

**Official Minutes of the Monday, December 14, 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, December 14, 2015.

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

Members Absent: Sunil Bhave

Mrs. Roberts shared that Mr. Bhave's mother had unexpectedly passed away. She asked that we keep the Bhave family in our thoughts at this difficult time.

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

Also Present: Dr. Rob Bohanek - Ridge Principal, Daniela Irimia - Ridge parent, Josh Pelland - Ridge parent, Bethany Soreng - Ridge teacher, Mrs. Melissa Ward - Ed. Services, Eric Hart, Anusha, Christine, Schwarz, Juan Barrera, Susie Zayas, Kaleb Zayas, Jason(Ridge teacher) & Brie Boudreau, Lisa Richardson - Ridge teacher, Totyona Reycherre, Don Eitenga, Tom Slaiawiec, Colleen Carlberg – Ridge parent, Kara Brodeur, Rachel Solomon - Clearmont Principal, Patty Dowd Schmitz, Carol Brickley - Ridge teacher, Kristin Fiore – Juliette Low parent, Molly Chupp – Juliette Low parent, Rosann Murray, Johanna Urban – Juliette Low parent, Michele Lara - DEA, Mrs. Mary Ellen Esser - Byrd Principal

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

**AUDIENCE
RECESS**

President Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ms. Colleen Carlberg, President of the Ridge FTO, addressed the Board. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to hear Will Richardson present on the topic of 21st Century Learning and for the level of communication and discussion offered by the Administration with respect to future plans for Ridge. She stated the parents would like to form a committee to discuss things they would like to see at Ridge and to provide feedback to the Board and Administration.

Ms. Molly Chupp, Ms. Johanna Urban, and Ms. Kristin Fiore, parents from Juliette Low, addressed the Board. They had attended a meeting regarding the possibility of expanding the two-way Dual Language program. They stated that Juliette Low parents have expressed considerable interest in having the two-way Dual Language program at their school and stated that parents would be very supportive.

Mrs. Roberts stressed that the Board appreciates hearing from parents and community members thanked the groups for attending and sharing their thoughts.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
MOTION**

by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Dr. Burns to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- 5.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
 - a. 11-09-2015 Regular Minutes
 - b. 11-23-2015 Regular Minutes
 - c. 11-23-2015 Closed Minutes

- 5.02 Disbursements Resolution
 - a. Disbursement Listing for 2015-16

- 5.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2015
 - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of October 31, 2015
 - c. Investment Report as of October 31, 2015
 - d. Activity Fund Statements as of October 31, 2015

- 5.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
 - a. Administrative Resignation
 - b. Certified Contract Adjustment
 - c. Certified Resignation
 - d. Certified Lane Changes
 - e. ESP Contracts
 - f. ESP Resignations
 - g. Temporary CAMEO Contract

REPORTS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Osmanski serves as a member of the District 59 Education Foundation and shared that on November 19, 2015 the Foundation awarded 22 grants totaling \$15,835.00 to District 59 staff. Since 2002, the Foundation has awarded \$198,000 in grants to teachers in District 59.

Mrs. Osmanski is also a member of a large group of District 59 retirees. This year, the retiree group donated 10% of their proceeds to the District 59 Education Foundation. The retiree group will also participate in another ELC tour on January 22, 2016.

Mrs. Osmanski thanked anyone who participated in the Character Counts “Toys for Tots” drive. The toys were presented to the Marines at the beginning of December.

Mrs. Osmanski enjoyed being invited to talk to the 2nd grade students at Devonshire Elementary School about the role of a Board member.

Ms. Krinsky participated in a Family and Community Engagement Committee meeting. She also read to students at Devonshire and John Jay Elementary Schools.

Mrs. Schumacher shared that her husband had been a guest speaker for the 4th grade students at Clearmont on Veteran’s Day. Mr. Frank Schumacher received over 100 handwritten thank you cards from the Clearmont students.

Dr. Burns attended an event at Maryville Academy in Des Plaines which was held at the Shrine of the Lady of Guadalupe. He stated that a number of District 59 families also attended.

Mrs. Roberts attended the Pasi Sahlberg presentation on global education.

**SPECIAL
INTEREST
TOPIC**

RIDGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Bohanek shared information on the Ridge Enrichment Program. Ridge staff have determined that when students are pursuing their passion and interest, great learning occurs.

Three groups of Ridge students shared information about their earth science projects. The presentation included students’ explanations, videos and a slideshow. Students responded to questions from the Board.

The Board thanked the students and staff for the enjoyable presentation.

FOIA REQUESTS

Mrs. Zerfahs stated the District had received three FOIA requests. The requests were responded to in a timely manner.

COMMUNICATION SURVEY SUMMARY

Mr. Grey and Ms. Patty Dowd Schmitz provided the Board with a summary of the recent Communication Survey that was sent to parents and staff.

5,882 surveys were sent to parents and 442 responses were received. Overall, the responses indicated that communication between the District and parents is very good, as is communication between the schools and the parents.

941 surveys were sent to staff; 259 responses were received from teachers and 151 responses from non-teaching staff. A slight majority of staff indicated that communication between the District and staff is satisfactory.

