

**Official Minutes of the Monday, August 6, 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, August 6, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM.

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

Members Absent: Sunil Bhave and Mardell Schumacher

Others Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, CBSO, Vickie Nissen; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Ross Vittore; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen McAbee; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Karen Starr; Assistant Superintendent for Innovative Learning and Communication, Ben Grey; and Recording Secretary, Kathie Lange.

Staff Present Janet Russo, Director of Fiscal Services; Nicole Hansen, Purchasing Assistant; Jan Fisher, Purchasing; Eleni Berhanu, Staff Accountant; John D’Anza, Grove Jr. High School and DEA Officer; Sara Magnafichi, Byrd Elementary; Jodi Briggs-Drey, Devonshire

A scanned copy of the Guest Sign-In Sheet from August 6, 2018 is attached to minutes of this meeting (Attachment #1).

4.0 CLOSED SESSION I

MOTION at 6:02 p.m. by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 6th day of August 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...”
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Roll Call Ayes: 5 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, and Somogyi
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 Bhave and Schumacher
Abstain: 0 Motion Carried: 5-0-2-0

Mr. Bhave arrived at 6:07 p.m.
Mrs. Schumacher arrived at 6:08 p.m.

5.0 RECONVENE

MOTION at 6:51 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 6th day of August 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

6.0 STUDENT CELEBRATION

Dr. Fessler introduced Ashley Szull, former Admiral Byrd Elementary and Grove Junior High student. Ashley graduated from Elk Grove High School in 2018. The board recognized Ashley for her many accomplishments and for being selected as member of the Daily Herald Northwest Suburban Leadership Team for 2017-18.

Ashley shared that her love for music was sparked at Byrd Elementary School, beginning with Chimes Club and violin. She received a music scholarship to Drake University and plans to pursue a dual major - a PhD in Pharmacy and an MbA. Board members congratulated Ashley on her numerous accomplishments and her passion to serve others.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

7.0 DISCUSSION

7.01 Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between CCSD59 and the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago For After School Care

CCSD59 and its various park districts have had agreements in place to provide before and after school recreation programs for CCSD59 families for elementary students. Junior high students are not eligible to participate in the park district's elementary before and after school program. In an effort to provide services for junior high students, the District contacted the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. The YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago will be able to provide fee-based after school care for all CCSD59 students including junior high students and students with special needs. If approved, the fee-based YMCA program will be hosted at Grove Junior High School and at the YMCA site.

7.02 Student Transportation Policy 4.110 and Transportation Section of the Family Reference Guide

Board members reviewed [Student Transportation Policy 4.110](#) and the [Transportation Section of the Family Reference Guide](#). After some discussion to determine if changes to the policy were needed regarding transporting students to after school programs outside the District's boundaries, the board of education concluded it would not revise the current transportation policy. If the service is needed for a student receiving special education service, it could be included in a student's IEP.

Ms. Karen Starr indicated that the IEP process includes a yearly review of any special transportation needs. The parents that originally brought this concern to the Board's attention at a prior meeting have been informed of this process. Dr. Fessler shared that he had one meeting with the parents and his impression was that they would have preferred to have had the program outside of the district (rather than the YMCA program). He stated that the YMCA program met the interest of the parents to have the supervision their students would need after school and aligned with Board transportation policy.

7.03 Approval of the Educator Prep Memo of Understanding Between District 214 and Community Consolidated School District 59

The CCSD59 Board of Education and the District 214 Board of Education are working together to provide an Educator Prep Program for secondary students who are aspiring teachers in order to support the development of a local, diverse, high quality pipeline of future educators. A variety of other local districts are also expected to participate in the program.

At the August 13, 2018, board meeting, the board will vote on the memorandum of understanding, which represents a formal agreement between the CCSD59 Board of Education and the District 214 Board of Education. The Memorandum of Understanding would be effective with the 2018-19 academic year and is subject to renewal annually on a fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) basis.

Mrs. Schumacher requested and received clarification on dual credit for high school students who participate.

Dr. Burns shared that due to a shortage of vision itinerant teachers, NIU is offering scholarships. He also would like to know more about the safeguards for student confidentiality.

