

**Official Minutes of the Monday, December 10, 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, 1001 Leicester Rd., Elk Grove Village, Illinois on Monday, December 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call **Members Present:** President Janice Krinsky, Vice-President Karen Osmanski, Secretary Tim Burns - **Members:** Sunil Bhave, Sharon Roberts, Barbara Somogyi. Mardell Schumacher participated via phone conference due to a serious injury she suffered.

Members Absent: none

Others Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, CBSO, Vickie Nissen; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen McAbee; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Karen Starr; Executive Director for Human Resources, Assistant Superintendent For Innovation and Design, Mr. Ben Grey; Ross Vittore; Executive Director of Literacy, Dr. Kim Barrett; Executive Director of Student Growth and Equity, Dr. Katie Ahsell; Recording Secretary, Kathie Lange.

Also Present Director of Multilingual Programs, Griselda Pirtle; Director of Math, Mary Beth Niles; Director of Communication and Design, Justin Sampson; Director of Fiscal Services, Janet Russo; Purchasing Assistant, Nicole Hansen

A scanned copy of the Guest Sign-In Sheets from December 10, 2018 is attached to minutes of this meeting (Attachment #1).

Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

Ms. Janny Holloman and members of the Forest View Student Senate shared their experiences operating the School Store, planning the popular Spirit Days events, and shopping for gift for holiday baskets for those less fortunate.

Mr. John David and several students from the Forest View running club shared details about their experiences in the club and the 5K run. All students responded to questions from members of the Board of Education. To view the presentation slides, please [click here](#).

5.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.01 Dual Language Presentation

The board was presented with an update on the district's dual language programs. The report included explanations of the different dual

language programs in the district, demographic background, updates on student linguistic profiles, student growth data, and program feedback from parents and staff. To view the presentation slides, please [click here](#).

5.02 Student Growth Benchmark Report

The board reviewed the purpose of several of the district's adopted assessments in reading, math, and science including:

- Fountas & Pinnell (F&P)
- PARCC
- Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)
- FAST

The report also disaggregated the data by reporting Spring 2018 student growth data along with Fall 2018 benchmarking results. The 2017-18 Board of Education Growth Targets results were also reviewed.

In addition, the student growth presentation included an overview of strengths and celebrations for the student data as well as focus areas for continued improvement. To view the presentation slides, please [click here](#).

6.0 DISCUSSION

6.01 Program Fee For Typically Developing Preschool Students For The 2019/2020 School Year [Comparisons](#)

Currently District 59's Preschool Program has space to host 60 typically developing students. In 2012/13, the District moved to offering the 4-day afternoon program to typically developing children, thereby reserving the 5-day morning program solely for At-Risk and Special Education students.

The 2018/19 school year rate charged to families with typically developing children attending the District preschool programs is:

- September - June: \$226 per month (\$1,130 per semester, \$2,260 per year).

The administration recommends a 3.10% increase to the fee for 2019/20. Families are required to pay the first month fee at the time of confirmation of placement in the program, with a family eligible for a refund of the first month payment through July 31, 2019.

Rather than comparing District 59's fees to area park district or private programs as has been the past practice, the administration collected fee information from area school districts. While program options are not necessarily the same as the program offered by District 59, the

comparison allows the Board to compare programs that blend the student population and where instruction is offered by certified teachers.

Ms. Nissen clarified that there are six section of Preschool and the district currently has 13 students (typically developing) on a waiting list.

Mr. Bhav expressed support for this recommendation because it is a choice program.

6.02 K-8 Instructional Materials Fees: 2019/2020 School Year

[Student Fee Comparison \(K-8\) 2018-19](#)

Members of the Board of Education will be asked to authorize the Instructional Materials Fees for the 2019/20 school term to offset a portion of the cost of instructional materials and supplies. Effective with the 2014/15 school year, the Student Fee was renamed as the Instructional Materials Fee to better describe the purpose of the fee. Effective with the 2012/13 school year, the historical junior high school-based Fine and Practical Arts Fee was combined with the Board-established Student Fee.

