Official Minutes of the Monday, September 11, 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 Monday, September 11, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Others

Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, CBSO, Vickie Nissen; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Kelley Zerfahs; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Karen Starr; Assistant Superintendent for Innovative Learning and Communication, Ben Grey; Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, Tony Rossi; Executive Director of Student Growth and Accountability, Dr. Josh Carpenter; Executive Director for Innovative Learning, Ross Vittore; Director of Communications and Design, David Pohlmeier; and Recording Secretary, Kathie Lange.

Also Present

Rob Bowers, Holmes Jr. High School Principal; Jane Schwarz Holmes Jr. High School Assistant Principal; Lisa Welch, Holmes Jr. High School Assistant Principal; Michele Ramsey, Early Learning Center Principal; Melissa Ward, ELC Coordinator; Meg Weickert, Forest View Principal; Mary Beth Niles, John Jay Principal and Math Coordinator; Susan Ejma, Juliette Low Principal; Rose Kelly, John Jay and DEA; Cindy Pullen, Coordinator of Human Resources; Janet Russo, Director of Fiscal Services; Jodi Briggs, Devonshire;

A scanned copy of the Guest Sign-In Sheet from September 11, 2017 is attached to minutes of this meeting (Attachment #1).

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION

Holmes Jr. High School

Mr. Rob Bowers, Mrs. Jane Schwartz, and Mrs. Lisa Welch updated the board of education on how students at Holmes are supporting the community through service projects. The group has focused on creating a culture of service, celebrating accomplishments, and providing monthly opportunities for students to serve others.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.01 Board Policy Updates

Press Policy Updates provide recommendations for school board policy review and revisions in response to changes in state and federal laws, regulations, and court cases. Board members reviewed recommendations from the Illinois Association of School Boards Press Update #95 and will take action on the policies at the next meeting.

5.02 Videotaping Board Meetings

The Board continued discussion about the possibility of live streaming, video and/or audio taping of board of education meetings. Mr. Grey confirmed that the district would need to provide closed captioning for video and a text transcript for audio recordings in order to meet the requirements for ADA if video or audio were to be posted on the website. The Communications Department will continue researching options and methods for performing the transcription and closed captioning.

Mrs. Somogyi indicated that more time is needed to investigate further before bringing this before the Board for action.

5.03 Board Committees

Board members continued discussion on committees' function and purpose. Mrs. Somogyi suggested that the Finance Committee could utilize the workshop model and operate as a Committee of the Whole for the remainder of this year.

Dr. Fessler will share information on the current committee assignment in the Friday Board Update.

5.04 Bond Issue

Mr. Ares Dalianis, attorney with Franczek Radelet PC, reviewed the process and timeline that had been followed related to the intent to issue working cash bonds and responded to questions from members of the board of education.

Mr. Dalianis stated that the administration and the board did everything to the letter of the law with respect to approving the working cash intent resolution, accepting the petitions, opening the window for the objection, receiving the objection, and filing the petition and the objection in a timely manner with the Cook County Electoral Board.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mrs. Somogyi read aloud guidelines for the Comments And Suggestions From The Audience portion of the meeting. Guests were asked to limit their address to 3-5 minutes.

Mrs. Kathy Cristian, 526 Bristol Lane, Elk Grove Village, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of the bond petition and the objection to the petition. A copy of her prepared statement is included in the minutes from this meeting. (Attachment 2).

Ms. Cheryl O'Malley, Elk Grove Village resident, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of the bond petition and the objection to the petition.

Ms.Cameishi Lindley, parent of a District 59 student, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of behavioral charts being used in her child's classroom.

Mrs. Mary Cosenza Vicars, 1715 S. Ridge Dr., Arlington Heights, addressed the Board of Education on a number of topics. A copy of the prepared statement is included in the minutes from this meeting. (Attachment 3).

Mrs. Gloria Schmidt, 1534 S. Princeton, Arlington Heights, addressed the Board of Education on several topics: test scores, the new administration building, bond petition, objection to the petition, board member code of conduct and videotaping meetings.

Mr. Dan Makowski, 1214 W. Cedar Ln., Arlington Heights, addressed the Board of Education on several topics: 80/20 dual language model, test scores, homework, and curriculum.

Mr. Jim Stuber, 3110 Haven Dr., Arlington Heights, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of the direction of District 59 and the lack of response to community concerns.

Mrs. Judy Cox, Elk Grove Village resident, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of class size and funding for programs that teachers and parents believe in. She inquired about the possibility of community involvement in district communities.

