

**Official Minutes of the Monday, February 26, 2018
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, February 26, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

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

Members Absent: Sunil Bhave Secretary

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 Communication and Design, Ben Grey; Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, Tony Rossi; Executive Director for Innovative Learning, Ross Vittore; Executive Director of Literacy, Dr. Kim Barrett; Director of Communications and Design, David Pohlmeier; Director of Fiscal Service, Janet Russo; Jan Fisher, Coordinator of Purchasing and School Nutrition; Staff Accountant, Eleni Berhanu; Executive Director of Literacy, Dr. Kim Barrett; Byrd Elementary School Principal, Mary Ellen Esser; Byrd Elementary School Assistant Principal, Emily Woemmel; Director of Social Emotional Learning, Dr. Katie Ahsell; Ridge Family Center For Learning Assistant Principal, Will Hogan; Rupley Elementary School Assistant Principal, Dan Allaway; Salt Creek Elementary School Principal, Dr. Nicole Robinson; Jodi Briggs, Devonshire; Sara Magnafichi, Byrd School; Becky Martin, DEA and Devonshire; Jori Kaufmann, DEA and Devonshire; Denise Scimeca, Ridge Family Center; Colleen Briggs, Ridge Family Center; Gina Udchik, Ridge Family Center; Carolyn Duffy, Byrd School; and Recording Secretary, Kathie Lange.

Also Present

A scanned copy of the Guest Sign-In Sheet from February 26, 2018 is attached to minutes of this meeting (Attachment #1).

Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

AWARD OF BID FOR REFUSE/RECYCLING SERVICE

A Call to Bid was issued that requested vendors to bid on providing service for both general refuse and recycling pickup service for a one-year term with an option for two additional one-year renewals upon School District 59's satisfaction and acceptance of the vendor's prior year's performance and service. The terms of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The rates in subsequent years are not to exceed the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) Annualized Rate for December of the current school year. Before price changes can be implemented, the contractor shall document through cost analysis the need for such changes.

Since using only one scavenger company is the most economical way to procure this service, the Base Bid requested the cost for refuse removal and recycling service at fifteen locations including the Administration Center and all District 59 schools. The schedule specified refuse pickup daily, Tuesday through Saturday, and recycling pickup once weekly. Recycling materials are commingled and include paper, cardboard, aluminum, and plastics.

The 90-gallon recycling containers best meet the school recycling needs. Custodians roll the 90-gallon containers into each classroom to collect recycling and then roll the containers to the exterior for pickup. The smaller containers are intended to encourage more recycling, make the process less labor intensive, and minimize lifting injuries.

The Bid also requested charges for on-call requests and any additional fees associated with service.

The low bid for completing the work specified was submitted by Republic Services for an approximate monthly total of \$4,114.70. Republic Services is the current vendor, and the District Administration continues to be satisfied with the level of performance and service provided. Therefore, it is recommended that Republic Services be awarded the bid from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

REFUSE & RECYCLE BID SUMMARY

February 14, 2018 11:00 AM

VENDOR	ADDRESS	MONTHLY TOTAL
Republic Services	2101 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056	\$4,114.70
Advanced Disposal	4612 W. Lake Street, Melrose Park, IL 60160	\$4,405.59
Flood Brothers	17W697 Butterfield Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181	\$4,614.10
Lakeshore Recycling Systems	6132 Oakton Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053	\$5,261.40
Waste Management	700 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard, IL 60148	\$5,421.00
Groot Recycling & Waste	2500 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007	\$9,007.11

4.02 BOARD FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

As part of the district's ongoing commitment to balance the budget by 2020, the administration presented a list of tentative operational savings to reduce expenditures by \$5.1 million for the 2018-19 school year budget. The budget process will continue through the next four months, and the final budget will be presented to the board for approval at the August 27, 2018, Board of Education meeting.

Ms. Nissen, Dr. Fessler, Ms. Zerfahs, and Mr. Luedloff provided additional information on items as requested by the Board of Education.

Dr. Burns expressed concern about the plan to shift the convenience fee for using a credit card for Meal Time payment to the parents as he feels it may increase the amount of cash that buildings would need to handle.

Mrs. Schumacher would like to see the District use classroom bilingual assistants used as translators. Dr. Burns suggested consideration of a stipend for translation.

Dr. Fessler will bring the numbers back to the Board on the cost of translations.

Dr. Burns stressed the need for the District to control salary and benefits. Mr. Luedloff and Ms. Nissen spoke to the strategies being used in this area.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Joe Sonnefeldt, Mt. Prospect District 57 Board of Education President, addressed the Board of Education to share that he is running as a candidate in the Illinois Senate in the 27th District Democratic primary election.

Dr. Burns asked to go on record to say this is the first time a candidate has requested to speak before the Board and that he felt this individual was given

preferential treatment by speaking first. Dr. Burns would not want it to appear that the Board of Education was supporting one candidate over another.

Mr. Dan Makowski addressed the Board of Education to urge the District to support the upcoming National School Walkout being planned by students since the Parkland, Florida shooting.

Mrs. Jodi Briggs addressed the Board of Education to state her object to the request from a community member at the last meeting to have two members of the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education resign from their position. A copy of Mrs. Briggs' statement is attached to the minutes of this meeting. (Attachment #2)

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.01 01 WAN and Dedicated Internet Request for Proposals

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

WHEREAS three proposals were received for WAN (Wide Area Network), and three proposals were received for Dedicated Internet,

WHEREAS Comcast, 1585 Waukegan Road, Waukegan, Illinois 60085, submitted proposals fully meeting the District specifications for WAN (Wide Area Network) and Dedicated Internet,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 26th day of February, 2018, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 awards a 36 month contract for WAN (Wide Area Network) and Dedicated Internet to Comcast for a cost of \$523,800.00 with an estimated E-Rate discount of 80% resulting in a net cost to the District of \$104,760.00 .

