

**Official Minutes of the Tuesday, October 13, 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 Tuesday, October 13, 2015. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Roll Call **Members Present:** President, Sharon Roberts, Vice-President Janice Krinsky and Secretary Karen Osmanski. Members: Sunil Bhave, Tim Burns, and Barbara Somogyi.
Members Absent: Mardell Schumacher
- Others Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Vickie Nissen; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen McAbee; 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; Dr. Josh Carpenter, Executive Director for Assessment and Data Analysis; Christy Prikkell, Director of Fiscal Services; Pam Schakowsky, Robert Frost; Laura Meehan, Robert Frost; Jessica McCormick, Principal Robert Frost; Carrie Abrams, Assistant Principal Robert Frost; Michael Merritt, Principal, Brentwood; Niketa Patel, Robert Frost; Colleen Carlberg, Ridge; Susan Jones, MCC; Mark & Laura Roden, Robert Frost;

Pledge of Allegiance

President Roberts invited Robert Frost students to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

AUDIENCE RECESS

President Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to address the Board of Education. No one came forward.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Burns posed a question regarding a contract on the consent agenda dated September 14, 2015. Ms. Zerfahs explained an employee in HR had created the September 14, 2015 HR Resolution prior to leaving for vacation. The contract was received in HR after the documents were linked, thus, the contact was added to the October 13, 2015 consent agenda.

MOTION

by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Ms. Krinsky to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 13th day of October 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- 5.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
 - a. September 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes
 - b. September 14, 2015 Closed Meeting Minutes
 - c. September 15, 2015 Special Joint Boards of Education Meeting
 - d. September 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes
 - e. October 3, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes
 - f. October 3, 2015 Closed Meeting Minutes

- 5.02 Disbursements Resolution
 - a. October 13, 2015 Disbursement Listing for FY 2015-16

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

- 5.05 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
 - a. Certified Contracts
 - b. Certified Retirement
 - c. Certified Lane Changes
 - d. ESP Contracts
 - e. ESP Resignations
 - f. ESP Retirement
 - g. Temporary Contracts

- 5.06 Approval to destroy 18 month old or older verbatim audio files of Closed Session Meetings

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

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Somogyi shared information about the process for resolutions that will be discussed at the IASB Conference to be held in November.

Mrs. Osmanski will be reading in Mrs. Glombicki's classroom at Robert Frost Elementary School on Friday, October 16, 2015.

INTEREST TOPICS

STUDENT PRESENTATION BY ROBERT FROST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dr. Fessler introduced Robert Frost Principal, Mrs. Jessica McCormick, and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Carrie Abrams. They shared background information about service projects that Frost students are participating in.

Last year, Robert Frost sponsored a school club “Friends of Frosty” that focused on several service projects including Red Ribbon Week Activities, Pennies for Pasta, World Kindness Day activities, Random Acts of Kindness activities, Packages for Patriots, and writing letters to soldiers.

This year Robert Frost has connected service learning with social/emotional learning by expanding “Friends of Frosty” to include every classroom.

Three 4th grade students from Mrs. Pam Schakowsky’s and Mrs. Laura Meehan’s homerooms, Paige Roden, Kush Patel and Allen Paul shared information about a global project and a local project they are working on.

The students shared that they had learned about the word “poverty” and wanted to research which countries have the most poverty.

Teachers have arranged an end of the year field trip to Feed My Starving Children.

Students shared their ideas for the Robert Frost Book Swap, their local project.

Board members told the students how impressed they were with their problem-solving skills and their desire to make a difference.

Mrs. Roberts thanked the Frost staff, students and parents for an enjoyable presentation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

Ms. Zerfahs reported that five FOIA requests had been received since the September 28, 2015 meeting. One of the requests was actually for student records and did not qualify as a FOIA request. Ms. Zerfahs assisted the family in getting the information they requested for the student records. The information for the four FOIA requests was provided in the allotted timeframe.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Nissen introduced Ms. Susan Jones, auditor from Mill Cooper & Co., Ltd. Ms. Jones reviewed the financial findings for the 2014-15 school year through

a report and a powerpoint presentation. She stated that she had received excellent cooperation from Mrs. Nissen and the Business Office staff.

Ms. Jones stated that it is expected District 59 will receive a 2016 Financial Profile Designation of 4.00, the highest category issued by the state.

MOTION by Mr. Bhave, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on the 13th day of October, 2015, the Board of Education has reviewed the Community Consolidated School District 59 Annual Financial Report (ISBE Form SD50-35) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 as presented;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 accepts the Annual Financial Report (AFR) as Final and authorizes the filing of the AFR to the Illinois State Board of Education in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/3-7.

