

**Official Minutes of the Tuesday, April 25, 2017
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 Tuesday, April 25, 2017. 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 Bhawe, Tim Burns, Sharon Roberts and Mardell Schumacher

Members Absent: none

Others Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Communications, Ben Grey; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Kelley Zerfahs; Assistant Superintendent for Education Service, Karen Starr; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen McAbee; Executive Director of Student Growth and Accountability, Dr. Josh Carpenter; and Recording Secretary, Kathie Lange.

Also Present Dr. Kim Barrett, Director of Literacy; Martina Perez, Assistant Principal Devonshire; John Navickas, Assistant Principal Friendship Jr. High; Jodi Briggs, Devonshire; Michael Merritt, Principal Brentwood; Carrie Abrams, Assistant Principal Robert Frost; Nick Jahnke 614 W. Haven, 60005; Ted & Michele Mason 534 Oak St., 60007; David & Derilyn Rhodes 1710 S. Ridge Dr. 60005; Mike & Mary Vicars 1715 S. Ridge Dr. 60005; Sasho & Kathy Aglikin 1007 W. Haven, 60005; Ron & Gloria Schmidt 1534 S. Princeton, 60005; Ann & George Shibayama 103. W. Emerson, 60005; Dan Makowski 1214 W. Cedar Ln., 60005; Carol Stuber Haven Dr., 60005; Tom McDonnell 1307 W. Cedar, 60005/Surrey Ridge West Civic Association; Rosann Murray 1108 W. White Oak St., 60005; Ann Larson 1527 S. Highland, 60005; Joan Burke 1634 S. Chesterfield, 60005; Barbara Johnson, 60005

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

AUDIENCE RECESS

No one came forward to address the Board of Education.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Somogyi indicated that due to the unusually large number of Action Items for this meeting, she had requested the seven items that were discussed at the April 10, 2017 Board meeting be moved to a Consent Agenda. Any Board member can request an item to be removed from the Consent Agenda if further discussion is desired.

No items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following resolutions listed in the Consent Agenda:

5.01 ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY CHANGES FROM PRESS UPDATE #94

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves updates to the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education Policy Manual.

- 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest (edited)
- 3:70 Succession of Authority
- 4:15 Identity Protection (edited)
- 5:120 Employee Ethics; and Conduct; and Conflict of Interest -
- 5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline
- 5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers -
- 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year
- 6:70 Teaching About Religions
- 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education reviewed the policies listed below.

5 Year Review

- 4:180 Pandemic Paredness (no changes)
- 5:80 Court Duty (edited)
- 5:140 Solicitations By or From Staff (edited)
- 5:210 Resignations (no changes)
- 5:320 Evaluations (no changes)

5.02 AWARD OF BIDS FOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITION AT DEVONSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Education approved moving forward with an addition and interior renovations at Devonshire Elementary School during the October 24, 2016, Board of Education meeting;

WHEREAS, the administration has recommended the lowest responsible base bids be awarded as attached, totalling \$3,086,248;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of

Education award trade contracts in the amount of \$3,086,248 and including a construction contingency in the amount of \$150,000 for a total of \$3,236,248.

5.03 AWARD OF BIDS FOR INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AT FRIENDSHIP JR. HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Education approved moving forward with interior renovations at Friendship Junior High during the October 24, 2016, Board of Education meeting;

WHEREAS, 35 bids were opened on March 23, 2017 for interior renovations at Friendship Junior High;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education award trade contracts in the amount of \$655,568 and including a construction contingency in the amount of \$50,000 for a total of \$705,568.

5.04 AWARD OF FLOORING REPLACEMENT AT HOLMES JR. HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, floor replacement drawings and specifications were developed by ARCON and Associates and the District and put out to bid;

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were opened on March 23, 2017 for flooring replacement at Holmes Junior High;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approve the award for flooring replacement work at Holmes Junior High to Johnson Floor Company, Countryside, IL, for base bid \$631,979.

5.05 APPROVAL OF THREE YEAR CONTRACT FOR ELECTRIC

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve a 36 month contract with AEP Energy to provide the District with electric at a cost of \$.0625200.

5.06 APPROVAL OF TWO-YEAR CONTRACT FOR NATURAL GAS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THE 25TH day of April, 2017 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve Option 2 for a 24 month contract with Centerpoint to provide the District with natural gas at a cost of \$0.001 for NGI Index and \$.0029 for Basis to NYMEX and the District owning the natural gas storage.