Mrs. Ann Clinton, 44 Roxbury Ct., Des Plaines, addressed the Board of Education to stress her desire for the board to continue to invest in what is important for students and the community.

Mr. Cox, Elk Grove Village resident, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of the new administration center and the challenges District 59 is facing.

Mrs. Lynn Oberg, Elk Grove Village resident, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of videotaping board meetings and the objection to the bond petition. She also requested the Board allow the referendum for bonds to be placed on the ballot in March 2018.

Mrs. Jodi Briggs addressed the Board of Education to share her experience as a parent of a dual language student at Juliette Low and as a teacher in the district. She also spoke on the topic of district boundaries.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Burns requested to pull items two items for discussion:

- 7.02 Disbursements
- 7.04 Human Resource Report

MOTION

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

<u>BE</u> <u>IT</u> <u>RESOLVED</u> <u>THAT</u> on the 11th day of September, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as amended

- 7.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
 - a. August 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 7.02 Disbursements Resolution
 - a. September 11, 2017 Disbursement Listing for FY 2017-18
- 7.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports Reports
 - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2017
 - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of July 31, 2017
 - c. Investment Report as of July 31, 2017
 - d. Activity Fund Statements as of July 31, 2017
- 7.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
 - a. Certified Contracts
 - b. Certified Retirement
 - c. Certified Resignation
 - d. Certified Leave of Absence
 - e. Non-Negotiated Retirement
 - f. ESP Contracts
 - g. ESP Retirements
 - h. ESP Resignation
 - i. CAMEO Contracts
 - j. Certified Lane Changes
 - k. Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report 2016-17
- 7.05 Approval to Destroy 18 Month Old or Older Closed Session Recordings

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

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Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

7.02 Disbursements Listing from September 11, 2017 for FY 2017-18

Dr. Burns expressed concerns about food expenses. He stated he will vote in favor of paying these bills because the bills have been incurred and the bills must be paid. He wants to curb spending in this area in the future.

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of September 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves disbursements fiscal year 2017-18 in the amount of \$13,462,387 as presented per the attachments to this resolution.

Roll Call

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0 Nays: Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

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Dr. Burns questioned the timing of an employee's resignation. Ms. Zerfahs provided an explanation about the date it was received in HR.

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of September, 2017 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the following Human Resources items:

