

**Official Minutes of the Monday, October 24, 2016
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, October 24, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

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

Members Absent: none

Others Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Vickie Nissen; Ben Grey, Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Communications; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Kelley Zerfahs; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Karen Starr; 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; Mr. Rob Bowers, Holmes Jr. High Principal; Mr. Richard Kaiser, District 59 resident; Mr. Matt Legg, Rupley Elementary; Mrs. Michele Ramsey, Principal of the Early Learning Center; Mrs. Melissa Ward, Early Learning Center; Mrs. Griselda Tapia, Assistant Principal at John Jay Elementary; Mrs. Melissa Dominguez, Assistant Principal at Forest View Elementary; Mrs. Meg Weickert, Principal at Forest View Elementary; Mrs. Monika Farfan, Assistant Principal at Juliette Low Elementary; Mrs. Kara Brodeur, Ridge and Grove parent; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Madl, Salt Creek parents; Suzanne Tosterud, Byrd and Grove parent; Mrs. Sara Michelini, Grove and Clearmont parent; Mrs. Lauren Acino, Salt Creek parent; Mrs. Jenny Belmonte, Byrd parent; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Schwartz, Salt Creek and Grove parents; Mrs. Emily Arens, District 59 resident; Mrs. Julie Govert, Salt Creek parent

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

AUDIENCE RECESS

The following community members addressed the Board of Education on the topic of student discipline and home/school/district communication:

Mr. Tony Madl, Salt Creek parent
Mr. & Mrs. James Schwartz, Salt Creek and Grove parents
Mrs. Emily Arens, District 59 resident
Mrs. Bernice Lagrimas, Salt Creek parent
Mrs. Maria Marusich, Salt Creek parent
Mrs. Julie Govert, Salt Creek parent

The Board thanked those who spoke for their comments and encouraged them to schedule time to meet with the superintendent if they would like to discuss their concerns further. Dr. Fessler made note of the questions the parents had and will respond.

Mrs. Osmanski arrived at 7:18PM.

A gentleman from audience addressed the Board with questions about the cost of the new administration center and the superintendent's contract. He did not identify himself. Mrs. Somogyi thanked him for his comments and encouraged him to meet with the superintendent if he would like further clarification on these issues.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Krinsky attended the Community for Positive Youth Development Coalition meeting with Ms. Katie Ahsell.

Dr. Burns confirmed that he will be attending the Alliance Leadership Summit on February 21, 2017 in Springfield, IL.

Mrs. Osmanski shared that she enjoyed the North Cook dinner and learning more about the educational shift from STEM to STEAM by adding the 'arts' — which can include the fine, language and musical arts

Mrs. Schumacher enjoyed observing some of D59's 5th grade students participating in a special program at Harper College. Harper students stressed to the 5th graders that they can be eligible for the Promise Program Scholarship and earn up to two years of tuition at Harper College if they maintain solid grades, have good attendance and provide service to their community.

Mrs. Somogyi thanked Mrs. Roberts for encouraging the Board to commit to applying for the IASB 2016 School Board Governance Recognition and for the time she put into completing the application. Mrs. Somogyi also thanked the Board members for their commitment to serving on the Board.

Mrs. Somogyi shared that all Board members received a copy of an anonymous letter. She provided a copy of the letter to the superintendent, who had not received the letter.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS

UPDATE FROM THE FACILITIES PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Mrs. Somogyi recapped highlights of the Facilities Planning and Advisory Committee meeting that was held at 5:00PM on 10/24/2016. Dr. Burns, Mrs. Schumacher and Ms. Krinsky also attended the committee meeting. Three sets of plans were presented at the meeting and the committee is recommending the most recently revised plan, a streamlined building.

Mr. Rossi added that the initial design of the building is going to be out of the District's price range. He indicated that they have identified 10-15 items that can be eliminated and then added back into the design based on the costs. When the pricing comes to the Board for approval, there will be a base price and then each of the 10-15 items can be voted on individually.

The Facilities Planning and Advisory Committee will meet once more before going out to bid in December.

ACTION ITEMS

DEVONSHIRE RENOVATION

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

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Education completed a review and discussion of the proposed addition of a new main office and renovations at Devonshire Elementary during the October 11, 2016, Board of Education meeting;

WHEREAS, the administration has recommended the approval of an addition of a new main office and renovations at Devonshire Elementary to be completed for the start of the 2017 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of October, 2016, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education authorize the administration to move forward developing construction documents for an addition of a new main office and renovations at Devonshire Elementary.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts,
 Schumacher, and Somogyi
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

RESOURCE ALLOCATION TRANSLATION PLAN (1:21:55)

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

BE IT RESOLVED on the 24th day of October, 2016, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the following Resource Allocation Translation Plan to increase the staffing allocation by a total of approximately .33 FTE (\$20,000 in salary and benefits) as described above to better meet the translation needs of our students, parents and staff:

Dr. Burns questioned how the starting salary recommendation was determined for the translator position.

Mrs. McAbee explained that the salary listed was an estimate. Years of experience will impact the final determination on starting salary.

Mrs. Schumacher stated that she is in favor of using translators for IEP meetings and translation of the school newsletters and anything that is necessary for student success. She disapproves of putting out any special edition magazine in any language other than english. She stated that she feels strongly that the District should be helping parents to learn the english language.

Mr. Bhave stated that he does support having the magazine and other district communications translated. He believes that student success is directly tied to parent involvement and that the district should support parents so they can be actively involved in their student's education. In order to be involved, the district would need to offer communication in a language that the parent can understand.