5.07 RENEWAL FOR REFUSE/RECYCLING SERVICE

WHEREAS Republic Services has provided the required services while demonstrating a high level of performance;

WHEREAS, Republic Services has agreed to keep rates the same for 2017-2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approve the renewal for refuse/recycling service to Republic Services, 2101 South Busse Road, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056, for the 2017-2018 school year at an estimated monthly rate of \$4,894.10 and an approximate annual cost of \$58,729.20.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Roberts attended the Finance Committee Meeting.

Ms. Krinsky provided Board members with a copy of the Early Learning User's Guide for Illinois School Boards. The document represents a collaboration between IASB and the Ounce of Prevention Fund.

Mrs. Schumacher thanked everyone who went to polls to vote for her. Due to her accident, she was unable to go out to campaign and appreciates being re-elected to the Board of Education.

Dr. Burns met with Arlington Heights Mayor Thomas Hayes to share details about the concerns expressed at the April 10, 2017 meeting by Juliette Low community members.

Dr. Burns thanked Dr. Fessler for sending a letter to the Elk Grove Park District regarding some concerns about teen activities that have been occurring in some of the village's park areas and adjacent parking lots of District 59 schools.

Dr. Burns expressed concerns about the impact of not having a state budget for the last 22 months. He shared that currently human service and mental health service facilities are owed more than 16 billion dollars.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOPIC

BIRTH - 8 EARLY LEARNING ROADMAPS FOR MATH AND LITERACY

Dr. Kim Barrett, Dr. Josh Carpenter and Ms. Kelley Zerfahs gave a presentation on Birth - 8 Early Learning Roadmaps for Math and Literacy. (Presentation will be attached to the minutes of this meeting).

Ms. Schumacher agrees that community outreach and helping District 59 families is important and she supports the program, but she objects to the name "Birth - 8". She feels that the community may be confused and think that we are teaching infants/babies, which she would not support.

Mrs. Schumacher made reference to Board Policy 6:160 Parent Involvement. Parents/guardians of English Learners will be informed how they can: 1) be involved in the education of their children, and 2) be active participants in assisting their children to attain English proficiency, achieve at high levels within a well-rounded education, and meet the challenging State academic standards expected of all students.

Mrs. Schumacher stated that she feels we should be teaching our preschool students in English. She provided this quote for the meeting minutes: "If we don't expect and help our parents to learn English, how can we expect them to help their children to learn English."

Ms. Krinsky responded that we have partnered with outside agencies to help parents who want to learn English. She also stated that she believes research supports the model the District uses for English language learners.

Mrs. McAbee will share updated ACCESS data to show how our EL students in Dual Language Spanish programs are increasing in their acquisition of English since the District has transitioned fully to a dual language/biliteracy approach.

Dr. Burns asked if the Birth - 8 program will be part of the District's current \$500,000 early childhood block grant or if it will operate outside of the current grant. His concern is that if we are using local dollars to prepare these preschool students, will those families remain in the District so that we will see the benefit of the early intervention efforts?

Dr. Fessler indicated that the expansion of preschool and the developmental kindergarten was part of the staffing plan approved by the Board of Education. He shared that Ms. Karen Starr is working on an Early Childhood Expansion Grant. If the grant is awarded, it would not be available until later in the fall. He also indicated that the District's mobility rate is between 10-13% at this time.

ACTION ITEMS**ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION RESULTS**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Clerk has canvassed the official election results of the non-partisan election for school board members, which was held on April 4, 2017, and presented the results of the canvass to the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT it has been determined that Sharon Roberts, Karen Osmanski, Janice Krinsky, and Mardell Schumacher have each been elected to serve four-year terms as Board Members of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**BOARD MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

Board members read and agreed to terms in the Code of Conduct.

BOARD MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

It has become the practice of the Board to read aloud the "Code of Conduct" during the annual Reorganization of the Board. The code is as follows:

"As a member of my local School Board, I will do my utmost to represent the public interest in education by adhering to the following standards and principles:

1. I will represent all School District constituents honestly and equally, and refuse to surrender my responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups.
2. I will avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from my position, and will not use my Board membership for personal gain or publicity.
3. I will recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a Board meeting.
4. I will take no private action that might compromise the Board or administration and will respect the confidentiality of privileged information.
5. I will abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.
6. I will encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and will participate in Board discussions in an open, honest and respectful manner, honoring differences of opinion or perspective.
7. I will prepare for, attend and actively participate in School Board Meetings.
8. I will be sufficiently informed about and prepared to act on the specific issues before the Board, and remain reasonably knowledgeable about local, State, national and global education issues.
9. I will respectfully listen to those who communicate with the Board, seeking to understand their views, while recognizing my responsibility to represent the interests of the entire community.
10. I will strive for appositive working relationship with the Superintendent, respecting the Superintendent's authority to advise the Board, implement Board policy, and administer the District.
11. I will model continuous learning and work to ensure good governance by taking advantage of Board member development opportunities, such as those sponsored by my State and national school board associations, and encourage my fellow Board members to do the same.
12. I will strive to keep my Board focused on its primary work of clarifying the District purpose, direction and goals, and monitoring District performance.

**DETERMINATION OF LENGTH OF OFFICE -- PRESIDENT, VICE
PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education establishes the length of office for the president, vice-president, and secretary to be for a period of one (1) year; the next election of officers to be held in 2018.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

ESTABLISHMENT OF STIPEND FOR THE BOARD SECRETARY

No motion was made to move this item. Consequently, there will be no stipend for the Board secretary.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

MOTION

by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, Mrs. Barbara Somogyi is elected President of this Board of Education.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, Ms. Janice Krinsky is elected Vice President of this Board of Education.

Roll Call

Aye	6	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	1	Schumacher

Motion Carried: 6-0-0-1

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF SECRETARY

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, Mr. Sunil Bhave is elected Secretary of this Board of Education.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY MANUAL

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education hereby reaffirms the adoption of the District 59 Board Policy Manual.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0**MOTION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the District 59 Board of Education hereby sets the date, time and place for its regular meetings in accordance with the listing of meeting dates and times attached to this resolution.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59, Cook County, Illinois that regular meetings will be held on the following dates:

Monday, July 10, 2017

Monday, August 14, 2017

Monday, August 28, 2017

Monday, September 11, 2017

Monday September 25, 2017

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Monday, October 23, 2017

Monday, November 13, 2017

Monday, November 27, 2017

Monday, December 11, 2017

Monday, January 8, 2018

Monday, January 22, 2018

Monday, February 12, 2018

Monday, February 26, 2018

Monday, March 12, 2018

Monday, April 2, 2018

Monday, April 23, 2018

Monday, May 14, 2018

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Monday, June 11, 2018

Monday, June 25, 2018

Regular Board Meetings will normally begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Boardroom of the BOE/Administration Center, 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

DATED this 25th day of April, 2017, at Arlington Heights, Illinois.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK - MAY 1-5, 2017**MOTION**

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

WHEREAS: *Preparing Students to be Successful for Life* is the mission of Community Consolidated School District 59; and

WHEREAS: the economic future of our community, state, and nation is dependent upon a knowledgeable and informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS: the week of May 1-5, 2017 has been designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week;

WHEREAS: members of the Board of Education desire to recognize teachers and all employees of School District 59 for their dedicated contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, on behalf of the residents, parents and students, and especially members of the Board of Education, the week of May 1-5, 2017, is hereby proclaimed as Staff Appreciation Week within Community Consolidated School District 59.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President and Secretary of the Board of Education will sign the proclamation attached hereto and a certified copy of the proclamation will be sent to each school within Community Consolidated School District 59.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

Board members expressed their appreciation for District 59 staff.



COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 59
Elk Grove Township Schools

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the economic future of our community, state, and nation is dependent upon a knowledgeable and informed citizenry;

WHEREAS: a strong, effective system of free public school education for all children and youth is essential to our democratic system of government;

WHEREAS: the United States has made considerable progress in the social, technological, and scientific fields due to our system of free and universal public education;

WHEREAS: much of this progress can be attributed to the outstanding and dedicated educators entrusted with the educational development of our children to their full potential; and

WHEREAS: the week of May 1-5, 2017 has been designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017 on behalf of the residents, parents and students, and especially members of the Board of Education, the week of May 1-5, 2017 is hereby proclaimed Staff Appreciation Week within Community Consolidated School District 59 as a time to recognize employees of District 59 for their contributions toward the intellectual, cultural, emotional, social, and physical development of children.

Approved this 25th day of April, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING ON WAIVER FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MOTION

by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski that the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting be opened on this date, April 25, 2017 for a public hearing on the School Holidays for the 2018-19 School Year and that the secretary shall record the time as 8:14 p.m.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

No one came to address the Board during the open hearing.

