

**Official Minutes of the Monday, November 28, 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, November 28, 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, Denise Bishoff.

Also Present Eydie Cohen, DEA President; Matt Legg, Rupley; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Janet Fisher, Purchasing/School Nutrition Coordinator; Emily Woemmel, Byrd; Debbie Morton, Forest View; Agnes Szczurek, Forest View; Wiesia Pluskwa, Clearmont; Rose Kelly, John Jay; Martha Zaharopoulos, Clearmont; Andrea Lenahan, Salt Creek; Nicole Anderson, Salt Creek; Cory King, Administration Building, Trisha Senne, Administration Building; Marzena Oberski, Robert Frost; Dr. Rob Bohanek, Ridge Principal; Mrs. MaryEllen Esser, Bryd Principal; Dr. Thomas Seaton, Rupley Principal; Nicola Avena, Rupley; Seana McPherson, Ridge parent; Colleen Carlberg, Ridge parent.

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

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Three staff members addressed the Board of Education regarding their concerns with the start date of the proposed traditional calendar for the 2017/18 school year - Wiesia Pluskwa and Martha Zaharopoulos from Clearmont School and Agnes Szczurek from Forest View.

Due to the number of families with students attending both District 59 and District 214, District 59 would like to align the traditional calendar with the High School District 214 calendar.

The NSSEO calendar has not yet been determined as they are waiting for surrounding districts to approve their calendars.

Associated Superintendent Tom Luedloff shared that some of the surrounding districts have approved the earlier start date.

Dr. Fessler stated that parents and staff will be surveyed, results of the survey will be given to the Board by the December 12, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Roberts recognized Mrs. Somogyi for the great job she did co-chairing the IASB conference. Two of District 59 Board Members were on the front cover of the IASB program.

Mr. Bhave reported on the workshop he attended at the Triple I conference regarding changes to the law for transgender students.

Dr. Burns reported on the collective bargaining workshop he attended.

Mrs. Schumacher commented on a vendor at the IASB conference that provides lunch on site.

Mrs. Schumacher shared that she and Mr. Schumacher received thank you cards from students at Clearmont School after visit on Veterans Day.

Mrs. Schumacher read a prepared written statement regarding the construction of the new administrative center. The statement will be attached to the Board minutes.

Ms. Krinsky shared the name of books that she is reading with students at Holmes Jr. High. She also recognized Katie Ahsell for her outstanding work within the district.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOPIC STUDENT GROWTH AND DATA PRESENTATION

Dr. Josh Carpenter introduced Mr. Corey King, Data Manager, and Trisha Senne, Elevation & Assessment Facilitator.

Dr. Carpenter and Mrs. Maureen McAbee presented a powerpoint presentation to the Board. During the presentation, Board members had the opportunity to ask questions regarding scores, tests that are

administered, who administers the test and how the district is preparing to support student growth.

ACTION ITEMS PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 TAX LEVY

Resolution #1

MOTION

by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Dr. Burns that the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting be opened on November 28, 2016 for a public hearing on the proposed tax levy for 2016 and that the secretary shall record the time as 8:34 p.m.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

No one came forward to address the Board of Education during the public hearing.

Resolution #2

MOTION

by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mr. Bhave that the hearing on the 2016 tax levy be closed and the secretary shall record the time as 8:35 p.m.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

AWARD OF BID FOR PAPER

MOTION

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

WHEREAS bids were opened on October 31, 2016 for paper; and

WHEREAS five (5) bids were received with the lowest conforming bids submitted by Murnane Paper for xerographic; and Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc. for vellum;

School Treasurer

Ms. Nissen asked the Board of Education to consider a resolution to appoint her as the School District Treasurer effective January 1, 2017. Without this change Township Treasurer will remain in this position until June 30, 2017. Some issues regarding the transition from the Township Treasurer need to be addressed.

Balanced Calendar 2017/18

The Board reviewed the draft.

Traditional Calendar 2017/18

Board President Somogyi, with the approval of the Board, allowed discussion of the Traditional Calendar for 2017-18 to take place during Comments and Suggestions From the Audience.

Holiday Calendar 2017/18

The Board reviewed the draft.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Board Belief Statements

The Board members discussed wording for the Board Belief Statements and will continue to refine the document.

Board Governance Cycle

The Board agreed to table discussion of the Board Governance Cycle due to the late hour.

Proposed Fundraising Policy

No update was provided on the Proposed Fundraising Policy.

214 Wildstang Program

Dr. Fessler updated the Board on the D214 Wildstang Program. District 214 would like to use space at Ridge Family Center for Learning for this program. Dr. Fessler would like to move forward as he feels this would be a great opportunity for District 59 students also. Some negotiations will still need to take place for details related to D214 using this space. Dr. Fessler will keep the Board informed.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

None

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Krinsky at 9:59 PM by Mrs. Roberts seconded by to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 28th day of November, 2016, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

Barbara Somogyi, President

ATTEST

Karen Osmanski, Secretary

The attached statement read by Mrs. Schumacher during Reports of the Board of Education.

A community member, Mr. Ralph Lewis, attended one of our earlier board meetings and spoke to the board about cost savings on the design of our new Ad Center. Since then, he has been sending me information related to our designs with ideas of where we can save money for the taxpayers of District 59. He spent all of his working years in construction as an estimator, project manager, and consultant.

I advised him to seek a conversation with Tony Rossi, but he was unable to make a connection. So, I am providing board members and administration with a copy of his latest letter to me so you also can read his advice and concerns with our costs. I have also received calls and emails from other concerned taxpayers in District 59, but he is very knowledgeable about construction and speaks for some of their concerns as well.

When we received the 3 designs for the new Admin Center showing progression from the most expensive to the two lower cost alternatives, I was under the impression that the board would have a chance to choose other alternatives.

Some of these might add costs, BUT there would also be alternatives that could lower the total costs if the board wished to make changes that would bring the total cost closer to what we had been informed in earlier estimates when we were making decisions as to whether we should even build a new facility.

One of the places where Mr. Lewis suggested that we could save money was in the construction of the Maintenance/Storage Building which he suggests does not need to be made of solid brick but could be constructed of much less costly panels like the ones used in portions of the Park District building adjacent to our new building, or even of brick veneer over concrete slabs. This change could be an alternative.

In our discussions about the cost of the building, we have not even broached the subject of the interior furnishings, some of which may need to be replaced, nor the costs of moving furniture and systems into the new building, nor the costs of maintaining/washing all the glass in this design, nor the heating and air conditioning costs which may surpass what we presently are spending at our Ad Center. I think it is important to talk about all the ancillary costs which will most certainly add to the total.

Included in this discussion should be the cost of the commissary which had been estimated at \$2 million, but that was before we had decided to use the existing storage portion of the building which we already own. I was never told how much money this would save us, but surely the cost should be lower than \$2 million since we don't have to "build the space".

I hope that some of these concerns can be considered before our next Facilities meeting. In light of the much increased costs to the district and its taxpayers which have been presented to us recently, all opportunities for discussion and consideration should be explored before final decisions are made.

11/28/16 Mardell Schumacher