It is permissible for the Board of Education to establish a fee to cover the cost of school supplies and special activities offered by the school district even though the result of a referendum approved in 1973 requires the district to provide free textbooks to students enrolled in school. The 2002/03 school year marked the first year for District 59 to require a student fee. The following chart presents the history of this fee charged since its inception:

Historical Instructional Materials Fees

	2002/03 through 2005/06	2006/07 through 2009/10	2010/11 through 2011/12	2012/13	2013/14 through 2015/16	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/19	Proposed 2019/20
Half-Day K	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$0	\$0	\$35.00	\$35.00
Full-Day K-5	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$53.00	\$55.00	\$0	\$0	\$55.00	\$55.00
Grades 6-8	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$63.00	\$65.00	\$0	\$0	\$65.00	\$65.00

Fees were last increased in 2013/14 to provide easier cash handling at the school level. In 2016/17 and 2017/18, the Board of Education eliminated the instructional fees. Instructional fees were reinstated for the 2018/19 school year at the established 2013/14 rate to offset instructional materials and supply costs. It is recommended that the Board of Education maintain the fee amounts established in 2018/19 for 2019/20.

Students who have qualified for a waiver of school fees are not required to pay these fees. Students qualify for a waiver either through a Direct Certification process (a direct notification from the State of Illinois) or through a district-level application process.

Additional background data provided includes a listing of the fees students at the various grade levels within District 59 may pay, along with a comparison of fees of surrounding districts.

Mr. Bhave urged the Board to vote no on this resolution when it comes before the Board on January 14, 2019. He stated that he has expressed opposition to Instructional Fees each time it has come before the Board because he believes this is a surcharge for attending a public school and that students are entitled to a free public education.

Ms. Krinsky indicated that she is in agreement and is inclined to vote against this resolution next month.

Dr. Burns suggested that the Board show consistency and recommend to eliminate Instructional Fees for the next five years.

The Board will take action at the January 14, 2019 meeting.

6.03 [Junior High School Extra-Curricular Participation Fees: 2019/2020 School Year](#)

Members of the Board of Education will be asked to authorize the Junior High School Extracurricular Participation Fee for the 2019/20 school term to offset a portion of the cost of materials and supplies.

Historical Extracurricular Participation Fees	2018-19	Proposed 2019-20
Basketball	\$30.00	\$30.00
Cheerleading	\$30.00	\$30.00
Cross Country	\$15.00	\$15.00
Spirit Squad/Pom Poms	\$30.00	\$30.00
Soccer	\$30.00	\$30.00
Volleyball	\$30.00	\$30.00
Wrestling	\$30.00	\$30.00

The Administration is not recommending an increase for the 2019/20 school year.

Students who have qualified for a waiver of school fees are not required to pay these fees. Students qualify for a waiver either through a Direct Certification process (a direct notification from the State of Illinois) or through a district-level application process.

Dr. Burns asked for clarification on when schools can order shirts for the students that will participate in a school-sponsored sport. Ms. Nissen indicated that schools do not need to wait for all students to pay their fees before ordering shirts. She will confirm with principals that all buildings are following this process.

Ms. Krinsky asked how the district supports low income students when they would like to participate in a sport or in the music program. Ms. Nissen indicated that there is a waiver process/grant opportunities for students in need. Ms. Krinsky requested that students/parents be made aware of the waiver process if they cannot pay the fee for a sport or for band and orchestra.

Dr. Burns suggested that the district could work with Parent Teacher Organizations to see if there is interest in helping students in need for sports.

6.04 Suggested Modifications for Board Policy 8:25

Mr. Grey explained the rationale for adding language to [8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities](#). Mrs. Roberts felt the wording was confusing and suggested that the language be modified for easier understanding. If the Board approves changes to this policy, Administrative Procedures would be modified also for full implementation.

6.05 Board Policy Revisions - Press Update #99

This discussion item was tabled until the January 14, 2019 meeting.

6.06 [Update on Definitions of Board Agenda Items](#)

Board members came to consensus on the definitions for the topics listed on board meeting agendas. The definitions will be added to New Board Member Orientation document linked to the Board Governance Cycle.

6.07 [Public Charge Rule](#)

Dr. Burns requested to add Public Charge Rule to discuss the negative implications this rule could have on public education. The Board expressed interest in the possibility of taking a position opposing the Public Charge Rule. Dr. Fessler will contact AASA for their recommendation and provide an update in the Board Weekly Update.

