discussion
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

(Signed)

Alva Kreutzer, Board President
Township High School District 214

R. Knoepfle called the roll. The following members were present:

District 21

Staci Allen	Secretary
Bill Harrison	President
Arlen Gould	Member
Debbie McAtee	Member

District 25

Diana Chrissis	Member
Denise Glasgow	Secretary
Erin Johannesen	Member
Rich Olenjniczak	Member
David Page	President
Charles Williams	Vice President

District 26

Kathleen Beck	Member
Donna Johnson	President
Linda Linder	Secretary
Dan Miller	Member

District 57

Dennis Composto	Member
Jennifer Kobus	Member
Eileen Kowalczyk	Member
Gerald McCluskey	Member
Karen Nejd	President
Joseph Leane	Member

District 59

Sunil Bhave	Member
Janice Krinsky	Vice President
Sharon Roberts	President
Mardell Schumacher	Member
Barbara Somogyi	Member

District 214

Mark Hineman	Member
Alva Kreutzer	President
James Perkins	Member
Daniel Petro	Member

Todd Younger Vice President

NSSEO

Carol Botwinski	Secretary
Dennis Composto	Member
Erin Johannesen	Member
Janice Krinsky	Member
Debbie McAtee	Member
James Perkins	Member

Absent at roll call:

District 21

Pamela Becker Dean	Vice President
Phil Pritzker	Member
Jeff Battinus	Member

District 25

Brian Cerniglia	Member
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District 26

Julia Nemcek	Vice President
Rathna Koka	Member
Frank Fiarito	Member

District 57

Joe Sonnefeldt

District 59

Timothy Burns	Member
Karen Osmanski	Secretary

District 214

Mimi Cooper	Member
Bill Dussling	Member

NSSEO

Frank Fiarito	President
Anna Klimkowicz	Vice President

Also present at the meeting were:

K. Hyland, superintendent, Community Consolidated School District 21; K. Beach, communications specialist, Community Consolidated School District 21; D. Angelaccio, assistant superintendent,

Prospect Heights School District 23; C. Botwinski, board member, Prospect Heights School District 23; K. Novak, board member, Prospect Heights School District 23; L. Bein, superintendent, Arlington Heights School District 25; D. Delli, superintendent, River Trails School District 26; M. Silverman, director for curriculum and instruction, River Trails School District 26; L. Schuster, assistant superintendent for business services, River Trails School District 26; E. Aumiller, superintendent, Mount Prospect School District 57; A. Fessler, superintendent, Community Consolidated School District 59; D. Schuler, superintendent, Township High School District 214; J. Hackett, superintendent, NSSEO; G. Dowell, chairman, Board of Trustees, Harper College District 512; Diane D. Hill, trustee, Harper College District 512; P. Stack, trustee, Harper College District 512; J. Warwick, provost, Harper College District 512; L. Brown, executive director, Harper College Educational Foundation; M. Coons, senior executive to the president and board liaison, Harper College District 512; E. Brooks, assistant director of community engagement and outreach, Township High School District 214; J. Delgado, media manager, Township High School District 214; R. Knoepfle, executive assistant to the school board and superintendent, Township High School District 214; P. Mogge, director of community engagement and outreach, Township High School District 214; and members of the press.

At 7:09 p.m., Pamela Becker Dean, District 21, entered the meeting.

At 7:10 p.m., Brian Cerniglia, District 25, entered the meeting.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Township High School District 214 Board President Kreutzer led the Board members and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Township High School District 214 Board President Kreutzer asked if there was any member of the public who wished to address the Joint Boards of Education. There were no public comments.

3. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

E. Aumiller, superintendent of Mount Prospect School District 57, introduced the other school superintendents in attendance: K. Hyland, Community Consolidated School District 21; L. Bein, Arlington Heights School District 25; D. Delli, River Trails School District 26; A. Fessler, Community Consolidated School District 59; J. Hackett, NSSEO; and D. Schuler, Township High School District 214;

D. Schuler, superintendent, Township High School District 214, provided a brief State and federal budget and legislative update.

J. Hackett, superintendent, NSSEO, described the ongoing efforts to lobby for changes in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

K. Hyland, superintendent, Community Consolidated School District 21, explained how the area superintendents are collaborating on the legislative issues, current and new mandates, and professional development.

B. Harrison, board president, Community Consolidated School District 21, addressed the group as a member of the executive board of Ed-Red. He requested that board members notify the executive director, C. Valadez, or him with any issues. He suggested creating a legislative committee composed of a Board member from each district. That group could identify several critical issues to discuss with area legislators who would be invited to a meeting with all of the Boards.

4. PreK-14 INITIATIVE

Provost J. Warwick, Harper College, provided an overview of the Harper Promise, an initiative based on a cradle to careers approach for students and developed with the collaboration of the three feeder high school districts and the area business leaders to make college more affordable. Students can earn two full years of tuition-free college by meeting the eligibility requirements and maintaining all of the success factors through their semesters at Harper. Criteria have been identified regarding attendance, taking a rigorous academic program, persistence in maintaining good grades, graduating on time, and community service, all the factors students need to be ready to succeed in their future. Applications are completed in the fall of the 9th grade year, so it is critical students and parents learn about the program while still in middle school.

L. Brown, executive director of the Harper College Educational Foundation, reported that the Harper Promise has already raised \$7 million of the initial \$10 million needed to begin the support of the Harper Promise, part of which was funded by the Harper College Educational Foundation. Donors have stepped up and the Board is energized about raising additional funds. She noted that the Educational Foundation has looked to address the needs of students of poverty through the Harper Ambassador Program for elementary and middle school students. Through activities, such as career days and a special on-campus program for 8th graders, the Ambassadors program seeks to find ways to inspire young students of poverty that “college is possible” and to give back to the community.

5. SCHOOL CALENDAR DISCUSSION

D. Schuler, superintendent, Township High School District 214, noted that districts in the surrounding area have made changes to their calendars, with several starting the year earlier. Increasing amounts of research have been published indicating that the start times of schools may not be the most advantageous for student achievement. He indicated that rather than address each of these as single issues, the community-at-large needs to engage in conversation about all aspects of the calendar and start times as it affects all the districts and families. He described the process that District 214 will be using to engage the community, parents, staff and students in providing input and feedback to determine if there is a better model to meet the needs of children.

D. Delli asked each district’s board to spend some time identifying the hopes and the fears that they have regarding having the conversation about the school calendar and start-times. Board members within each district shared their opinions and questions to be addressed and notes from those

conversations will be aggregated to identify consistent themes to address as part of the ongoing dialogue with the community.

A. Fessler and L. Bein addressed the need of the boards to be courageous and thanked them for their collaborative efforts to prepare students to be successful for their future.

6. ADJOURNMENT

President Kreutzer thanked everyone for attending and asked that everyone complete an online survey that will be sent to them regarding the purpose and need for future meetings.

It was moved by Gould and seconded by McAtee to adjourn the Community Consolidated School District 21 meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chrissis to adjourn the Arlington Heights School District 25 meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Linder and seconded by Beck to adjourn the River Trails School District 26 meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Leane and seconded by Composto to adjourn the Mount Prospect School District 57 meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Krinsky to adjourn the Community Consolidated School District 59 meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Petro and seconded by Perkins to adjourn the Township High School District 214 meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Botwinski and seconded by Perkins to adjourn the NSSEO meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Alva Kreutzer, President

Todd, Younger, Vice President

ATTEST:

Sharon Roberts, President

Karen Osmanski, Secretary