Next steps will include:

- Finalizing the Communications Tool Kit & providing training
- Developing Key Messages
- Focusing on External Audiences: Parents and Community
- Establishing Accountability & Measurement Structures

Ms. Krinsky expressed concern that the communication plan seems to be focusing more on outward communication. She would like to see the plan also include ideas on how families can communicate with the District.

A question was raised about whether the District has information on how widespread the issue is with parents who may not read or write in any language. It was indicated that at this time, there is no way to determine that.

ACTION ITEMS ADOPTION OF 2015 TAX LEVY

Dr. Burns asked to confirm that for the 2015 tax levy, District 214 is asking for a 1.5% increase and that D59 is requesting a 2.86% increase.

Mrs. Roberts asked that discussion take place once the motion is made.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December 2015 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the adoption of a total levy in the amount of \$77,270,000 for 2015, which is 2.86% above the 2014 extended levy of \$75,124,936. This amount is to be distributed in the district's funds as indicated in the Certificate of Tax Levy. A signed copy of the *Certificate of Levy* is to be attached to and made a part of the official minutes.

Dr. Burns stated D214 has a larger budget and is spread over a larger area and District 59 will have a larger tax amount on a taxpayer's property tax bill.

Mrs. Roberts indicated that was correct and clarified that is due to District 59 having a smaller taxing group than District 214.

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF CERTAIN FUND LEVIES FOR THE 2015 TAX LEVY

MOTION

by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Somogyi to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2015 the Board of Education of School District 59, Cook County, Illinois ("School District") did file a duly approved certificate of tax levy for the 2015 levy year with the County Clerk of Cook County ("County Clerk"); and

WHEREAS, Public Act 89-01 subjected Cook County school districts to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act ("PTELA") for the 2015 levy year and imposed a limit on the increase in tax extensions from the 2014 levy year to the 2015 levy year; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has notified each Cook County taxing district now subject to the PTELA that it may direct the County Clerk's Office, by proper resolution, to make specific and necessary reductions to its tax levy for the 2015 levy year to meet the requirements of the PTELA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Education hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does hereby incorporate them into this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. That the Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the County Clerk to make the necessary reductions to the School District's tax levy for the 2015 levy year in order that the levies by fund shall be no less than the following amounts as indicated:

Education	\$65,000,000
Special Education	925,000
Building	6,000,000
Transportation	3,500,000
Working Cash	0
Municipal Retirement	925,000
Social Security	920,000

Section 3. That the Board of Education further authorizes and directs the County Clerk that if any additional reductions are required to be made to the School District's tax levy beyond those projected and specified by the Board of Education Section 2 above, that such reductions shall be made to the following funds as indicated: Building - 100%.

Section 4. That all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Bhave

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DIRECTING THE SCHOOL TREASURER TO PARTIALLY ABATE THE WORKING CASH FUND TO THE EDUCATIONAL FUND WITH A SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND

MOTION

Dr. Burns moved the following resolution as presented:
The Board of Education Directing The School Treasurer To Partially Abate The Working Cash Fund to The Educational Fund With A Subsequent Transfer To The Debt Service Fund

There was no second. No action was taken.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION AND RATES FOR 2016/17

MOTION

by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the current Contract terms agreed to in August 2011 (Section F.3 Prices) does not have a provision for pricing in the 2016-2017 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Grand Prairie Transit contract shall be extended for the period from August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 at a 2.6% increased rate over the 2015/16 rates.

Dr. Burns stated his understanding is that we are asking for a one-year extension to have discussion about partnering with other districts to help the staffing issues with the bus company. He would have serious reservations about students from different districts sharing the same bus.

Dr. Fessler stated he felt that parents would have similar concerns and although he has not heard discussion about sharing buses, he would voice those concerns if the topic came up.

Mrs. Osmanski stated concern over the number of bus accidents the District experienced last year.

Mrs. Schumacher requested that Ms. Nissen look into what other districts are experiencing as far as number of accidents.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO JOHN JAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
MS. JANICE KRINSKY AND MR. STEFAN TUCKER**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of board games, art supplies and \$250.00 from Ms. Janice Krinsky and Mr. Stefan Tucker Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of board games, art supplies and \$250.00 to be used in the curriculum program "*Build a Community of 21st Century Learners*" and towards the purchase of snow pants and snow boots for John Jay students in need.

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO RUPLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MS.
JANICE KRINSKY AND MR. STEFAN TUCKER**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$250.00 from Ms. Janice Krinsky and Mr. Stefan Tucker Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$250.00 to be used for Rupley School families in need.

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

Members of the Board and Dr. Fessler thanked Ms. Krinsky for the generous donations.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO ROBERT FROST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 59 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$1,975.00 from The Community Consolidated School District 59 Education Foundation 2123 S. Arlington Heights Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005 .

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$1,975.00 to be used towards the Robert Frost Home-School Learning Community Project and towards the enrichment of the Ebook Extravaganza Project, including the program's dual language functions.

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION.