MOTION

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

Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting be closed on this date, April 25, 2017 for a public hearing on the School Holidays for the 2018-19 School Year and that the secretary shall record the time as 8:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**GROVE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD -
ECOLAB FOUNDATION ELK GROVE VILLAGE CHAPTER**

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the request by Grove Junior High School to accept a grant award of \$1,359.94 from the Ecolab Foundation, Elk Grove Village Chapter, 1060 E Thorndale Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the request by

Grove Junior High School to accept a grant award of \$1,359.94 from the Ecolab Foundation, Elk Grove Village Chapter, 1060 E Thorndale Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. The grant award is to be used to benefit the Family And Consumer Science Curriculum by helping students in 8th grade explore career options in the culinary and baking fields.

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 this donation shall be listed in the “official” minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

Grove Junior High School Request To Accept Two Grant Awards, Ecolab Foundation Elk Grove Village Chapter

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the request by Grove Junior High School to accept two grant awards of \$2,991.89 each, from the Ecolab Foundation, Elk Grove Village Chapter, 1060 E Thorndale Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the request by Grove Junior High School to accept two grant awards of \$2,991.89 each, from the Ecolab Foundation, Elk Grove Village Chapter, 1060 E Thorndale Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. The grant award will allow students and teachers participating in the Physical Education Curriculum to better assess data and progress towards individual student and teacher fitness goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent shall communicate to the donor, 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

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0**GROVE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD, MIDWEST DAIRY ASSOCIATION****MOTION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the request by Grove Junior High School to accept a grant award of \$500 from the Midwest Dairy Association, 2015 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55113.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the request by Grove Junior High School to accept a grant award of \$500 from the Midwest Dairy Association, 2015 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55113. The grant award is part of the Midwest Dairy Association's "Becoming a Touchdown School In The Fuel Up To Play" program. The money awarded through this program allows opportunities for PE Curriculum focused in the fight against obesity.

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 this donation shall be listed in the "official" minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**GROVE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD,
ECOLAB FOUNDATION ELK GROVE VILLAGE CHAPTER**

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the request by Grove Junior High School to accept a grant award of \$1,700 from the Ecolab Foundation, Elk Grove Village Chapter, 1060 E Thorndale Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the request by Grove Junior High School to accept a grant award of \$1,700 from the Ecolab Foundation, Elk Grove Village Chapter, 1060 E Thorndale Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. The “I Think, I Learn, Therefore I Blog” is a grant proposal that will engage students in 21st century learning. Students will use digital and non-digital text and resources to analyze past and present Social Science content.

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 this donation shall be listed in the “official” minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**Grove Junior High School Request To Accept Grant Award, Ecolab
Foundation Elk Grove Village Chapter**

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the request by

Grove Junior High School to accept a grant award of \$2,990 from the Ecolab Foundation Visions For Learning And Educator Grant, Elk Grove Village Chapter, 1060 E Thorndale Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the request by Grove Junior High School to accept a grant award of \$2,990 from the Ecolab Foundation Visions For Learning And Educator Grant, Elk Grove Village Chapter, 1060 E Thorndale Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. The Non-fiction Books is a grant proposal that will expand the school's library collection and support the Dual Language, Spanish Heritage and Spanish classes as students conduct research in Spanish.

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 this donation shall be listed in the "official" minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

HOLMES JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT CAMPAIGN AWARD, CHICAGO BEARS FOOTBALL CLUB AND THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accept the grant campaign award of \$10,000 awarded to Holmes Junior High School by the Chicago Bears Football Club and The American Heart Association, 1000 Football Drive Hallis Hall, Lake Forest, IL 60045, and 208 S. LaSalle St. Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accept the grant campaign award of \$10,000 awarded to Holmes Junior High School by the Chicago Bears Football Club and The American Heart Association, 1000 Football Drive Hallis Hall, Lake Forest, IL 60045, and 208 S. LaSalle St. Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604. The grant campaign is targeted to support and expand

health and fitness programming at the middle school level. Holmes Junior High School is the grand prize winner of the campaign promoted by the National Football League and the American Heart Association. The grant campaign money awarded will be used to fund Holmes Junior High School PE Curriculum that increases student physical activity.

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 this donation shall be listed in the “official” minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

DISCUSSION ITEM

DISTRICT 59 COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Mrs. Osmanski shared that since the last Board meeting she thought about the possibility of using a formal Community Engagement Process to address the concerns of Arlington Heights community member that spoke to the Board at the April 10, 2017 Board meeting.