6.08 Survey Updates

Parent Satisfaction and Staff Satisfaction Survey

Mr. Ben Grey indicated that a complete presentation on the Parent Satisfaction will be presented at the January 14, 2019 meeting. He asked the Board to contact him with specific requests for the types of data they would like included in the presentation in January. Overall percentages, level of satisfaction, theme the responses, and individual comments.

Staff Satisfaction Survey

Dr. Katie Ahsell shared that the staff satisfaction survey was conducted as a partnership with the Board, Administration, and the District Education Association. The Panorama Tool was used to deliver the survey and 678 staff members participated. Several major themes surfaced:

- Meaningful Connections
- Plan time for Professional Learning
- Support
- Curriculum
- Communication

- Feeling Valued
- Positive Mindset

Those themes were condensed into three overarching themes: Curriculum, Communication, and Feeling Valued.

A staff communication went out indicating that after winter break committees will be formed to dig deeper into the survey results and to plan next steps.

Board members expressed their support for this important work that will support staff and students.

7.0 COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Krinsky stated that a number of community members have been asking about the Superintendent's salary for 2018-19. She shared that due to budgetary constraints, Dr. Fessler has agreed to a salary freeze for the 2019-20 school year.

Mrs. Courtney Lang, parent of a Juliette Low student, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of the two-way Dual Language program. A copy of her address is attached to the minutes of this meeting. (Attachment #2)

Ms. Jen Snyder, parent of a Juliette Low student, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of the two-way Dual Language program.

Mrs. Jodi Briggs-Drey, parent of three Juliette Low students, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of the Dual Language program.

Mrs. Mary Cosenza Vicars addressed the Board of Education to voice opposition to the tax levy. She also spoke of the topics of district finances and the one-way Dual Language program. A copy of her address is attached to the minutes of this meeting. (Attachment #3)

A speaker (no name given) addressed the Board of Education on the topic of Dual Language and Fast testing.

Peter (no last name given), a John Jay parent, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of boundary schools and to request parents be allowed to choose another school for their student when school test scores are low.

Mr. Bill Christian addressed the board of education to voice opposition to the tax levy.

Ms. Anna Latko, John Jay parent, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of student test scores.

A John Jay parent addressed the Board of Education on the topic of John Jay's school rating.

Mrs. Michelle Notini addressed the Board of Education on the topics of the math curriculum and the staff survey results.

Mrs. Debbie Manka addressed the Board of Education on the topic of school/district culture and to encourage people in the audience to volunteer.

Mrs. Judy Cox addressed the Board of Education on the topic of curriculum and student test scores.

Mrs. Jaime Esler, Juliette Low parent, addressed the Board of Education to share information about a Juliette Low coat drive and making a positive impact in the community.

Several John Jay parents addressed the Board of Education during Comments from the Public and submitted an Attachment #4 be included in the minutes of the meeting.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December, 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- 8.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2018
 - b. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2018
 - c. Closed Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2018
- 8.02 Disbursements Resolution
 - a. Disbursement Listing for December 10, 2018
- 8.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2018
 - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of October 31, 2018
 - c. Investment Report as of October 31, 2018
 - d. Activity Fund Statements as of October 31, 2018
- 8.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
 - a. ESP Contract
 - b. ESP Temporary Contract
 - c. ESP Retirement
 - d. ESP Deceased
 - e. CAMEO Contract
 - f. CAMEO Resignation
 - g. Certified Lane Change
- 8.05 Approval to Destroy 18 Month Old or Older Closed Session Recordings

Original:
Amended:

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Business Services Division
217/785-8779

CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY

A copy of this Certificate of Tax Levy shall be filed with the County Clerk of each county in which the school district is located on or before the last Tuesday of December.

Table with 3 columns: District Name, District Number, County. Values: Community Consolidated School District 59, 0-59, Cook

Amount of Levy

Table listing various levy categories and amounts: Educational (\$69,000,000), Operations & Maintenance (\$6,000,000), Transportation (\$3,750,000), Working Cash, Municipal Retirement (\$1,750,000), Social Security (\$1,250,000), Fire Prevention & Safety, Tort Immunity, Special Education (\$950,000), Leasing, Other, Total Levy (\$82,700,000)

See explanation on reverse side.
Note: Any district proposing to adopt a levy must comply with the provisions set forth in the Truth in Taxation Law.