7.04 Midas Education, LLC Agreement

CCSD59 is in the process of building a comprehensive and timely system of communicating learning that is meaningful for all parents, students, and staff

and encompasses our district beliefs, direction, and whole child approach. As part of this effort, the district is exploring tools that will help make this system of communicating an interactive and easily accessible experience. CCSD59 is exploring a partnership with MIDAS Education, LLC to help build this tool over the coming school year. At the August 13, 2018, board meeting, the board will vote on the proposed contract between CCSD59 and MIDAS.

8.0 COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Krinsky read a prepared statement on how public comment would be conducted.

Mrs. Joan Burke asked for clarification on Public Comment and Public Hearing on the Budget.

Joan Burke, Arlington Heights resident, addressed the Board of Education to request a letter describing the 6 million dollar cost savings that were eliminated from the budget.

Gloria Schmidt, Arlington Heights resident, addressed the Board of Education on the topics of Community Engagement, District finances, and Juliette Low's rating.

Leo Cox, Elk Grove Village resident, addressed the Board of Education on the District 59 budget. A copy of his address is attached to the minutes of the meeting. (Attachment #2)

9.0 ACTION

- 9.01 2018/19 Budget
 - a. Tentative to Final 2018-19 Board Memorandum
 - b. 2018-19 Tentative Budget to Final Budget [Presentation](#)
 - c. 2018-19 Budget
 - d. 2018-19 State Budget Form 50-36
 - e. Recommendation for Changes to the 2018-19 Tentative Budget

Ms. Nissen and Dr. Fessler responded to questions on the 2018-19 Tentative Budget and projections/assumptions for future budgets.

Board members appreciated the detail provided in the presentation and made a few requests for additional reports for the next presentation. Mrs. Roberts will follow-up with Ms. Nissen on some of the options for reports that might be available.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 6th day of August, 2018 the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approve the following changes to the 2018/19 budget for purposes of adoption, said

changes to be attached to these minutes as part of the record of deliberation over the same.

| | 2018/19 Budget on Public Display | 2018/19 Budget for Adoption |
|---|---|--|
| <u>Revenue/Other Financing Sources (excluding transfers)</u> | | |
| Educational Fund | \$87,469,020 | \$87,430,087 |
| Operations & Maintenance Fund | 8,514,696 | 8,596,763 |
| Debt Service Fund (including levy) | 3,591,040 | 3,591,055 |
| Transportation Fund | 6,225,338 | 6,222,931 |
| IMR/FICA Fund | 2,540,598 | 2,771,074 |
| Capital Projects Fund | 0 | 0 |
| Working Cash Fund | <u>1,125,329</u> | <u>1,134,707</u> |
| Total | \$109,466,021 | \$109,746,617 |
| <u>Expenditures (excluding transfers)</u> | | |
| Educational Fund | \$92,553,736 | \$92,363,877 |
| Operations & Maintenance Fund | 8,324,371 | 8,452,513 |
| Debt Service Fund (including debt payment) | 3,500,950 | 3,500,950 |
| Transportation Fund | 6,415,822 | 6,649,448 |
| IMR/FICA Fund | 3,307,163 | 3,427,604 |
| Capital Projects Fund | 0 | 3,765,000 |
| Working Cash Fund | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total | \$114,102,042 | \$118,159,392 |

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

The board will vote on the adoption of the final fiscal year 2018-19 budget at the August 13, 2018, board of education meeting.

9.02 Approval of Changes to Board Policy 7:50 School Admissions

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

WHEREAS the newly enacted Accelerated Placement Act requires school districts to modify the school admissions policy for entrance to kindergarten and first grade;

Ms. Krinsky announced that the Board would move to Closed Session at this time.

MOTION at 8:38 p.m. by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 6th day of August 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...” and “minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.” 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1, 21).

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| Roll Call | Ayes: | 7 | Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi |
| | Nays: | 0 | |
| | Absent: | 0 | |
| | Abstain: | 0 | Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0 |

RECONVENE

MOTION at 9:26 p.m. by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 6th day of August 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

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| Roll Call | Ayes: | 7 | Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi |
| | Nays: | 0 | |
| | Absent: | 0 | |
| | Abstain: | 0 | Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0 |

OPEN SESSION

SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS

None

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

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Mrs. Osmanski read a prepared statement:

“I have statement that I would like to read. It has been brought to my attention that several community member’s recent social media post continues to question the reason why Ms. Krinsky and I cancelled our second Supt. Evaluation meeting at the last minute.

