

**Official Minutes of the Monday, November 13, 2017  
Board of Education Meeting**

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**Call to Order** The Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 in County of Cook, State of Illinois, held a meeting in accordance with provisions of the Open Meetings Act, according to Illinois law, at the District 59 Administration Center, 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois on Monday, November 13, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

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

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

**Others** Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, CBSO, Vickie Nissen; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Kelley Zeffahs; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Karen Starr; 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, Denise Bishoff.

**Also Present** Jodi Mergele, Friendship Jr. High School Principal; Bill Timmins Friendship Jr. High Assistant Principal; Ann Wing, President of the District 59 Education Association; Mary Beth Niles, Director of Math

In addition, a scanned copy of the Guest Sign-In Sheet from November 13, 2017 is attached to minutes of this meeting. (Attachment #1).

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**FRIENDSHIP JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

Friendship Jr. High School technology teacher, Don Willett, and students Anastasia Doris, Sofia Doris, and Nabil Ahadi shared details of the Fine Arts, Exploratory, and Creative Technology Programs at Friendship Jr. High School. The presentation is [linked here](#).

**Board Appreciation and Recognition**

Illinois Association of School Boards has designated Wednesday November 15, 2017 as Board Appreciation and Recognition Day. Dr. Fessler presented the Board of Education with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked them for their service and commitment to District 59.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **5.01 Transportation Q&A**

Representatives from Grand Prairie Transit, and First Student along with Mary Gonzalez, Coordinator of Transportation, responded to questions raised by Board of Education members regarding the safety of students. Details on the training process and safety measures were discussed.

### **5.02 Award of Bid for Paper**

District 59 issues a paper bid once each year for a quantity projected to meet one year's needs. The quantity stipulated in the bid is a best estimate to enable the vendor to determine a fair price. However, the District is not required to purchase a specific quantity and may order more or less as needed.

This year the bid is for xerographic and vellum paper. Any variety of instructional paper including construction paper is ordered by each building as needed. The bid is awarded by category and the vendor holds the inventory until the District requests partial deliveries.

The bid specifications require the vendor to quote unit prices inclusive of shipping costs and stipulated delivery throughout the school year. The specifications also allow the District to compare prices with the state contract. Items purchased through the state contract are exempt from bidding requirements (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21) and only xerographic paper is available.

This year, the state contract prices for xerographic paper do not provide any savings, as they are less competitive than local vendor bid results. Murnane Paper submitted the low bid for xerographic paper and Veritiv Operating Company submitted the low bid for vellum.

The Board will take action on November 27, 2017.

### **5.03 Consolidation Considerations District 57**

Dr. Fessler and Board President Somogyi shared that Consolidated School District 57 is reaching out to surrounding districts asking to consider a consolidation. Dr. Fessler explained that there is a lengthy process to consolidating two districts. Members of the Board shared their thoughts on advantages and disadvantages for considering this consolidation.

#### **5.04 D214 Articulation Review and Success Indicators**

Elk Grove High School Principal, Mr. Paul Kelly, and Grove Junior High Principal, Mr. John Harrington, discussed the joint effort both schools are making to help students transition from junior high into high school. Mentors from the high school meet with junior high students throughout the year. Mr. Kelly feels very strongly that District 59 is preparing students for high school.

Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Director of Research and Evaluation at District 214, presented “How Do We Prepare Students To Be Successful For Life”. Students from District 59 attend Elk Grove, Rolling Meadows, and Prospect High Schools in District 214. Presentation linked here.

[Articulation Review](#)

[Success Indicators](#)

#### **COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Dennis Perillo - 540 Biesterfield Elk Grove Village resident - addressed the Board of Education referring to a statement from a past board meeting that was made by a board member.

Dr. Burns - Board of Education Member - responded to Mr. Perillo's statement.

Gloria Schmidt - 1534 S. Princeton Ave. AH - addressed the Board on School Districts on District expenditures.

Mary Vicars - 1715 S. Ridge Drive, Arlington Heights - addressed the Board on the 2015/2016 PARCC Scores. Mrs. Vicar's submitted a graph for the minutes. (Attachment #2).

Mike Vicars - 1715 S. Ridge Drive, Arlington Heights - addressed the Board on PARCC scores.

Joan Burke - 1634 S. Chesterfield Dr. AH - addressed the Board on PARCC scores. A copy of her statement is attached. (Attachment #3).

Don Funk - 307 W. Haven Arlington Heights - addressed the Board on the topics of homework, tests, and PARCC scores.

Vivian Eyzaguirre - 1207 W. Glen Lane Mt. Prospect - District 59 parent addressed the Board on the topic of homework.

Jim Stuber - 3110 W. Haven Dr., AH - addressed the Board regarding

standardized testing.

Patricia Krause - 1623 S. Ridge Dr. AH - address the Board regarding PARCC scores.