Dr. Burns questioned whether Comcast requested any substitutions for the bid specifications. Mrs. Cathy Savage stated that she was not aware of any request for substitutions.

Dr. Burns asked if the district was aware of any other companies suggesting there might have been bidding violations with Comcast. Mrs. Cathy Savage

indicated that she was not aware of any other company suggesting bidding violations.

Roll Call

Ayes: 6 Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Bhave

Abstain: 1 Burns

Motion Carried: 5-0-1-1

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Burns requested the administration get clarification on the impact ESSA will have on Rupley Elementary School’s performance due to housing the District’s ELS program. Mr. Luedloff indicated that the District will need to get clarification for Rupley and also for Juliette Low and Friendship Jr. High School.

13.0 REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ms. Krinsky attended the Family Math Night at Juliette Low and the first Active Parenting Meeting held at John Jay.

Mrs. Schumacher attended the Open House at Devonshire Elementary to see the new addition.

Mrs. Schumacher shared that she received the new Elk Grove Village Park District brochure and feels it is a waste of taxpayer money. She stated that that she hopes the District will no longer be putting out magazines due to the cost of printing and distribution.

Mrs. Roberts attended the U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team event along with 100 District 59 parents, students, and staff members. She expressed thanks to the community member who brought this event to the attention of the Board of Education during Public Comments at the February 12, 2018 meeting (Gloria Schmidt).

Mrs. Osmanski attended the Open House at Devonshire Elementary School and commented on the safe and secure office. She also attended the Carnival of Exceptional Character in Elk Grove Village. Mrs. Osmanski thanked the District 59 SEL staff members that participated and shared that several District 59 PTOs also had booths at the well-attended event.

Dr. Burns shared that the Got To Run Event will be held on May 19, 2018

in Arlington Heights and he hopes that District 59 will have a strong presence at the event.

Mrs. Osmanski shared that the Education Foundation will be participating. Mr. Will Hogan added that the District 59 PE teachers are looking to the event and working to help increase District 59 participation this year.

Mrs. Somogyi shared that the Fine Arts Festival will take place at Holmes Jr. High on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

12.0 REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S TEAM

Dr. Fessler attended the Presidents’ Council meeting on February 22, 2018. There were 16 people in attendance and 13 schools were represented. Dr. Fessler will share the minutes from the meeting with the Board of Education once they are available.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

MOTION at 8:20 p.m. by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of February 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education recess in a closed meeting for discussion of “The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District...”, Collective negotiation matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1,2).

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

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

11.0 RECONVENE

MOTION at 8:55 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Ms. Krinsky to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of February 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

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

12.0 ADJOURN

MOTION at 8:59 p.m by Mrs.Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 26th day of February, 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

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


Barbara Somogyi, President

ATTEST



Sunil Bhave, Secretary

ATTACHMENT #1 SIGN IN SHEET FROM 2/26/2018

GUESTS	
NAME	ADDRESS
M. E. Esser	February 26, 2018 Byrd
Sara Magnafichi	Byrd
Scott Fowler	EGU
Will Hogan	Ridge
Emily Wernick	Byrd
Rose Kelly	John Jay - DEA
Justa Jones	Grove DEA
Nicole Robinson	Salt Creek
Blecky Martin	Devonshire - DEA
Jori Kaufmann	Devonshire - DEA
Joe Sonnetfeldt	715 N. Fairview MF 60056
June Ester	607 W. Haven Dr.
ganku	Att.
Denise Scimeca	Ridge
Carolyn Dutky	Byrd

NAME	ADDRESS
Colleen Briggs	Ridge
Gina Udchick	Ridge
Nick Lubica	J Low
Dan Makowski	A, H.
Jodi Briggs	Att
Zeth Kam	E G

ATTACHMENT #2 Ms. Jodi Briggs address during Public Comments

February 26, 2018

If I had been a first-time attendee at the last meeting, I might have left skeptical, wondering if I'd made the right decision to move my family into this school district, this community.

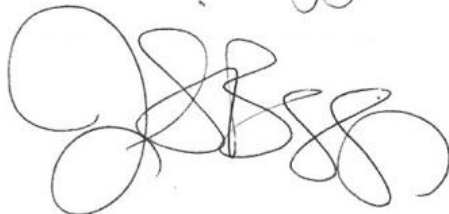
As I shared at the last meeting, I don't like to comment on things I don't know much about. I do know about the character of several of the BOE members and shared that last week, but over the last two weeks have chosen to find out more about the possible OMA Violation so I can speak to it with knowledge and understanding.

To call for the resignation of Board members implies they've done something wrong. It remains critical to stress the determination by the Public Access Bureau of the Attorney General's Office – that there was *no* violation of the OMA. The members were acting as private citizens exercising their political rights, not as representatives of the board. As quoted in the detailed determination from the AG's office, "the emails concern the mechanics of filing the objections to the petition for referendum." "The emails did not include conversations about broader subjects that could be considered Board business. No objections were filed on behalf of the board, rather Board members were acting as private citizens in their work on the objections, which were personal, or private, action of the individuals preparing the filing."

The determination found "the discussions were akin to political discussions and the OMA does not prohibit political discussions between or among members of public bodies."

We teach our children to recognize bias, understand point of view and perspective, so it is really important for me to share the other perspective. The members were not found in violation. As a community, we need to respect the decision made by the AG's office and move forward.

Jodi Briggs

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by 'odi' and 'Briggs' in a cursive script.