We hereby certify that we require:

the sum of 69,000,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes; and
the sum of 6,000,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes; and
the sum of 3,750,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes; and
the sum of dollars to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund; and
the sum of 1,750,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for municipal retirement purposes; and
the sum of 1,250,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for social security purposes; and
the sum of dollars to be levied as a special tax for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes; and
the sum of dollars to be levied as a special tax for tort immunity purposes; and
the sum of 950,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for special education purposes; and
the sum of dollars to be levied as a special tax for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes; and
the sum of dollars to be levied as a special tax for ; and
the sum of dollars to be levied as a special tax for

Signed this 10th day of December 20 18

Handwritten signature of the President

(Clerk or Secretary of the School Board of Said School District)

When any school is authorized to issue bonds, the school board shall file a certified copy of the resolution in the office of the county clerk of each county in which the district is situated to provide for the issuance of the bonds and to levy a tax to pay for them.

Number of bond issues of said school district that have not been paid in full 2

(Detach and Return to School District)

This is to certify that the Certificate of Tax Levy for School District No. 59, Cook County, Illinois, on the equalized assessed value of all taxable property of said school district for the year 2018, was filed in the office of the County Clerk of this County on

In addition to an extension of taxes authorized by levies made by the Board of Education (Directors), an additional extension(s) will be made, as authorized by resolution(s) on file in this office, to provide funds to retire bonds and pay interest thereon.

The total levy, as provided in the original resolution(s), for said purposes for the year 2018, is \$ 82,700,000

(Signature of County Clerk)

(Date)

(County)

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

9.03 Authorizing Reduction Of Certain Fund Levies

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

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2018 the Board of Education of School District 59, Cook County, Illinois ("School District") did approve a certificate of tax levy for the 2018 levy year with the County Clerk of Cook County ("County Clerk"); and

WHEREAS, Public Act 89-01 subjected Cook County school districts to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act ("PTELA") for the 2018 levy year and imposed a limit on the increase in tax extensions from the 2017 levy year to the 2018 levy year; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has notified each Cook County taxing district now subject to the PTELA that it may direct the County Clerk's Office, by proper resolution, to make specific and necessary reductions to its tax levy for the 2018 levy year to meet the requirements of the PTELA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Education hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does hereby incorporate them into this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. That the Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the County Clerk to make the necessary reductions to the School District's tax levy for the 2018 levy year in order that the levies by fund shall be no less than the following amounts as indicated:

Education	\$69,000,000
Special Education	950,000
Building	6,000,000
Transportation	3,750,000
Working Cash	0
Municipal Retirement	1,750,000
Social Security	1,250,000

Section 3. That the Board of Education further authorizes and directs the County Clerk that if any additional reductions are required to be made to the School District's tax levy beyond those projected and specified by the Board of Education Section 2 above, that such reductions shall be made to the following funds as indicated: Operations & Maintenance - 100%.

Section 4. That all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

Roll Call

Ayes:	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

9.04 Approval for Juliette Low Elementary School to Register with Operation Warm, Inc. for Winter Clothes

Motion by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following

resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December, 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the registration to Operation Warm, Inc. by Juliette Low Elementary School. This donation of coats, hats, gloves and snow pants has an estimated value of \$1,200.00. This donation will help support the Low/Holmes Snowflake store.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December, 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the registration of Operation Warm, Inc., PO Box 822431, Philadelphia, PA 19182-2431, by Juliette Low Elementary School. If selected, this donation of coats, hats, gloves and snow pants has an estimated value of \$1,200.00,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if Juliette Low is selected, the Superintendent shall communicate to Operation Warm, Inc., 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 Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

9.05 Approval of TJMaxx Toy Donation to John Jay Elementary School

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December, 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the donation of toys from TJMaxx with an estimated value of \$900.00. This donation will help support the Toy Drive at John Jay Elementary School;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December, 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the donation of toys with an estimated value of \$900.00 from TJMaxx Regional Office, 500 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent shall communicate to TJMaxx, 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 Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