a.	Certified Contracts		2023	0-1	25	-T-	F.65 - 11 -	Destand	
Norma Brambilla	Position/Location Dual Lang Tchr / Salt Creek	Contract of the Contract of th	ep .	Salary \$60,6	N/2/2	<u>FTE</u> 1.0	Effective 8/14/201	The state of the s	
Lindsey Fatai	Classroom Teacher / Jay	BA 2		\$44,8		1.0	8/14/201		
Lorena Garcia	Dual Lang Teacher / Jay	MA30 1		\$64,40		1.0	8/14/201		
Rebecca Nierman	Ed Life Skills / Rupley	BA 1		\$43,93	33	1.0	8/14/201		
b.	Certified Retirement								
Name	Position/Location						Effective		
Cynthia Kaikaris	Lang Arts/Soc Studies Teacher / Holmes 6/8/2018								
Joyce Mravik	Classroom Teacher / Devons	shire					6/8/2018		
c.	Certified Resignation								
Name	Position/Location Effective								
Zaida Quinones-Gonzalez	Dual Language Teacher / Fo	rest View					6/16/201	7	
d.	Certified Leave of Absence	2							
Name	Position/Location Effective								
Jessica Amaya		Instructional Coach / Jay					8/28/2017 - 1/5/2018		
Ellen Corcoran	Classroom Teacher / Rupley 11/7/2017 - 11/15/2017						7 - 11/15/2017		
e.	Non-Negotiated Retirement								
Name	Position/Location						Effective		
James Christie	Bus Driver / Transportation						12/29/2017		
f.	ESP Contracts	200000 0020000							
Name Ashley Bartels	Position/Location Early Childhood Asst / Frost	Lane Step INSTA 2		Salary \$18.14	FTE 1.0		Effective 8/14/2017	Replaced BOE 3/20/2017	
Amy Bush	Early Childhood Asst / Flost	INSTA 1		\$17.50	1.0		8/14/2017	BOE 2/27/2017	
Wendy Garcia	LBS Assistant / Friendship	INSTA 3		\$18.70	1.0		8/14/2017	Janet Konieszcy	
Marybeth Lorentzen	1:1 Nurse / Rupley	RN 2		\$29.13	1.0		8/21/2017	Dawn Peek Stefani Torres	
Ivelda Lugo Margaret Messenger	Student Res Asst / F View Supported Ed Asst / S Creek	INSTA 1		\$17.50 \$18.70	1.0		8/24/2017 8/28/2017	Miriam Rodriguez	
Jenine Pace	Student Res Asst / Jay	INSTA 1		\$17.50	1.0		8/14/2017	Mayra Nava-Marquez	
Cynthia Spudic	Student Res Asst / Frost	INSTA 2		\$18.14	1.0		8/14/2017	Anna Ostrogorska	
g.	ESP Retirements								
Name Navin Dave	Position/Location ESL Asst / Holmes						Effective 6/30/2018		
Sushama Dave	ESL Asst / Forest View						6/30/2018		
h.	ESP Resignation								
Name	Position/Location						Effective		
Monica Jovel	Administrative Assistant / Bus	Svc					8/7/2017		
i. Name	CAMEO Contracts Position/Location	Lane Step		Salary	FTE	=	Effective	Replaced	
Eduardo Arellano	Night Custodian / Ridge-AdCt			\$16.28	1.0		9/5/2017	Converted from ESP	
Cecilio Guzman	Night Custodian / HJH-Rupley			\$16.28	1.0		8/28/2017	Jose Leguer Cuellar	
į.	Certified Lane Ch	anges							
Name	Position/Location	ungoo	Sc	h/Lane S	Step	Salary		Effective	
Leslie Bezzaz	ESL Tchr / Holmes			MA30		\$105,22	24	8/15/2017	
Regina Enlow	Science Tchr / Holr			MA30		\$67,135		8/15/2017	
Catherine Gembara	Classroom Tchr / R			MA15		\$69,934		8/15/2017	
Amanda Gerardy	Instr Coach / Clear		25.0	MA30	. 5	\$85,783		8/15/2017	
Kristi Ishikawa	Math Tchr / Holmes			MA30		\$69,934		8/14/2017	
Justin James	Phys Ed Tchr / Holmes			MA30		\$69,934		8/15/2017	
Michael Kusibab	Phys Ed Tchr / Grove			MA30			\$105.224 8/14/2017		
Julia Montalto	Classroom Tchr / Frost			MA15		\$75,888		8/14/2017	
Joyce Mravik	Classroom Tchr / Devonshire			BA30		\$82,349		8/14/2017	
Ryan Nickish	Math/Science Tchr / Friendship					\$85,783		8/14/2017	
Angie Sriver			100	MA	14	\$85,783		8/14/2017	
Linda Takao	Dual Lang Tchr / Low			MA30		\$60,689		8/14/2017	
Iwona Wajda	Classroom Tchr / Forest View			MA15		\$75,888			
Adriana Zycki	Dual Lang Tchr / Clearmont			MA15		\$79,053		8/14/2017 8/15/2017	
Auriana Zycki	Dual Lang Tchr / Clearmont			NIA(13	110	φι σ,υο.		0/13/2017	

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

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Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

8:01

Resolution Abandoning The Intention Of Community Consolidated School District Number 59 To Issue Not To Exceed \$20,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds

Mr. Ares Dalianis shared that he was able to contact District 59's bond counsel, Ms. Anjali Vij from Chapman and Cutler LLC. Ms. Vij provided clarification on Dr. Burns' question about the length of time the board would need to wait to restart the bond process in the event the referendum failed.

Mr. Ares Dalianis asked Ms. Vij if there would be any limitation on the Board of Education restarting the process of issuing working cash bonds if the question goes to the voters and is rejected in March of 2018. The response was that there is no prohibition; the Board can restart the process. He stated that he specifically asked if there was a 2-year prohibition and the response was no. If the voters reject the question on the referendum, the board has the option of restarting the process for the working cash bond issuance.

MOTION

by Mr. Bhave, seconded by Ms. Krinsky to adopt the following resolution:

Dr. Burns requested information from Mr. Dalianis in regard to what individual board member can and cannot do related to the March 2018 referendum.

Mr. Dalianis stated that the district and the Board acting as a board can only use district funds for educational purposes and to provide factual information about the referendum. <u>Individuals</u> can be on a committee or a group to advocate for or against the public question and host events, etc.