Even though I had no intention of making my private life public, I would like to set this issue to rest. Ms. Krinsky and I cancelled the meeting because we were not able

to get the work we had committed to do completed. There were no dark secrets or alternative motives behind the cancellation. My mother recently passed away and as executor of her estate, my family responsibilities were great and I was not physically or emotionally able to complete this Board work within the timeframe between meetings. That is the reason and the only reason!

I certainly hope that this question and doubt is put to rest.”

Mrs. Schumacher provided a report to the Board which was given in part in response to the effect Facebook is having on our Board of Education. She read an article from the Tribune entitled:

TECHNOLOGY ENHANCES BEER MUSCLES by Leonard Pitts, a syndicated Columnist based in Washington.

Steve Blake of the Los Angeles Lakers missed what would have been the winning shot in a critical game. His wife got death threats.

Singer John Legend’s fiancée Chrissy Teigen, criticized singer Chris Brown’s performance on an awards show. She got death threats. Clint Eastwood’s daughter Francesca publicly destroyed a \$100,000 purse as a piece of performance art. She got death threats.

A conservative teenage activist from North Carolina posted a video supporting her state’s constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. She reported death threats.

*All these threats came within two weeks. All were delivered Online.
Welcome to the seamy underbelly of the communications revolution.*

Perhaps you remember when new technology was supposed to make us better, bind our families, strengthen our communities, bring our world together. At least, that is what was promised in all those gauzy TV commercials. The reality, unfortunately, has proved a more mixed bag.

It is possible to be relentlessly stalked and viciously threatened by people you've never even met.

You always think the new technology is going to liberate something shining and profound in humankind. And, sometimes it does. However, every year there's an upgrade. Every year, the hardware changes. Every year, it is supposed to make us better.

BUT, the only piece of hardware with the power to do that lies between the ears, and its upgrades are the work of a lifetime. Technology will not make us better. There is no app for that.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION at 9:41 p.m. by Mrs. Osmani, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 6th day of June 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

Upon voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.


President

ATTEST:

Secretary

ATTACHMENT #1 SIGN IN SHEET FROM August 6, 2018

| GUESTS | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| NAME | ADDRESS |
| August 6, 2018 | |
| Sara Magnafichi | Byrd |
| Ray Szall | Parent |
| Ashley Szall | Student |
| Samantha Szall | Student |
| Scott Fowla | EA V |
| Colleen Carlberg | Parent |
| Jerry Polk | |
| Ken D. Burk | |
| Ron Trakowski | AA |
| Jim DeLo | Parent |
| Dan & Lynn Verty | |
| RANDY Kain | Parent |
| John D'Anza | Grave (DEA) |
| Nicole Hansen | BS |
| Caryn Davidson | Mt Prospect |
| Mildred Matini | Mt. Prospect |
| Gloria Schmidt | Art. Hts. |
| Jodi Briggs-Drey | AH |

ATTACHMENT #2

Leo J. Cox
660 F Versailles Circle
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

August 6, 2018

Board of Directors,

This is not a tale of two cities. It is, however, the tale of a community with two school districts.

Deficit spending:

District 54 has had a balanced budget since 2013. Since 2013 District 59 has spent forty-six million dollars more than they took in – and it also projects forty-one million dollar deficits during the next five years.

Bonded indebtedness:

District 54 is debt free. District 59 has bond debt of seventeen million dollars, requiring approximately three and a half million dollar payments for each of the next four years.

Facility utilization:

District 54 is utilizing a re-purposed 1996 school building for their Administration Building. District 59 is about to occupy a new seventeen-million dollar ugly building. Because of poor planning and previously ignored residents' objections, it exists without commissary facilities, fuel storage and any other yet to be determined shortfalls.

Teacher compensation:

District 54 teachers get regular step and lane changes, plus a 1% salary bump if their students exceed District math and reading goals. District 59 teachers get regular step and lane changes, plus 2.1% increases – simply across the board.