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

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

MOTION by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Ms. Krinsky to adopt the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the next generation will be the stewards of our communities, nation and world, leading us toward a future of both promise and challenge;

WHEREAS, the well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good moral character;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition is to fortify the lives of America's young people with strong ethical values;

WHEREAS, CHARACTER COUNTS! is based upon the consensus values of Six Pillars: (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship), which values transcend divisions between race, creed, politics, gender and wealth;

WHEREAS, the period of October 19-23, 2015 has been designated as a time for communities to celebrate and support character development and education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education proclaims the period commencing

October 19, 2015, and ending October 23, 2015 as a time to celebrate the American Character, and calls upon parents, employees and community members to:

1. Discuss and study the lives of Americans of extraordinary character.
2. Recognize local individuals who have in the past year demonstrated the highest qualities of the American character.
3. Teach young people about and encourage them to consider careers in public service.
4. Provide service-learning opportunities to young people, as a first step in a commitment to a life of regular community service.

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

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

MOTION by Mr. Bhave, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 13th day of October, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the following update to the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education Policy Manual.

SECTION 6- Students (as edited)

(5-Year Review) 6:140 -- Education of Homeless Children

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

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board Self-Evaluation and Next Steps

The Board of Education participated in a self-evaluation with IASB facilitator Barbara Toney on October 3, 2015. Board members expressed that the session was very helpful.

Next Steps for the Board will include:

- Community Engagement workshop offered by IASB
- Monitoring in metrics for the strategic plan
- Review Board Governance Agreements

The Board will review the Board Governance Agreements and send additional questions, comments or suggestions to Mrs. Roberts and Dr. Fessler by October 25, 2015. Questions, comments and suggestions will be shared with the full Board at the October 26, 2015 meeting.

Board Policy 7:90

Board Policy 7:90 – Release During School Hours is undergoing a 5-year review. It was suggested to modify the language in the second paragraph. Mr. Bhave agreed to rewrite the paragraph before the October 26, 2015 Board meeting.

New/Old Business

Dr. Burns requested that the Board receive a Joint Admin/Association report regarding progress with PERA Type 1, II and III assessments, including information on how the District will look at student growth as it relates to teacher evaluations. Board members agreed this should be added to a future Board agenda.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

RIDGE INTERSESSION

Ms. Kelley Zerfahs served as principal during the Ridge Intersession. Fifty Kindergarten - 5th grade students participated in the intersession. Dr. Bohanek will serve as principal during the next intersession.

STUDENT GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES

Mrs. Maureen McAbee shared that this is the second year the District has had student led conferences. The role of the student was elevated this year and parents were provided questions prior to the conference to help with the

discussion during the conference. The District will ask for feedback from staff and parents about the process for the fall conferences.

MTSS TRAINING UPDATE

Dr. Josh Carpenter shared that the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) looks at a continuum of support for all students and also focuses on the whole child. The focus is on both behavior and academics. The assistant principals play a critical role in leading the process for MTSS.

VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Andy Skic, Coordinator of Safety and Custodial Operations, shared information about the new Visitor Management System implemented in all District 59 school buildings. Visitors who wish to visit the building beyond the front office will need to show an official form of identification. The ID will be scanned and the new management system will run a check with a national sex offender database to ensure all visitors are cleared to visit the building.

ERIN'S LAW

Mrs. Veronica Lake shared that each year the Educational Services support teams conduct lessons on personal safety and child sexual abuse prevention as required by Erin's Law. There will be two lessons this year for elementary school students and one for junior high students. Parents can opt out if desired.

DISTRICT 59 COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Ben Grey shared that the District has shifted from a quarterly newsletter to a magazine content that will be issued twice a year. The first issue will be released soon. The magazine will be distributed to the community by address rather than bulk mail.

LEARNING SPACES UPDATE

Mr. Ben Grey shared that the District is working with a consultant to develop a survey tool for feedback from students and staff on the Learning Spaces prototype classrooms and the three rounds of furniture used this year.

Mr. Ben Grey and Mr. David Pohlmeier presented during a PR Power Hour webinar hosted by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA). The topic was “branding” and Mr. Grey and Mr. Pohlmeier shared what District 59 has done in this area.

INNOVATIVE LEARNING TEAM

Mr. Ross Vittore shared that in addition to the Engage 2015 Parent Technology Conference on November 7, 2015, the Innovative Learning Team will host six additional events for parents (two per cluster) throughout the school year. The training opportunities will provide parents with a choice of sessions including topics such as student online safety, 21st century parenting resources and specific technology tool training.

Mr. Vittore also shared that the Innovative Learning Team’s focus for Connected Educator Month has been to connect District 59 staff through technology. The team planned activities for each week in October to help staff connect and share instructional ideas, resources and model 21st century learning.

ISBE THOSE WHO EXCEL

Dr. Fessler shared that District 59 Mrs. Sharon Roberts, Mr. Tom Luedloff and fifteen District 59 staff members will be recognized by ISBE at the Those Who Excel Recognition Dinner on Saturday, October 17, 2015 in Bloomington Normal.

Board members congratulated Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Luedloff and thanked them for their leadership.

MOTION

at 8:43 p.m. by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Osmani, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 13th day of October, 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”, “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	Ayes:	6	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmani, Roberts and Somogyi.
	Nays:	0	
	Absent:	1	Schumacher
	Abstain:	0	

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