Mrs. Mary Vicars requested to address the Board of Education.

Mrs. Somogyi explained that this portion of the meeting is intended for members of the Board of Education to have discussion on topics listed on the Board agenda.

Dr. Burns request to have additional historical information about demographics and attendance boundaries. Mr. Luedloff indicated that he will investigate further and provide more in depth information to the Board.

Mrs. Osmanski would like to to look at this issue globally and work on communication and marketing strategies to help change perception throughout all of the District 59 communities and not focus only on one community.

Mrs. Somogyi addressed members of the community to inform them that although this portion of the board meeting is typically for Board member

discussion, the Board would make an exception and allow comments from the audience during this portion of the Board meeting.

Community member, Mrs. Vicars - 1715 S. Ridge Drive, Arlington Heights, read a prepared statement to respond to some of the comments that were made at the April 10, 2017 meeting. Her comments/concerns centered on Juliette Low's rating and the District 59's rating due to PARCC scores. Mrs. Vicars requested that the administration provide responses to the questions that she and others had asked during the April 10, 2017 meeting. (Prepared statement attached to minutes of this meeting).

Community member, Mrs. Gloria Schmidt - 1534 S. Princeton, Arlington Heights, expressed disappointment that the Board does not have answers to concerns brought forward at the April 10, 2017.

Mrs. Somogyi advised community members that the purpose of a Board meeting is not an opportunity for dialogue between Board and community. Community members are invited to make public comments, but there is no opportunity for dialogue during Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Somogyi stated that the Board will direct the administration to pull together information to respond to the questions from the community members. She thanked the community members for attending.

Dr. Fessler added that he would welcome the opportunity to meet with any interested community members to have a conversation about student learning and the District's focus.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Somogyi reminded Board members that when they are communicating with anyone concerning District 59 issues, the recommendation from the attorney is that only District email is used. Social network is also something that Board members need to be extremely careful about.

As a followup to Mrs. Somogyi's recommendation, Mr. Bhave added that the Attorney General has concluded that if two people have an email exchange on their private email account about public business, the information is subject to FOIA.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Dr. Burns shared that he has heard rumors the state may not pay certain categorical funds. His concern is that the District transportation fund will be running a deficit if the state does not pay.

Dr. Fessler shared that the state comptroller issued a voucher for payment and confirmed that the state has not yet paid. He is hearing that the state will likely not have the money to pay all of its expenses and transportation is one, along with other line items in the District budget.

Dr. Burns asked what the District's plan will be moving forward if the state doesn't provide the funds for transportation.

Dr. Fessler indicated that we have already budgeted the money for transportation; the reimbursement is the issue for this year. If necessary, the funds will need to come from the fund balance if the state does not reimburse us. Dr. Fessler agrees that there is a sense of urgency and he will speak with Ms. Nissen about a strategy moving forward.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Board members were asked to review the Board Committee assignments and contact Mrs. Somogyi or Mrs. Lange with their preferences for continuing to serve on the same committees or moving to new committees.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Strategic Plan Focus 2017-18

Dr. Fessler shared that there will be discussion about the Strategic Plan Focus for 2017-18 at the May 8, 2017 Board meeting. The Board will take action at a later date.

State Budget Concerns

Dr. Fessler shared that Mr. Tony Sanders, District U-46 Superintendent, has started a grassroots movement to strategically push legislators to pass a state budget. Illinois is losing 11 million dollars per day by not having a budget. Dr. Fessler will be sending a communication to District 59 families asking that they join in the effort to put pressure on legislators to pass a budget.

Elk Grove Village Planning Commission Meeting

Mr. Luedloff shared that the District had an informal pre-meeting with the Elk Grove Village Planning Commission. The District believes that the plans for the new building meet all village ordinances.

The Planning Commission shared that the District will need a special use permit because we will have two buildings (Administration/PD Center and Commissary).

The Planning Commission Identified these four items that they would like the District to consider before the official hearing (approximately 4-6 weeks).

- Raise brick maintenance wall from 6 ft. to 8 ft.
- Different types of trees planted to the south and a higher berm
- Foundation planting around the building
- Traffic Flow

Dr. Fessler indicated that Mr. Rossi will review these recommendations/concerns and provide feedback.

TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE PLANS

Mrs. McAbee indicated the District will be updating the Title I Schoolwide Plans to align with ESSA requirements. Although the plans will not require Board approval, they will be made available to the Board for review.