MOTION by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Ms. Krinsky to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission ("ONCC") was established pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement and provides a

302 students are currently enrolled at the ELC, showing an increase of 63 since the 10-day enrollment count. There are eight students who attend full day preschool.

Staff hired after the first of the year will be hired with the understanding that they will be released at the end of the school year.

BOE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE CYCLE/WORKING AGREEMENTS

The Board discussed proposed changes to the Working Agreements. Suggested changes were recorded during the meeting and the document come back to the Board for action at the January 11, 2016 Board meeting.

BOE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE CYCLE/NEW BOARD MEMBER MENTORING

The Board reviewed and gave feedback on the New Board Member Mentoring document, which is required in order to apply for the ISBE School Board Recognition Award.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS

CCSD59 has the opportunity to apply to ISBE for **Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs)**. The QSCB program is a limited financial bonding option for school districts. These bonds are low to no interest bonds. The bond proceeds can be used for new construction, rehabilitation or repair of existing public school owned facilities, land acquisition or equipment to be used in the facility that is being constructed.

QSCB applications are ranked based on referendum/debt capacity, highest concentration of low income as measured and reported on the latest General State Aid claim, lowest available local resources per pupil as reported on the latest General State Aid claim, highest percentage of 2013 total tax rate and lowest building capacity per student. For ranking purposes, the first two criteria are favorable for CCSD59, and the latter criteria may not be as favorable. QSCB applications are due to ISBE by 1/15/16. Ms. Nissen felt we should know if we would qualify by the end of February.

Dr. Fessler stated that there is no guarantee that the District would get the funds. Also, even if the District qualifies, there is no obligation to use the funds.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

BOARDROOM DESIGN

Dr. Burns shared that recently District 211 Board members had to vacate a Board meeting. He noted that District 59's Boardroom does not have a natural egress point, if the need should ever arise. He recommended that the District look at the design of the Elk Grove Village Hall Boardroom. Dr. Fessler agreed to look into options for that type of design.

SEARCH FIRM

Dr. Burns suggested to consider using a search firm when looking for candidates to replace the Assistant Superintendent for Education Services.

Dr. Fessler stated his preference would be to work on identifying qualified candidates before agreeing to use a search firm. If the District does not have a pool of candidates by the end of January, Dr. Fessler will consider a search firm.

PROPERTY OPTION SURVEY RESULTS

The survey window will close on on Friday, December 19 2015. Dr. Fessler shared the results of the Property Option Survey results thus far.

The Board indicated they would need some time to go through the information presented.

Next Steps include:

- The Board considering the data from the survey
- Discussion at the January 11, 2016 meeting
- The possibility of a Board decision on one of the three Property Options in late January

Dr. Fessler asked Ms. Nissen to request that information from the Board Attorney regarding the number of Board members needed to approve the sale of property.

Dr. Burns suggested the idea of traffic feasibility study for the Lively property. Mr. Rossi indicated he will contact the Village of Elk Grove.

Mrs. Schumacher requested that Mr. Rossi also inquire about the size of the Professional Development Center in District 54 for comparison purposes.

CHOICE PROGRAMS

Dr. Burns requested information about whether parents with incoming kindergarten students would be able to apply for both the Ridge Family Learning Center and Dual Language Program lotteries when registering their kindergarten students. Mrs. McAbee stated that the Superintendent's Team is currently having discussion on that topic.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Reports of the Superintendent's Team were deferred. Updates will be provided in the Board Weekly Update.

CLOSED SESSION

at 10:35 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December 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.

The Board of Education will reconvene in Open Session and an ACTION ITEM will follow the Closed Session.

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

MOTION

at 10:53 p.m. moved by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Ms. Krinsky to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

ACTION

NOTICE TO REMEDY

MOTION

moved by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Dr. Burns to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 59, Cook County, Illinois, (hereinafter the BOARD) has consulted with its Administration and has received reports and recommendations from its Administration regarding the conduct of Ms. Marian Purtell, a teacher with contractual continued service employed by the BOARD; and

WHEREAS, such consultations, reports and recommendations state defects in the performance of Ms. Marian Purtell which, if not remedied, are causes, charges and reasons warranting discharge and dismissal of Ms. Purtell as a special education LBS teacher; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has provided Ms. Marian Purtell with the opportunity to respond to this reports and recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD as follows:

1. That the President and Secretary of this BOARD of Education are hereby authorized and directed to sign and serve or cause to be served, on behalf of this BOARD, upon Ms. Marian Purtell, a Notice to Remedy substantially in the form of the Notice to Remedy discussed in closed session at the BOARD meeting on this date and to be appended to the minutes of said closed session as Exhibit A when such minutes are approved by the BOARD. Said Notice to Remedy enumerates causes, charges, reasons and defects, which this BOARD hereby determines, if not remedied, will result in the discharge and dismissal of Ms. Marian Purtell as a special education LBS teacher in this School District employed by the BOARD.

2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption. Adopted this 14th day of December 2015, by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

MOTION

at 10:56 p.m. by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 14th day of December 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

ATTEST:

Acting President Pro Tempore

Karen Osmanski, Secretary