9.06 Approval of Donation from Operations Warm, Inc. via Horsemen Hoops Basketball Skills Academy for Winter Coats to Byrd Elementary School

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December, 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the donation of winter coats from Operation Warm, Inc. via Horsemen Hoops Basketball Skills Academy to Byrd Elementary School. This donation of coats has an estimated value of \$1,944.00.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December, 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the donation from Operation Warm, Inc., via Horsemen Hoops Basketball Skills Academy, PO Box 822431, Philadelphia, PA 19182-2431, to Byrd Elementary School. This donation of coats has an estimated value of \$1,944.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent shall communicate to Operation Warm, Inc., via Horsemen Hoops Basketball Skills Academy 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

Ayes:	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

9.07 Approval of Donation from Operations Warm, Inc. via Horsemen Hoops Basketball Skills Academy for Winter Coats to Salt Creek Elementary School

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December, 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the donation of winter coats from Operation Warm, Inc. via Horsemen Hoops Basketball Skills Academy to Salt Creek Elementary School. This donation of coats has an estimated value of \$1,944.00.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December, 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the donation from Operation Warm, Inc., via Horsemen Hoops Basketball Skills Academy, PO Box 822431, Philadelphia, PA 19182-2431, to Salt Creek Elementary School. This donation of coats has an estimated value of \$1,944.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent shall communicate to Operation Warm, Inc., via Horsemen Hoops Basketball Skills Academy 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	Ayes:	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi
	Nays:	0	
	Absent:	0	
	Abstain:	0	

9.0 SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS

9.01 FOIA Requests

Mr. Vittore reported there has been one FOIA request since the last report and it was responded to in the required timeframe.

10.0 NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.01 2018-19 Board Calendar Agenda

Mrs. Roberts requested that the Dual Language update be added to the board calendar agenda for the next year. After some discussion, it was determined that the report should be given regularly, not necessarily annually. It was requested that Mrs. Lange make note and ask the new board president about the need for the report next year.

Dr. Fessler shared that he is awaiting information from CEC about Community Engagement services they could offer for with a scaled down budget.

Ms. Krinsky shared that the Communication Committee will be sending a newsletter to the community in January. The committee will meet on Wednesday to discuss format and content. Board members were asked to send comments/suggestions to Mr. Grey prior to Tuesday evening.

Ms. Krinsky asked if the Board would have an interest in asking the administration to look into timing devices for individuals who are speaking during public comments.

Ms. Krinsky expressed interest in delineating between individuals who would like to speak before the board of education during a public hearing and those individuals who have questions. She would like this to be added to a future agenda so the process can be defined before the next public hearing.

Ms. Krinsky also asked the board if they would be interested in asking the administration to look into a timing device for Comments And Suggestions From The Public.

Mrs. Schumacher and Dr. Burns both stated they do not feel that three minutes is enough time for each speaker during Comments And Suggestions From The Public.

Ms. Krinsky asked all board members to give their opinion on whether to talk about reconsidering the time limit for public comments. The straw poll indicated the majority of the board was not interested in reconsidering the three-minute time limit at this time.

11.0 REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Schumacher indicated that she does not have a report, but wanted to state that for the first time ever, she had a tough time voting in favor of the levy. She feels there is resentment in the community and she feels the board and district needs to cut back on spending as much as possible.

Mrs. Somogyi attended the Insurance Committee meeting earlier in the evening. The district's coverage will be adding a preventative prescription to the treatment for Opioid addiction. The January Insurance Committee meeting has been cancelled.

Mr. Bhave attended the Transportation Committee meeting. The consensus was that Ms. Nissen will continue to look for cost-saving measures. The committee may reconvene in a couple of months after they have collected more data.

Mrs. Osmanski thanked District 59 staff for donations for Toys for Tots. The response to the District 59 Education Foundation request for toys was amazing. She also shared that the information in the IASB Journal on Trauma Informed classrooms was very interesting and helpful.