Mrs. Schumacher took this opportunity to recognize the outstanding job 4th and 5th grade choir students at Clearmont Elementary School did as a tribute to Veterans on November 11th.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Burns requested to pull item 7.02 Disbursements

### 7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 13th day of November, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented/amended:

#### 7.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2017
- b. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2017
- c. Closed Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2017

#### ~~7.02 Disbursements Resolution~~

- ~~a. November 13, 2017 Disbursement Listing for FY 2017-18~~

#### 7.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Detail Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2017
- b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of September 30, 2017
- c. Investment Report as of September 30, 2017
- d. Activity Fund Statements as of September 30, 2017

#### 7.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report

- a. Certified Contract
- b. ESP Contract
- c. CAMEO Retirement
- d. DEA Release Time - Memo of Understanding

#### 7.05 Approval to Destroy 18 Month Old or Older Closed Session Recordings

## Roll Call

Ayes: 6 Bhave, Burns, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Krinsky

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

Dr. Burns expressed his concerns on the District's expenses for conferences that required airfare and hotels.

**7.02 Disbursements Resolution - November 13, 2017  
Disbursement Listing for FY 2017-18**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 13th day of November 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves disbursements for fiscal year 2017-18 in the amount of \$14,708,253 as presented per the attachments to this resolution.

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**8.01 Approval of 33 District Education Foundation Teacher Proposed Grants Totalling \$18,901.97.**

District 59 Education Foundation member, Mrs. Jennifer Randolph, addressed the Board on the 33 grant requests District 59 Education Foundation was able to fund. Mrs. Randolph recognized Foundation members Jayne Wilkins-Scott and Sharon Lansdown for all their hard work. [Approved grants.](#)

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

WHEREAS, on the 13th day of November, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation from the District 59 Education Foundation in the amount of \$18,901.97 for 33 teacher proposed grants to be used at various schools throughout the district.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 13th day of November, 2017, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of \$18,901.97 for teacher proposed grants from the District 59 Education Foundation, 2123 S. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights IL 60005.



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

Board Members were asked by Dr. Fessler to sign an acknowledgement of the mandated reporting referenced in Board Policy 2:20 and Board Policy 5:90. This signed document will be submitted as evidence for the District 59 Compliance Audit in April 2018.

## **DRAFT OF BOARD WORKING AGREEMENT**

By consensus, Board Members present at the November 13, 2017 Board meeting agreed to accept the Board Working Agreement as modified.

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

Mrs. Schumacher reported on two articles.

- TIFS artificially freeze property values in the TIF districts. None of the tax revenues from the rising property wealth is available to schools, and the rising property value districts are not counted in determining which school districts are most in need of state funding.
- Twice as many 10-to-14 year olds are committing suicide today than a decade ago, and suicide now accounts for more middle school students deaths than car crashes.

Mrs. Osmanski attended Math Boot Camp at Forest View.

Mrs. Osmanski and Mrs. Schumacher attended the Discipline Committee meeting.

Mrs. Roberts announced that she will not be able to attend a couple Family and Community Engagement Committee meetings. Ms. Krinsky will be attending as a representative for the Board.

Mrs. Somogyi reported that she attended the Insurance Committee Meeting as an alternate prior to the BOE meeting this evening. The Committee is planning on surveying staff and discussed costs savings.

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

### **2016 PARCC, 2017 Fall FAST, and 2017 Fall Fountas & Pinnell Results**

Executive Director of Student Growth and Accountability, Dr. Josh Carpenter, and Evaluation & Assessment Facilitator, Trisha Senn presented to the Board of Education. [Presentation linked here.](#)

**ATTORNEY FEES** - Mrs. Zerfahs reported on the amount spent for attorney fees.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION** at 10:35PM by Ms.Roberts, seconded by Mr. Bhave to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body”, “Collective negotiating matters....” 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1, 2) of the Open Meetings Act.

**Roll Call**

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

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

Mrs. Schumacher left the meeting at 11:00 PM.

**RECONVENE** at 11:01 PM by Mrs. Roberts seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 13th day of November, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

**Roll Call**

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

Motion carried: 5-0-2-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** at 11:02 PM by Mrs. Osmanski seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following resolution:


BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 13th day of November, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.



**Roll Call**

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

Motion carried: 5-0-2-0

  
Barbara Somogyi, President

ATTEST   
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Sunil Bhave, Secretary

**ATTACHMENT #1****Sign In Sheet from November 13, 2017 Board of Education Meeting**

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GUESTS

NAME	ADDRESS
John D'Arzo	Grove/DEA
Ann Wing	DEA
DAVID S. ARMBRECHT	COOK IL GPT
SEAN ST. JOHN	FIRST STUDENT
Chris Sharp	First Student
Jason Oberg	GPT
Scott Fournier	EGV
Matt Legg	LOW
Joe Billon	GPT
NORA MAECHTIS	GRAND PRAIRIE TRANSIT MD
John Knoelke	Grand Prairie Transit
Dennis Berulw	Retired Teacher
Caryn Davidson	Forest View Parent
MIKE MERRITT	BRENTWOOD
Jim Burlew	A.H.

