

**Official Minutes of the Tuesday, January 26, 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 Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00PM.

**Roll Call** President Sharon Roberts, Secretary Karen Osmanski, Members Sunil Bhave, Tim Burns, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi

**Members Absent:** Vice-President Janice Krinsky

**Others** Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Vickie Nissen; Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Communications, Ben Grey; 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; 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 and Community Advisory Committee member; Colleen Cloherty, Grove parent; Kathy Beach, Brentwood Assistant Principal; Jessica McCormick, Principal – Robert Frost Elementary;

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

**AUDIENCE  
RECESS**

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

## **REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mrs. Osmanski attended the District 59 Education Foundation meeting. It was learned at the last meeting that The Locker Shop is donating a portion of their proceeds from the sale of District 59 apparel to the D59 Education Foundation (\$282.00).

Mrs. Osmanski and Mrs. Schumacher attended a tour of the ELC along with 10 District 59 retirees. Mrs. Osmanski stated that the retirees were very impressed with the services provided for the preschool students in addition to the design of the building. Several of the retirees were interested in helping with the efforts of the ELC outreach group's effort in providing for families in need.

Mrs. Schumacher shared that she attended the Harper production of *Gypsy* this summer. Two of the performers in *Gypsy* attend District 59 schools. She mentioned that she is very pleased that students in District 59 are involved in the arts. Mrs. Schumacher provided the Board and Superintendent with several handouts on various topics.

Mrs. Schumacher attended an Ed Red session on school discipline matters. Evanston Township High District presented. The main message was that it is better to keep students in school than to have them serve an out of school suspension.

Mr. Bhave attended the Ed Red Dinner on January 25, 2016. He shared information related to student discipline and suspension rates.

Mr. Bhave also attended the Dual Language parent information night at John Jay. He felt it was interesting and very informative.

Mr. Bhave is the Legislative Forum Committee representative for District 59 Board of Education. He shared that a spring meeting was not being recommended at this time. In the event that there is some pressing legislation, the group will reconsider.

Dr. Burns attended Author Night at Byrd Elementary and Family Literacy Night at the Early Learning Center. He also attended an SEL presentation hosted by Mrs. Enza Papeck and was very impressed with the presentation.

Dr. Burns also attended the parent informational meeting on the Dual Language Program.

Mrs. Roberts attended the Ed Red Dinner and shared information from the session on Property Tax Freeze.

**SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS**

**FOIA**

One FOIA request was received and responded to within the required timeframe.

**ACTION ITEM PROGRAM FEE FOR TYPICALLY DEVELOPING PRESCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

WHEREAS, the Community Consolidated School District 59 will provide pre-school programming for special education, at-risk and typically developing children during the 2016/17 school year; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of January, 2016, the Community Consolidated School Board of Education approve the following for the 2016/17 pre-school program for typically developing students:

- 4-Day: September - June: \$214 per month (\$1,070 per semester, \$2,140 per year);
- 5-Day: September - June: \$268 per month (\$1,543 per semester, \$3,088 per year);
- The school day (two and one-half hours) and school week,

<u>Time</u>	<u>School Week</u>
8:15 - 10:45 a.m.	5-Day (M, T, W, Th, F)
12:00 - 2:30 p.m.	4-Day (M, T, Th & F)

- And, require the first month fee to be paid at the time of confirmation of placement in the program, with a family eligible for a refund of the first month payment through July 31, 2016.

Dr. Burns inquired about the possibility of having a private agency or subcontractors provide these services rather than employing teachers for the Early Learning Center.

Dr. Fessler indicated this could be investigated if the Board desired.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Krinsky

Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

**K8 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FEES: 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

WHEREAS, the Administration has recommended the Instructional Materials Fees be established for the 2016/17 school year to cover a portion of the cost of instructional materials and supplies:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of January, 2016, the Community Consolidated School Board of Education maintain a \$35 Instructional Materials Fee for half-day kindergarten students, a \$55 Instructional Materials Fee for a full-day kindergarten through fifth grade students, and a \$65 Instructional Materials Fee for sixth through eighth grade students.

Mr. Bhave indicated he would be voting no on this motion. He stated that every child is entitled to a free education and that he is philosophically opposed to fees for instructional materials. He stated he feels the Board has a responsibility to provide a free public education to students.

Board members shared opinions and discussion ensued.

Mrs. Roberts called for the vote.