12.0 REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

None

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

Motion at 11:29 p.m. by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bhave to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December 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,"

“Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes.” 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1,2, 11)

Roll Call
Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmani, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

14.0 RECONVENE

MOTION at 11:50 p.m. by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bhave to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call
Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmani, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

15.0 ADJOURN

MOTION at 11:51 p.m. by Dr. Burns, seconded by Ms. Krinsky to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 10th day of December 2018, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

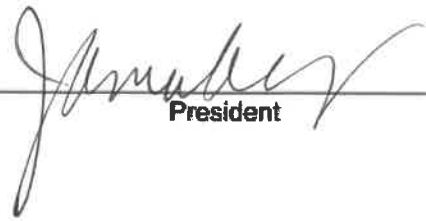
Roll Call
Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmani, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Secretary



President

ATTACHMENT #1 SIGN IN SHEET FROM 12/10/2018

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOL DISTRICT 59

GUEST SIGN IN - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date: December 10, 2018
PLEASE PRINT

NAME	ADDRESS (Not required)
Jen Snyder	Arlington Heights
Scott Fowler	EGV
Sara Magnafichi	Byrd
Lynn Oberg	EGV
Jenny Occhipinti	Mount Prospect
Melissa Ward	ELC
Joseph Lester	EBU
Barb Pettijohn	EGV
Matt Gess	Low
Courtney Lang	LOW
Maria Martinez	Low
Nathan Reeves	J-Low
Rachel & Corey	
Louis Reyes	EGV
DONALD A DWORAK	1101 HEWITT DR, D-P. 60016
PIOTR A ROSZ	
Rob Bavers	Holmes Jr. High
Dr & Sharon Chawon	EGV
Marge Wilk	641 D Burgundy
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 59

GUEST SIGN IN - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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NAME	ADDRESS (Not required)
Melissa Dominguez	J. Low
Alieya Burdett	
Maria Monardo	
Pam Holt	J Low
ROSE Kelly	Clearmont / DETA
Courtney Lang	Low
Manuel Salgado	Salt Creek / Grove
PAWOLC IAKU	1924. Mayol Ln near Park
Sylvia DzieKAN	John Jay school
Mamma Tommyh	John Jay school
Waldemar Tommyh	John Jay school.
Nicole Hain	salt creek
Caermen Burgos	J. / o
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ATTACHMENT #2 Courtney Lang

Board Public Comment, December 10, 2018

Courtney Lang. Voy a hablar en español y después en inglés. I'm going to speak in Spanish, followed by English.

Tenemos una gran visión y mucho por hacer en nuestro distrito. Todavía queda mucho trabajo por hacer. Necesitamos escuchar y responder a las preocupaciones específicas de los maestros y de los padres. Tenemos un plan de estudios que mejorar, particularmente en matemáticas, y ciencias, los que son críticos en nuestra economía moderna. No podemos darnos el lujo de perder el tiempo en algo que no es un problema.

Cuando un programa está funcionando, necesitamos dejar que prospere. Yo soy afortunada de tener a mis dos hijos en el programa de lenguaje dual bidireccional. Lenguaje dual desarrolla la competencia en los dos idiomas, español y inglés. Datos muestran que el 80-20 modelo sobresale en este objetivo. Nosotros en el programa celebramos nuestra diversidad, multi-culturalismo y nuestra unión. Todo el tiempo, amigos locales me dicen que ellos desearían tener este maravilloso programa en sus escuelas. Por favor dejen que el programa lenguaje dual bidireccional siga prosperando. Gracias.

Our district has a great vision and a lot we want to accomplish. There remains a lot of work to be done. We need to listen and respond to the specific concerns of teachers and parents. We have curriculum to improve, particularly in math and science, which are critical in our modern economy. We cannot afford to waste our time on non issues.

When a program is working, we need to allow it to thrive. I have been lucky to have both my kids in two way dual language. Two way builds proficiency in two languages, Spanish and English. Data shows that the 80-20 model excels at this goal. Those of us in the program celebrate our diversity, multiculturalism and our unity. All the time, local friends tell me they wish they had this program at their school. Please allow two way dual to continue to thrive. Thank you.

ATTACHMENT #3 Mary Cosenza Vicars

Mary Cosenza Vicars December 10, 2018 speech to the BOE

I am a retired teacher, having taught for 40 years. I have my ESL Endorsement and I have taught ESL students for 22 years.

