

**Official Minutes of the Monday, November 23, 2015  
Board of Education Meeting**

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**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, November 23, 2015.

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

**Members Absent:** Karen Osmanski

Ms. Janice Krinsky was appointed Secretary Pro-Tempore

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

**Also Present** Eydie Cohen, DEA President; David Pohlmeier, Director of Communications and Design; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Mrs. Seana McPherson, Ridge parent; Colleen Carlberg; Martina Perez, Assistant Principal Devonshire; and Kathy Beach, Assistant Principal Brentwood, Michael Merritt, Principal Brentwood

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

**AUDIENCE  
RECESS**

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

**REPORTS OF  
BOARD**

Mrs. Roberts indicated that all Board members attended the Triple I Conference and enjoyed many informative sessions.

Mr. Bhawe shared highlights of the sessions on English Learners and Dual Language Programs, the Turn Around Agenda and Legislative Topics.

Mrs. Somogyi attended sessions on the State Pension, Legislative Updates and Learning Communities during the Triple I Conference. She also attended the listening session at Ridge Family Center.

Ms. Krinsky attended the daytime fine arts performance of “Heroes” at Forest

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View Elementary School to honor Veterans. She said it was an excellent production. She also attended the listening sessions at Clearmont and John Jay Elementary Schools and appreciated hearing from staff. Ms. Krinsky shared highlights of the Triple I general session with Freeman Hrabowsky and the Early Childhood and Community Outreach sessions. Lastly, Ms. Krinsky was happy to share that it had been announced that Dr. Judith Hackett, Superintendent of NSSEO, was selected as the 2016 Illinois Superintendent of the Year.

Mrs. Roberts attended the Veteran’s Day celebration at FJHS and enjoyed the music. She stated she is glad to be part of a district that appreciates music and the impact it has on students. She attended the evening session of Forest View’s Heroes program and felt it was outstanding.

During the Triple I Conference, Mrs. Roberts attended the Vision 20/20 Update and enjoyed networking with other school board members from across the state.

Dr. Burns shared that one of the sessions at the Triple I Conference pertained to new laws relating to expulsions and the need for a written response that will serve as a legal document. He also found a session on selling bonds to be very interesting.

Mrs. Schumacher enjoyed the general session and shared the closing exercise. Mrs. Schumacher also attended a session on Communication. She will share information the communication information from Wheaton-Warrenville District with Dr. Fessler.

Mrs. Schumacher shared that Clearmont had invited Mr. Schumacher, a Korean War veteran, to speak to the 4th grade students on Veteran’s Day. The students were very engaged and both Mr. and Mrs. Schumacher thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Mrs. Schumacher also attended five listening sessions with staff. She thanked Dr. Fessler for putting this together and feels the time is well spent.

**SPECIAL  
INTEREST  
TOPIC**

**SLT PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATE - TRIMESTER I**

Members of the SLT shared a high-level summary of information tied to the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan for each of the four area of strategic direction:

- Student Growth - Educating the Whole Child Academically, Physically, and Emotionally
- Communication and Community Relations

- Recruit, Develop and Retain Distinguished Staff
- Long-Term Financial Stability and Fiscal Integrity

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The information presented directly ties to the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan and the Trimester Overview that was shared with the BOE in August, 2015.

Board members expressed appreciation for the design and content included in the 100 day update.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN SCORECARD**

Dr. Fessler shared the digital Strategic Plan Scorecard with the Board of Education and invited the Board to provide feedback on the design. Once the scorecard goes live on the District website, it will be updated three times per year.

The Board expressed appreciation for the work that has been done on the scorecard.

Dr. Fessler shared that the US Department of Education indicated that the District 59 website is in the top 1% of websites in the entire country.

## **2015 STUDENT GROWTH DATA - TRIMESTER 1**

Dr. Josh Carpenter led the Board through a presentation on data related to student growth.

Types of assessment used in District 59:

- Formative
- Common Summative
- Performance Based
- Universal Screening

District 59 utilizes two primary assessments for benchmarking students:

1. FASTBridge Learning houses Curriculum Based Measurement (CBM) and Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) tools to screen, diagnose, monitor and inform instruction.
2. The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System is a comprehensive system for one-on-one assessment that reliably and systematically matches students' instructional and independent reading abilities to text levels.

Dr. Carpenter shared graphs with the 2015 Fall Fountas & Pinnell Data/Information for grades 1-5, FAST aMath for grades 2-6, and FAST aReading grades 2-8. Dr. Carpenter stressed that the District looks at the whole child (academic, social and emotional and behavior) when assessing how to create a system of support to meet the needs of students.

Dr. Burns questioned whether this snapshot of where our students are at this time will play into Principals, Assistant Principals and teachers' goals. He asked

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if there there will be some aspect of FAST tied to a performance-based measurement. Ms. Zerfahs responded that as the PERA Committee continues their work, they will provide updates on progress in that area.

The Board thanked Dr. Carpenter for his presentation.

**ITEM                      AWARD OF BID FOR PAPER**

**MOTION**                      by Ms. Krinsky seconded by Mr. Bhavé to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS bids were opened on October 27, 2015 for paper; and

WHEREAS five (5) bids were received with the lowest conforming bids submitted by Midland Paper for xerographic; and Murnane Paper for vellum;

NOW. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. on the 23rd day of November 2015, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 award the paper bid to Midland Paper, 101 E. Palatine Road, Wheeling, Illinois for \$48,076.00 and Murnane Paper, 345 Fischer Farm Rd, Elmhurst, Illinois for \$6,244.00 for a total of \$54,320.00.