Computer learning:

District 54 is utilizing Chromebooks on a 1:1 distribution in junior high grades. District 59 already has 1:1 Chromebooks currently in grades two through eight. This year, even with a nearly six-million-dollar budget deficit, District 59 is still going ahead with buying Chromebooks for Kindergarten and first grade students at an initial cost of nearly five hundred thousand dollars. Is there anyone in this room that thinks that these young children will fail to realize the promise of their futures because they didn't have Chromebooks in Kindergarten or first grade?

The results of each district's approach to teaching seems to correlate to their respective budget philosophies. District 54's more traditional education approach; based on pencil, paper and textbooks,

has seen PARCC scores rise from the 72nd percentile in 2009 to the 95th percentile in 2017; while District 59's technology-centric, Pinterest driven, coaching model has seen its Illinois school ranking go from the 55th percentile down twenty-five points to the 30th percentile - in just the last four years.

Let me be clear. There are many students and parents who are doing great here in District 59. We should celebrate that. The problem rests in the fact that not everyone comes to the education “playing field” with the same learning tools. District 59's stated vision is: “Preparing students to be successful for life.” The word “all” is missing. Preparing all students to be successful for life.

I personally wouldn't care if District 59 spent whatever money they could get their hands on – as long as the results showed that the spending was working for the benefit of all our students. With the present leadership, that's not happening now.

By the way, I don't think District 59 should (have) even purchase (d), much less be a shell for MIDAS software – no matter what discount they want to give us.

ATTACHMENT #3 Joan Burke

Joan Burke, Arlington Heights, IL - August 6, 2018 Budget Hearing

To comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act, ISBE has classified IL schools into four designations: Exemplary, Commendable, Underperforming and Lowest-Performing. These designations are preliminary and can change when the final designations are released in October. Unfortunately, in phase 1 eight of D59's fourteen schools: all three junior highs, Jay, Low, Byrd, Salt Creek and Rupley have been designated as Underperforming. At the same time D59's administration has mismanaged the finances.

Tonight's budget shows a lot of red, a budget deficit, in 2014, 16, and 17. A deficit has been projected for 2018, and each and every year to 2023.

In 2015 the District built an Early Learning Center. The ELC program does not serve children who are at-risk for academic failure. Krinsky stated: "District 59 does not have the financial resources to run such a program". Why build an \$20 million early learning center if you don't have resources to run an at-risk program?

In 2016 the Board authorized the administration to update the Learning Spaces at the three junior highs at a projected cost of \$2,268,000. Burns and Schumacher questioned the effectiveness of learning spaces to the current classrooms. Learning spaces have not improved student performance because the three junior highs are all listed as underperforming schools.

In 2017 Osmanski requested more time to discuss the staffing plan which was 18.8 additional full-time employees at an estimated cost of \$1 million. Dr Fessler's comment was the staffing plan is an administrative function. However, the Board represents the taxpayers and the taxpayers are the ones who pay for it.

Surrounding districts AH 25 and Palatine15 have provided their students one-to-one laptop computers in stages and are expanding this initiative this year to another grade level. Not D59, they provided a Chromebook to each and every student in grades 2-8 at a cost of \$3.8 million. Dr. Fessler's quick response to the tech initiative FutureReady garnered him an invitation to the White House with President Obama.

In 2017 the Board authorized the spending of \$17 million to build an administration center. Barrington D220 is converting the interior of existing building into their administrative headquarters. 220's Superintendent stated they "are not looking to make this the glitz-and-glamour central office." The same cannot be said for D59's Taj Mahal.

Shouldn't D59's stakeholders demand and expect academic improvement and fiscal responsibility?

Early this year, Dr. Fessler talked about a \$6 million cost reductions/savings. At that time and subsequently at Board meetings, Dr. Fessler couldn't divulge what cuts represented the cost savings. To this date, the administration has never been transparent about the cost savings with the community.

Dr. Fessler, as a member of this community and stakeholder in D59, I am requesting, at this time that you send me a letter describing the \$6 million cost savings. I am sure you have my address from the Board minutes.