**Roll Call** Ayes: 3 Osmanski, Schumacher, Somogyi

Nays: 3 Bhave, Burns, Roberts

Absent: 1 Krinsky

Abstain: 0

Motion defeated: 3-3-1-0

A motion immediately followed. It was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Somogyi that the Instructional Materials Fees for the 2016/2017 school year be reestablished at the amount set in the 2010/11 through 2011/2012 school years:

- ½ day Kindergarten \$30
- Full day K-5 \$50
- Grades 6-8 \$50

**Roll Call**      Ayes: 3          Osmanski, Schumacher, Somogyi  
                     Nays: 3          Bhave, Burns, Roberts  
                     Absent: 1        Krinsky  
                     Abstain: 0

Motion defeated: 3-3-1-0

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION FEES: 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

WHEREAS, the Administration has recommended the Junior High School Extra-Curricular Participation Fees be established for the 2016/17 school year to cover a portion of the cost of materials and supplies:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of January, 2016, the Community Consolidated School Board of Education maintain a fee for the following activities.

Extra-Curricular Participation Fees	2016/17
Basketball	\$30.00
Cheerleading	\$30.00
Cross Country	\$15.00
Spirit Squad/Pom Pons	\$30.00
Soccer	\$30.00
Volleyball	\$30.00
Wrestling	\$30.00

Dr. Burns indicated he would like to investigate ways to celebrate three sport athletes in the future.

Mr. Bhave stated that he supports this motion because these fees are for extracurricular activities.

Mrs. Somogyi indicated that or some of our students, sport teams might be their avenue to success.

**Roll Call** Ayes: 5 Bhave, Burns, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher  
Nays: 1 Somogyi  
Absent: 1 Krinsky  
Abstain: 0 Motion passed: 5-1-1-0

**APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT TO CAUSE A BUDGET TO BE PREPARED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

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

WHEREAS, Section 5/17-1 of the Illinois School Code requires an annual budget to be prepared by some person or persons designated by the Board of Education,

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Education desire to have a tentative budget to be prepared and available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of January, 2016 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education designate the Superintendent to cause a tentative budget to be prepared for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and concluding June 30, 2017. Said budget to be presented to the Board of Education no later than the first regular meeting in July 2016.

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

Mr. Bhave inquired about the possibility of Ms. Nissen scheduling another Budget Session Workshop.

Ms. Nissen will send Board members the presentation from the workshop in the fall.

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO HOLMES JR. HIGH SCHOOL – MRS. MARIA ORTIZ**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of January, 2016, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of a Yamaha Electronic Keyboard from Mrs. Maria Ortiz 1845 White Chapel Dr. Apt. 2E Mount Prospect, IL 60056.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of January, 2016, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of a Yamaha Electronic Keyboard to Holmes Junior High School to be used in music, orchestra and band classes.

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, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Krinsky

Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

Dr. Burns requested that Ms. Veronica Lake research whether the Preschool for All Grant would allow for teachers to be subcontracted. He also mentioned the possibility of investigating if an outside agency could use the empty classrooms at Ridge to offer additional programs for staff or students.

**COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mrs. Roberts asked the Board for permission to suspend the meeting to take comments from the audience. The Board agreed. Mrs. Colleen Cloherty of Elk Grove Village addressed the Board of Education with comments about the Property Options.

The Board thanked Mrs. Cloherty for her comments.

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## DISCUSSION

### ITEMS      PROPERTY OPTIONS

Dr. Fessler indicated this will be the final discussion before the Board takes action at the February 8, 2016 Board meeting.

The Board discussed pros and cons for each of the options.

The Board requested that the staff be surveyed on the Property Options and that the results of the staff surveys be sent to the Board for review.

Dr. Fessler indicated that the three options would be presented as separate motions when the Board takes action at the February 8, 2016 meeting.

### SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Dr. Carpenter and Mrs. McAbee shared recommendations for the 2016 Summer Program.

#### Calendar

- 5 weeks - Potential timeframe: 6/13/16 - 7/11/16
- 4-day weeks (Monday through Thursday)
- 3.5 hours of student instructional time per day (4 hours of staff work time)

#### Locations

- Provide Jr. High level programming at one of the Jr. High sites (1)
- Provide elementary programming at one site in each cluster (3)
- Include elementary ESY at one of the elementary sites, preferably Rupley

#### Supervision

- Two administrators for each site sharing the role (one on site each day)
- One additional leader to serve as the director of all summer programming

#### Staffing

- Each site having approximately 15 teachers, not including IMC and ESY
- One certified staff member dedicated to S/EL



- The level of staffing for additional staff (office, nurse, tech. asst., teacher asst.) will remain similar to last year.

#### Programs

The programs offered will be similar to last year:

- o Summer Quest
- o Instrumental Music Camp (IMC)
- o Jr. High Advanced Math
- o ESY (Extended School Year)

#### Student Selection/Enrollment

- March - Schools identify students who would benefit from summer programming using the expanded criteria that was developed last year.
- April - Pre-selected students will register.
- May - Any open slots will be offered to other students through an open enrollment/tuition based process.