Ben Kollig	D214 / EGH5
Les Cox	6607 Versailles EGV
Ron + Gloria Schmidt	Arlington Hts
DONALD & ELAINE FUNK	Arlington Hts
Martina Perez	Devonshire
ROBERT LYDON	EGV
Diana Dylag	Devonshire w/ friendship
Juane Esler	Arlington Hts
Nick Johnke	614 W. Haven
PATRICIA KRAUSE	1623 S. RIDGE DR.
JIM STUBER	311 HAVAN DR
Dan Makowski	Arlington Hts.
Jerilyn Kholbe	A.H.
Anne Cieslak	1106 S. Robert dr
Sebastian Cieslak	1106 S. Robert dr

## GUESTS

NAME	ADDRESS
Astrid Kowalezyk	1420 Robert DR Mt. Prospect IL
Jodi Briggs	Devonshire
Vivian Eyzaguirre	1207 W Glenn Ln MP Prospect
Mary Beth Koles	Ad Bldg

**ATTACHMENT #3  
WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM MARY VICARS**

**Looking at the CCSD59 Schools**

<b>School</b>	<b>2017 Met or Exceeded</b>	<b>2016 Met or Exceeded</b>
<b>Friendship Junior High School</b>	<b>35.8% UP</b>	<b>35.2%</b>
<b>Grove Junior High School</b>	<b>22.2% DOWN</b>	<b>25.5%</b>
<b>Holmes Junior High School</b>	<b>32.4% UP</b>	<b>29.2%</b>
<b>Byrd Elementary School</b>	<b>14.9% DOWN</b>	<b>16.3%</b>
<b>Brentwood Elementary School</b>	<b>35.2% DOWN</b>	<b>44.4%</b>
<b>Clearmont Elementary School</b>	<b>32.1% DOWN</b>	<b>37.6%</b>
<b>Devonshire Elementary School</b>	<b>29.3% DOWN</b>	<b>39.1%</b>
<b>Forest View Elementary School</b>	<b>42.3% DOWN</b>	<b>51.6%</b>
<b>John Jay Elementary School</b>	<b>15.6% DOWN</b>	<b>21.8%</b>
<b>Juliette Low Elementary School</b>	<b>20.2% DOWN</b>	<b>35.9%</b>
<b>Ridge Family Center</b>	<b>35.7% DOWN</b>	<b>36.2%</b>
<b>Frost Elementary School</b>	<b>22.5% DOWN</b>	<b>27.0%</b>
<b>Rupley Elementary School</b>	<b>12.8% DOWN</b>	<b>20.9%</b>
<b>Salt Creek Elementary School</b>	<b>19.4% DOWN</b>	<b>22.5%</b>

**2017 Comparison of District 59 with the Other Schools in Illinois**

	<b>2017 Met or Exceeded</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>District 59</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>33%</b>

**ATTACHMENT #4  
WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM JOAN BURKE**

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Joan Burke, 1634 S Chesterfield Dr. Arlington Heights, IL.

Of the 2,063 elementary schools in IL, District 59 ranks in the bottom half as their performance scores are below the state's average. During our observation of the dual language program at Byrd School, we were informed that several school districts visited D59's schools to observe their program. Perhaps it is time for our administrators to observe some better performing schools. We realize the challenges schools have to educate a large population of low-income and English-language learners, but it is possible and some schools have done a better job. Using the scatterplots from IL Report Card on Juliette Low, I found several much better performing schools with very similar demographics to J Low, Salt Creek, Byrd, John Jay, Frost and Rupley. In our own backyard are South, Plainfield and North elementary schools in Des Plaines, Dan Pietrini Elementary in Franklin Park, and Emiliano Zapata and Burroughs elementary schools in Chicago. At these schools low-income ranges from 60-97%, English learners from 37-58% and an ethnic background similar to 59's ranging from 40-100%. Their performance scores range from 40-59% and D59's scores range from 13-20% for the schools I mentioned.

Ask yourself, with the great teachers and excellent resources, why are D59 students not doing better than the students in these schools? Could it be the lack of a standardized curriculum, the amount of time D59 devotes to teaching the core subjects of math, science, and social studies which is less time than the state's standard, and the lack of a more structured homework policy that encourages self-directed learning by the students.

To the Juliette Low parents who have spoken at these board meetings praising the district and boasting about their children. Are your children being challenged? According to PARCC, only 20% of the "neighborhood" students have met or exceeded performance expectations. Is your child one of the 28 students out of the 138 "neighborhood" students who met or exceeded expectations? What could your child achieve if the district's academic standards were more rigorous?

At an August 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting during a discussion of the release of the raw PARCC scores, I recall Dr. Fessler mentioning it would be troubling if we don't see growth. We should all be very troubled, as our PARCC scores have been declining every year since 2015.