CLOSED SESSION**MOTION**

at 9:23 PM by Mr. Bhave,, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017,

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**RECONVENE
MOTION**

at 10:03 PM by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**ADJOURNMENT
MOTION**

at 10:03 PM by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Dr. Burns to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 25th day of April, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call

Aye	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	0	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

Barbara Somogyi, President

ATTEST

Sunil Bhave, Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

PREPARED STATEMENT FROM MARY VICARS

My name is Mary Cosenza Vicars, 1715 South Ridge Drive, AH, in the Juliette Low neighborhood.

At the last meeting, some parents said that they are happy with their children's education at Juliette Low. Your children might be doing well, but that is not the point. You still ought to be concerned about the school's rating and district's overall low rating. With scores so easily accessible to everyone, people have moved out of the neighborhood to get into different school districts and many young people won't even consider a home in the Juliette Low neighborhood. We don't have the luxury of not paying attention to test scores. After talking to real estate agents and looking at comps, homes are not selling quickly in our neighborhood and are worth 10-15% less than in neighboring District 25.

Now some of you might say that homeowners should not compare themselves to District 25 because we have a different demographic than 25. Fair or not fair, that is what is happening. Some homes in 59 are next door or across the street from homes in District 25. Of course, prospective buyers are going to compare school ratings and when they do, they often rule out looking at a home in District 59.

While I do think that the District can do more to get positive publicity in the papers about Juliette Low, if Juliette Low and Holmes' scores improve, the negative perception of the District will improve. No amount of positive publicity will make people want to buy a home in my neighborhood if the scores remain low.

District officials tell us that they will not focus on the PARCC test, because they are providing a quality education and preparing students to be life-long learners. How are you measuring that? Can you explain why Juliette Low and Holmes' ratings improved while Forest View's went down? You need to know that because this time the scores went up for Low and Holmes, but they could as easily go down.

When you say that you won't prepare students for the PARCC test, the implication is that something is wrong with the PARCC exam. The PARCC exam tests students in English beginning in 3rd grade. There is nothing wrong with testing students on Math, Reading, Writing, and Critical Thinking. For example, students might have to explain the similarities and differences between two very different things. People use critical thinking skills every day of their lives.

In addition, teaching students test taking strategies is an important skill to have. They will be taking tests to place into classes in high school, to get into college, to become a teacher, doctor, or lawyer. Objective tests will always be used and so we must prepare our students for them.

Last time I spoke I showed how students in other school districts with similar demographics are

doing better in terms of average PARCC exams according to SchoolDigger.com than some of the 59 schools. What I found out is that other schools, such as Euclid School, prepare students for the PARCC exam from Day 1. This afternoon I spoke to Central School in Rolling Meadows and they used the data that they get from PARCC to determine what content/skills they will work on the following year. When students last year did not do well on the non-fiction passages, this year they started reading non-fiction stories. Also schools can easily get practice tests online. District 59 can do the wonderful things that you say you are doing and still teach good test taking strategies.

Other school districts teach their LEP students differently than we do, with better results. For example, Euclid School mainstreams their LEP students into gen ed classes in second grade. We keep them in their bilingual classes longer. LEP students at Euclid School still receive support that they need in certain subjects. We have to make sure that our LEP students learn English at school, because they often do not get this opportunity at home.

I also looked at District 62, because Janice did so in her slide presentation to show that low income is tied to low test scores. (That is true, but there are other factors as well.) When looking at the five schools the in District 62 with the lowest family incomes and comparing that to the five lowest income schools in District 59, District 62 is doing significantly better in terms of average PARCC exams. It is possible to have a low-income school and still do well. In addition to the District working to improve its PARCC scores, I would also like the District officials to respond to the following questions that were raised on April 10:

Why are three other District 59 schools doing better than Juliette Low in terms of average PARCC scores? Should we redraw boundaries that were made 25 years ago? Should Ridge close? Should the Administration building be scaled down?

I don't think we need a committee to study these problems. We don't need to rehash this. What we do need is District officials to answer our questions in an evening presentation in May or early June. Afterwards, the audience could respond.

A principal once told me that while administrators, teachers, and staff might be here from year to year, our students only have one chance to be in our classes. Since they only have one shot with us, it is important that we get this right. When I was teaching, I never forgot what my principal told me. It is important that we get this right for all our kids who live in District 59. It is also important that the decisions that we make don't adversely affect the folks who own property within the District 59 boundaries. If scores improve, people will want to send their children to our schools. It is a win for the District; it is a win for the homeowners; and most importantly, it is a win for all our students.