### **DRAFT 2016/17 TRADITIONAL & RIDGE BALANCED CALENDARS**

Ms. Zerfahs shared a draft of the 2016/17 traditional and balanced calendars with the Board of Education. The next steps will include getting feedback from stakeholders: DEA, staff and parents.

Ms. Zerfahs shared that the use of an institute day on election day would an opportunity to provide professional development.

### **POLICY 6:15 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY**

Mrs. McAbee presented Policy 6:15 School Accountability which included modifications the Board had suggested for Policy 6:15.

Mrs. Schumacher requested that the first sentence under Quality Assurance be removed. The Board agreed and the change will be made.

The Board will take action on the revisions to Policy 6:15 at the February 8, 2016 meeting.

### **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Dr. Fessler indicated that Ed Red has not taken a stand on the proposed bill that would allow a state-appointed board to take over the Chicago Public School system.

### **EXHIBITS FOR BOARD POLICY**

The Board agreed to have Press Exhibits related to the work of the Board (Section 2) be added to the Board Policy Manual.

### **FLOODLIGHT LEARNING LAB LICENSE**

On Wednesday, January 27, 2016, Mr. Ben Grey will provide the Board with a draft contract for the Floodlight Learning Lab License. Discussion on the terms of the contract will take place at the February 8, 2016 Board meeting with action to follow at the February 22, 2016 Board meeting.

Mrs. Osmanski inquired about the usage of the Learning Lab. Mr. Grey indicated they are in the process of curriculum design and he expects to see an increase in usage of the Learning Lab as that piece is developed and made available.

### **ISBE PROPOSAL – SPECIAL ED FUNDING**

Dr. Burns shared concerns that ISBE has suggested shifting the money for MCAT Special Ed reimbursements to GSA.

Dr. Fessler indicated that he had expressed strong opposition to this in his discussion with the first deputy superintendent at the Suburban Superintendents' Association (SSA) meeting last week. The SSA will continue to monitor this closely.

### **NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS**

#### **APRIL 11, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

The National School Board Association Conference will be held in Boston, April 9-11, 2016. The Board will continue to keep an eye on the calendar to see if there will be a need to reschedule or to cancel the April 11, 2016 Board meeting.

### **POLICY ADOPTION AND REVISION DATES**

Dr. Fessler updated the Board on the response from Press related to archives of Board policies that have been revised. The cds provided by Press include electronic files of the policies as they are revised.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

The Board agreed to participate in Part II of the IASB Community Engagement Workshop. It was suggested that Mrs. Roberts check with Ms. Barb Toney, IASB Director, to see if Parts II and III can be combined.

### **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S TEAM**

Dr. Fessler indicated that the District is currently at 35% percent sub usage compared to what had been used at this time last year. The update from Mr. Luedloff was that for *release time*, the District has used 50% less subs so far when compared to last year.

Dr. Fessler shared that the District is focusing on getting the Learning Maps ready for the start of the 2016/17 school year. The Learning Maps will describe our instructional strategies, standards, assessments and have a resource piece.

Mrs. McAbee shared that Steven Layne will be conducting full day trainings with each of the Jr. High Schools later in February/March. She will share dates with the Board in the Friday update.

Dr. Fessler shared information from the Community Advisory Committee meeting that was held at 5:00pm. Agenda items included: (1) Property Options (2) Impact of changes to the D214 Calendar for 2017/18 (3) Report Cards.

Mrs. Schumacher asked for an update on Emergency Closing procedures. Information will be provided.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION** at 9:55PM by Mr. Bhave, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to

adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of January 2016, 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)

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

**MOTION** at 10:34PM by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Dr. Burns to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

**Roll Call** Ayes: 6 Bhave, Burns, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, Somogyi  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 Krinsky  
Abstain: 0 Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

Dr. Burns asked a question about doing Board meeting agenda reviews. Mrs. Roberts explained the policy and opened it up to revisions. Mrs. Somogyi mentioned that some Boards actually approve the meeting agenda prior to the start of the meeting. If any Board member would like an item to be changed, please e-mail Dr. Fessler and copy Mrs. Roberts.

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Mr. Bhave asked if the doors to the Board Room were locked during this reconvened Open Session. Doors were checked and they were open.

**MOTION** @ 10:40 pm by Mrs. Bhave, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of January 2016 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

**Roll Call** Ayes: 6 Bhave, Burns, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, Somogyi  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 Krinsky  
Abstain: 0 Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

ATTEST:

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Sharon Roberts, President

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Karen Osmanski, Secretary