While I want our district to be able to provide a quality education for all children, District 59 should not be looking to increase the tax levy. In looking at the financial side of things, District 59 makes up the largest part of our property tax bills. Our board does not spend our money wisely. After several meetings on the evaluation of the superintendent, we still don't know if the board is going to increase his salary or extend his contract which expires in 2021. This 17.1 million Ad Building should have never been built, esp. since the board wanted to increase our taxes through the issuance of bonds after the building was approved. We have been running a deficit for most of the five years that Art Fessler has been superintendent and a deficit is projected into the future. One of the reasons for these deficits is the increase in salaries for administrators and other support services. More administrators and support services has not resulted in a high-quality education for all our children.

For many of us our biggest asset is our homes that are declining in value because of the schools. Since I have gotten involved 18 months ago, Juliette Low has gone from a 7 rating out of 10, to 5, to 3. On Zillow it tells people that they would be better off buying in 57 than 59.

If we want our schools to perform better, we must change the way we teach our ELL students.

In District 59, we have two types of Dual Language Programs—One-Way and Two-Way Programs. In the Two-Way Spanish Dual Language Program, half of the class is native-English speakers and half is native Spanish-speakers. My concern is mainly with the One-Way Spanish Dual Language Program because it only contains native Spanish-speakers so their exposure to English-speaking peers is limited. They are taught 80% of the day in Spanish and only 20% of the day in English in kindergarten and then it gradually increases to 50/50 by 5th grade. In summary, in elementary school, most of their teachers have been teaching the Spanish-speaking kids in Spanish, not English. Our administration wants our kids to be bilingual and biliterate, yet only three schools have Two-Way Dual Language Programs and there is a waiting list. We have 62 One-Way Dual Language Programs.

The main reason for my disagreement with the Administration and board on the One-Way Dual Language Program is that we disagree with what the mission of our schools should be. I agree with Mardell that our districts' focus should be to teach our kids English and the content and skills that they need. That does not mean you do not value other cultures and languages. Other districts do things differently with better results.

I know that some folks say that they are happy with District 59. Time and time again I hear that their children are in the Two-Way Dual Language Program or in TDP, the gifted program. Your children may be doing well, but look at the test results. The non-low-income scores are declining and lower than other surrounding districts. Our objective is to educate all children Our administration says that many of our ESL kids enter the District behind academically; they leave District 59 behind too.

Vote on April 2 for a new school board.

ATTACHMENT #4 A Group of John Jay Parents

Meeting with District Board

First of all, we want to thank you for giving us this opportunity to meet with you. We are also hoping that you can be open-minded to our concerns regarding the quality of education at John Jay Elementary School. We are parents of students that either attend or will attend John Jay Elementary School in the future. The reason we are here is that we have seen first-hand that our children education has been significantly getting worse over time and we feel that our children lack in education comparing to other children their age. Before coming to you with our concerns, we tried first to intervene with our children teachers, then with the school's principal, and even lately with Superintendent Dr. Art Fessler. However, our concerns have been either dismissed or ignored. We fear that by receiving low quality of education, our children will be deprived of possibility to be successful individuals as well as contributing members of society. With growing concern that our children's future is at risk, we come here today.

Concerns:

- 1) The school has only 2 points out of 10. Different schools in the district are much higher. For example, Forest View 6 points.
- 2) Students are making less academic progress compared to students at other schools in districts and state.
- 3) No homework or barely any homework - after meeting with Dr. Art Fessler Superintendent of the school district, there is some improvement
- 4) Mixed grades together
- 5) Parents don't have access to their kid's grades

- 6) Parents feel that they are not informed on class curriculum (for example objectives, plan, and methods of evaluation of student's progress)
- 7) Some parents have to send their children to Kumon or other tutoring classes.
- 8) Some parents chose to send their children to private school because they felt their children were not recovering adequate education at John Jay
- 9) There is lackof communication from teachers, despite parents attempts to inquire on what is being done to improve their children academic performance.
- 10) We pay the same taxes as parents who send children to better-performing schools
- 11) Why are we not allowed to transfer to different schools in the district?
- 12) The real estate area near school is not attractive because of low school rating and reviews.