<b>Roll Call</b>	Ayes:	6	Bhavé, Burns, Krinsky, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
	Nays:	0	
	Absent:	1	Osmanski
	Abstain:	0	

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

**MOTION**                      by Mrs. Schumacher seconded by Mrs. Somogyi to adopt the following resolution:

Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting be opened on this date, November 23, 2015 for a public hearing on the proposed tax levy for 2015 and that the secretary shall record the time as 9:19 p.m. No members of the community came to address the Board during the hearing.

Dr. Burns had posed a question at the last Board meeting regarding the use of Fund Balances to pay off debt extension and asked for clarification on the response to his question.

Ms. Nissen stated she had shared that information with the Board in the most recent Friday update. She explained that the Board could decide to lessen the levy for one year by having the Bond and Interest portion of the levy come out of the Fund Balance. To accomplish that, the Board of

Education would need to pass a resolution that would abate a portion of the Working Cash to the Education Fund and then complete an Interfund Transfer from the Education Fund to the Bond and Interest Fund. The District would give the

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County Clerk the direction that the levy would not include the District's one year Bond debt (\$3.6 million). If the Board decided to do this for one year and not going forward, the community would see an increase in their tax bill in subsequent years. Ms. Nissen will confirm the number, but she estimates the relief to be \$30.00 for a home valued at \$100,000.

Ms. Nissen advised that if the Board wants to pursue this as an option, the decision would need to be made at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Burns felt that the community would respond positively to any type of tax relief.

Mrs. Somogyi stated she felt that in light of what is going financially in Illinois, that the District needs to exercise caution. She stated that the District has already provided relief to the community because the District does not tax at the maximum levy.

Dr. Fessler reminded that Board that when looking at our five-year projection the Fund Balance would go from \$133 million to \$100 million do to the cost shift of the pension.

Mrs. Schumacher feels that even though our revenue is steady, the District needs to be cautious with spending.

Mrs. Somogyi stated that she feels that District expenses are best discussed during the development of the District budget and not during the Levy discussion. The levy is to cover the budget that has already been approved.

Dr. Fessler and Ms. Nissen will confirm the amount of relief a taxpayer would receive on property valued at \$100,000 and share the information with with Board on Tuesday, November 24, 2015.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bhavé that the hearing on the 2015 tax levy be closed and the secretary shall record the time as 9:35 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Ayes: 6 Bhavé, Burns, Krinsky, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Osmanski

Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

**MOTION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of

books from Bernie's Book Bank 28101 Ballard Dr. Lake Forest, IL 60045 .

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of books to enrich the literacy lives of students.

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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.

**Roll Call**

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

**MOTION** by Mr. Bhave and seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of books from Alexian Brothers Childcare, Bright Horizons 935 Beisner Rd. Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of books to enhance classroom libraries.

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.

**Roll Call**

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

**MOTION** by Mr. Bhave and seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of

student dictionaries from BPO ELKS Des Plaines Lodge #1526, Inc 495 Lee Street Des Plaines, IL 60016.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of

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student dictionaries be a resource to our 3rd grade students as they engage in 21st century learning activities.

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.

**MOTION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$250.00 from Russell S. Pollina, DDS - 601 W. Central Rd. Suite #4, Mount Prospect, IL 60056.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$250.00 for future service projects, the Mount Prospect Food Pantry and to support the Jaylen R. Blackshear Children's Fund.

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.

**Roll Call**

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

**MOTION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$300.00 from Ms. Rosann Sroka - 1636 Highland Avenue Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$300.00 for the P.E. Department to purchase floor hockey equipment.

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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.

**Roll Call**

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

## **DISCUSSION**

### **ITEMS      Property Option Draft Survey**

Dr. Fessler shared that the Facilities Planning and Advisory Committee met to review and make revisions to the Draft of the Property Option Survey. Dr. Burns and Mrs. Somogyi serve on the Committee, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Luedloff, Mr. Rossi and Dr. Fessler participated in the committee meeting.

The committee provided a Draft of the presentation and the digital survey. The Board of Education gave feedback on changes to the draft of the digital survey.

Next steps identified include:

- Design digital version of the survey
- Share pilot with Board for feedback and revisions
- Share pilot with Community Advisory Committee
- Hold a Listening Session in Elk Grove (at Grove Jr. High)
- Launch digital survey questionnaire
- Hold a Listening Session at the District Office
- BoE Meeting to Review Data from the surveys and discuss next steps
- Consider another Listening Session III (if necessary)
- BoE Update and Discussion
- Board Action depending on the outcomes

**Student Transportation Services Contract Extension and Rates for 2016/17**



With regard to student transportation service provider contracts, Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/29-6.1) stipulates the following :

... school boards may enter into contracts for up to 3 years for transportation of pupils to and from school. Such contracts may be extended for up to 2 additional years by mutual agreement of the

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parties, and thereafter may be extended on a year-to-year basis by mutual agreement of the parties, however no such contract may be extended on a year-to-year basis if a school board receives a timely request from another interested contractor that a contract be let to bid.

The 2016/17 school year represents a one year extension option, which is beyond the scope of the existing contract. The administration recommends the District agree to a Grand Prairie Transit proposal of 2.6% increase in rates for the 2016/17 school year.

This one year extension will allow the District to work with District 214 and their other feeder districts to explore transportation options, starting with the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Nissen indicated that Grand Prairie has had staffing issues, but added that this is a problem nationwide.

## **MOTION**

at 10:43 p.m. by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November, 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”, “The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students”, -5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1,2, 6 & 10) of the Open Meetings Act.

## **Roll Call**

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

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

## **MOTION**

at 11:02 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

at 11:03 PM by Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Bhawe to adopt the following

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 23rd day of November 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

Karen Osmanski, Secretary