Mr. Dalianis responded to Dr. Fessler's question and stated that the administration and the Board can host a townhall meeting to present factual information on the referendum.

Roll Call

Ayes: 0

Nays: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and

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Absent: 0

Abstain: 0 Motion Failed: 0-7-0-0

8:02 Approval of Mobile Home Park Back to School Event Donation From Mr. Ric Clifton, The Locker Shop

MOTION

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

<u>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</u> on the 11th day of September, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$500 from Mr. Ric Clifton, The Locker Shop, 2201 Lively Blvd, Elk Grove Village.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of September, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$500 to purchase gift cards for the Mobile Home Park back to school event.

<u>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT</u> 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.

Ms. Krinsky thanked Mr. David Pohlmeier for contacting Mr. Clifton to secure this donation for the event.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the generous donation.

Roll Call

Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and

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Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

8:03 Approval of Ridge Family Center Donation From Gen YOUth Foundation

MOTION

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

<u>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</u> on the 11th day of September, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$500 from Gen YOUth Foundation, 10255 West Higgins Road Rosemont, IL 60018.

<u>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</u> on the 11th day of September, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$500 from Gen YOUth Foundation to support the student Fuel Up health and wellness initiative at Ridge Family Center.

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.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the generous donation.

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

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Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS

9.01 FOIA Requests

Ms. Zerfahs shared that the district received ten FOIA requests since the last meeting.

Dr. Burns shared that one of the FOIA requests related to board members' personal email accounts will possibly go to the Attorney General for a challenge.

Mr. Bhave stated that he works for the Attorney General and that he was the lead attorney in a case involving personal emails of city police officers. The position of the Attorney General was that the police officers' personal emails do constitute public record. He shared that the case was argued in July and the judge has not yet ruled on the case. He stated that he is sharing this information to avoid any conflict of interest and offer full disclosure.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Dr. Burns shared that Admiral Byrd School is participating in a program called Operation North Pole where all students receive a winter coat. He asked if the Board had approved this donation. Ms. Zerfahs replied that she was aware of six schools that would be participating in the program, but indicated she would need to follow up with Mrs. Starr about the donation. Dr. Fessler stated that he did not believe the donation had come to the Board for approval, but it would be placed on the next agenda.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Schumacher shared that she had visited Juliette Low with a group of community members including Mrs. Vicars and Mrs. Burke.

Mrs. Schumacher also provided information on District 214's Newcomer Center. The program serves high school students who have recently arrived to the United States and are new to the English language. By providing our students with personalized instruction, it is our goal that they experience success when they return to their home schools.. She requested to have an indepth conversation about this topic at a future meeting.

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Mrs. Schumacher also shared that students participating in a cursive class that she is teaching at Clearmont are doing very well and enjoying the class.

Mrs. Somogyi reminded board members about the September 18, 2017 Board Self-Evaluation at 6:00pm.

Mrs. Osmanski commented on how beautiful the outside of Devonshire looks since the renovation. She plans on visiting soon.

Dr. Burns requested clarification on a document the board received on class size. Ms. Zerfahs provided clarification.

Mr. Bhave attended an appreciation event at Brentwood Elementary School along with Dr. Fessler and Mr. Ben Grey.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Dr. Fessler shared that the SLT will be bringing information on boundaries and dual language models back to the Board at the September 25, 2017 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

at 10:22 PM Mrs. Osmanski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Roberts. On voice vote, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Barbara Somogyi, Président

Sunil Bhave, Secretary

ATTACHMENT #1 Sign In Sheets from September 11, 2017 Board of Education Meeting

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ATTACHMENT #2

My Name is Kathy Christian I live at 526 Bristol Ln. Elk Grove Village. I have a particular concern with this District's Board and Administration.

My husband Bill and I were very involved in collecting signatures for the bond petition. We had no idea that we would find ourselves in the position we are in. My husband called David Orr's office before handing in the petition and asked what the process was. It seemed very strange to be handing all that hard work to the very people who would be against our efforts.

Bill followed procedure and delivered the petition to Vickie Nissen on Aug 11th. We were not told anything about time frames for objections or any public time limits to view the document. On Aug. 18th Vickie Nissen called Bill at **4:10** and asked if we would like to pick up the objection to the petition or have it sent? Bill could not get to the office before **5:00** so he asked her to mail it.

By the time the objection arrived at our home by mail from the district. We received a copy by sherrif with a notice for hearing on Aug. 28th.