Dr. Burns asked if it was possible for this position to be posted as exempt from the ESP negotiated agreement. He stated that his concern is that the recommendation for the starting salary for the

translator position is higher than the starting salary for a bilingual teacher.

Dr. Fessler and Mr. Luedloff indicated they did not feel the position would qualify for an exemption from the bargaining unit.

Roll Call Ayes: 5 Bhave, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts and Somogyi
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 2 Burns and Schumacher

Motion carried: 5-0-0-2

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR REAL PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approve and the Bidder has signed the Sale Agreement, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A** hereto,

WHEREAS, This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of October, 2016 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education does authorize:

Section 1. The Superintendent of School District 59 or his designate is authorized to execute the Sale Agreement and to complete the sale of the Property in accordance with the terms of the Sale Agreement, including but not limited to the execution of a deed to be held in trust until the Bidder’s obligations are fully performed and such other documents and assurances as are required under the Sale Agreement or as may be necessary or prudent to complete the sale contemplated thereunder.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Mrs. Roberts indicated that she felt Red Rock 4 has been very flexible, but she is somewhat uncomfortable voting on the sale of property due to the 25% increase cost of the new administration building.

Mr. Bhave felt Mrs. Roberts made a very good point, but considering that there was only one bidder on the property, he would not want to lose the deal.

Mr. Rossi stated that he could not speak for Red Rocks 4, but that the original offer was made in August and the vote has been postponed a few times. He agreed that they have been very flexible.

Ms. Krinsky felt that the costs for new construction are not going to come down and stated that the District has 120 million dollars in the bank, which has increased since last year. She also indicated that she would not want to lose the property deal with Rod Rocks 4 .

Mrs. Schumacher indicated that she does support the sale of the property, but does feel that the vote can be postponed and brought back to the Board after bids come in.

Mrs. Somogyi stated that the Board would have an option to table action on this item and bring it back for consideration at the next meeting.

After discussion, the Board decided to proceed with the vote rather than table the motion.

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

Motion carried: 6-1-0-0

DISCUSSION

ITEM

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 TAX LEVY

The Board of Education discussed and directed the administration to move forward with preparing the levy and to set the public hearing date for November 28, 2016. The state's Truth in Taxation Law requires that if the estimated levy exceeds 105% of the prior year's extension, the district must give public notice of and hold a public hearing on its intent to adopt an aggregate levy. While District 59's proposed levy does not meet this 5% level, the administration believes that meeting the spirit of the law is in the District's and community's best interest.

Dr. Burns indicated that District 54 is requesting 0.7% levy compared to District 59 requesting 3.98%. He requested that we provide more information on why the District will be asking for 3.98%.

Dr. Fessler agreed that was a good point and that the District could provide more information to the press.

Board members thanked Ms. Nissen for the thorough explanation and all of the preparatory work that has been done.

ADOPTION OF 2016 TAX LEVY

The Board discussed and adopted a resolution directing the administration to prepare the levy and that a public hearing date be set for November 28, 2016. At the public hearing, when the President is satisfied that the concerns of the citizens are heard, the hearing is closed. At the December 12, 2016 board meeting the President will entertain a motion on the proposed levy resolution, and after any discussion by members of the Board, a roll call vote can be obtained. Following approval, the *Certificate of Tax Levy* is to be submitted to the Clerk of Cook County prior to the last Tuesday in December. A copy of the recommended Certificate of Tax Levy is included in the facing materials, and the original is included in the Board's signature file. The total 2016 levy of \$79,270,000 is 3.98% above the 2015 extended levy of \$76,232,604. As the Bond and Interest levy will automatically be added on by the County Clerk based on the Bond Ordinance on file with the Clerk's office, it is not included on the Certificate of Tax Levy the District submits to the Cook County Director of Tax Extensions.

AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF CERTAIN FUND LEVIES FOR THE 2016 TAX LEVY

Ms. Nissen shared a draft resolution indicating that the District requests a 3.98% increase in the levy over the prior year's extension. This amount is requested to assure that the District receives the maximum allowable tax rate in accordance with Property Tax Extension Limitation Act. The resolution will provide direction to the County Clerk on how the individual fund extensions should be assigned based upon final determination of our allowable extension. As the County Clerk will automatically add on a 3% lost cost factor to the District's levy, this resolution directs the County Clerk to first reduce the individual extension to no less than the original levy, and then to apply any further reduction to the Operations and Maintenance (Building) Fund.

BOARD POLICY 4:80

Board Policy 4:80 Accounting and Audits was recommended for review by IASB during the 5-year review process. Ms. Nissen recommended a few minor changes to the policy to bring the policy into alignment with current practices. The Board will vote on the changes at the next Board meeting.

BOARD GOVERNANCE CYCLE

Mrs. Roberts and Ms. Krinsky volunteered to review the current Board Governance Cycle and bring recommendations for updating the document back to the Board for discussion.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

BOARD BELIEFS

Ms. Krinsky is working on the draft of changes to the Board Beliefs. A draft will be brought back to the full Board at the November 14, 2016 meeting.

DONATION AND FUNDRAISING POLICIES

The policies on donations and fundraising are still being reviewed by the Board attorney. A draft of recommended changes will be brought back to the Board at the November 14, 2016 meeting.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Ms. Zurfahs shared that she and Dr. Mark Friedman will be facilitating the Administrators' Academy on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. The Administrators' Academy course will fulfill the ISBE requirement for the Administrator Professional Learning. The District will save \$7-8,000 by providing the AA training in district.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

at 9:12 PM by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 24th day of October, 2016, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