Bill fervently sent Foia requests and talked with Vickie to get answers to our question of who this Esther Carrera is and how did she get access to the petition. We still do not have an answer to those questions.

In the meantime Bill did not want to disappoint all those he spoke with while getting signatures and took off the necessary days of work to go to hearings and reviews and more hearings. All without knowing the process or what he was up against.

After putting together timelines of documents, and between the legal gymnastics We still have the same questions . Who had access to the petition without signing into the district to view it? And how did Esther Carrera get the petition and have time to view the 1, 342 entries in 5 days? There is no record of her obtaining our petition. There is no record of her actually using the terminals at David Orr's office. and there is no name on each page of the objection as to who was actually researching the objection, as it was obvious there was more than one person working on this. We have been open and honest in our efforts to get the bond issue on the ballot and the district can not offer any explanation or proof that this was not an "inside" job.

The only actual evidence of anyone related to this petition objection that we have obtained, is the fact that On Monday Aug 14th the first business day after our petition was submitted. A citizen with the same name As this boards secretary, signed into David Orr's office to use the terminals required to review Election data.

AS Esther Carrerra and all documentation of her existence is still needing verification. I am standing here before you with all the documents that prove Bill and my legitimate concerns, and David Orr's Decision that our Petition is Valid and must be on the Ballot In 2018.

The objector Esther, or Whoever it was, claimed as her reasons for objecting "Ias a citizen desirous of seeing that the...laws governing the filing of petitions requesting that the question of authorization to issue working cash fund bonds of CCSD 59 to be submitted to electors of the district are properly complied with, and that a legally sufficient and qualified referendum appear on the ballot for

submission and voting upon the public question by duly qualified registered voters of the District at the March 20 2018 Consolidated Primary Election"

The Objector in her objection asked for this to go to the ballot At this juncture ,for the district to deny us this same action is cowardly and deceitful. The taxpayers should vote.

If this behavior is an example to the children of this District as to what "character" looks like, our children are in big trouble. Because character does Not Count in District 59

Attachment #3

Mary Cosenza Vicars 1715 South Ridge Drive, AH

It's almost been a year since I had my meeting with Dr. Fessler and I have been attending board meetings since April.

Here are my observations:

- 1. When I asked if we should look at boundary changes so that students go to the schools in their neighborhoods, I received an email from Dr. Fessler that this could not be done. He said that there was a lawsuit that parents had against Elgin U46 and our attorneys advised not doing this or we could face an expensive litigation. Joan Burke researched the Elgin case and presented to the board her findings at the July 17, 2017, meeting. What we were proposing and what happened in Elgin are two very different cases.
- 2. At the June 15 meeting, the administration told us that homes in District 59 go for more per square foot than homes in 25. Barb Johnson used Tom's figures to show that this is not true.
- 3. A board member told me that the 2017 PARCC exam was harder than it was in 2016. This is not true.
- 4. I was also told that the last ISAT test was harder than the previous one. This is not true. The cut score was raised, but the test was not harder.
- 5. On June 15 Dr. Fessler said that there are 110 neighborhood students who attend JL. On Friday

 I will give Kathie my speech tonight, but for the record the Juliette Low neighborhood falls
 within the boundaries of AH Road, Golf Road, Algonquin, New Wilke, and Central. There are
 District 25 students and District 15 students in this area as well. This is what is meant as our
 neighborhood, not other areas of AH. Can we finally get a number of neighborhood students
 who attend JL?
 - 6. On August 14, we were told that the administration had the PARCC scores but really did not look to see if our scores went up or down. On August 28 Dr. Fessler told us that they went down. According to the State, you could show us the results now before September 22. Why won't you?

At the last meeting when talking about the Dual Language 80/20 program, one board member said that the bilingual coordinators were the experts, so we should listen to them. It was our experts who told us the above and I have shown that what they have said has not always been accurate.

How many years of scores declining before you decide to change the course? How many more years will you continue to set low expectations for our Spanish-speaking students? Why aren't the non-English speaking students doing well on the PARCC test in elementary school and junior high school? Your program was piloted in 2010 at Salt Creek. Surely you should have some data from that group of students. For how many years will you let our non-English students fail? What is that doing to their social-emotional well-being?

In conclusion, I hear again and again that we are preparing students to be 21st century learners and to be global citizens. I am not sure what your definition of a global citizen is and how you measure that. In my opinion, there are many characteristics of a global citizen but one of the main ones is honesty and truthfulness. I think we ought to lead by example.