

**Official Minutes of the Monday, April 15, 2019  
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, 1001 Leicester Rd., Elk Grove Village, Illinois on Monday, April 15, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

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

**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; Executive Director for Human Resources, Ross Vittore; Executive Director of Literacy, Dr. Kim Barrett; Executive Director of Student Growth and Equity, Dr. Katie Ahsell; Director of Math, Mary Beth Niles; Director of Multilingual Programs, Griselda Pirtle; Director of Communications & Design, Justin Sampson; Recording Secretary, Kathie Lange.

**Also Present** Mary Ellen Esser, Admiral Byrd Elementary School Principal; Mari Gonzalez, Coordinator of Transportation; John D'Anza, DEA Officer and Grove Jr. High, Diana O'Donnell, Rupley Elementary School Principal; Rob Bohanek, Ridge Family Center for Learning Principal; Emily Woemmel, Assistant Principal at Admiral Byrd Elementary School; Janet Russo, Director of Fiscal Services; Janet Fisher, Coordinator of Purchasing/Food Services; Rose Kelly, DEA Officer and Clearmont Elementary School; Sara Magnafichi - Byrd Elementary School; Rob Bowers, Holmes Jr. High Principal; Mr. Bill Timmin, Friendship Jr. High Assistant Principal; Griselda Tapia, Assistant Principal Salt Creek Elementary School; Jodi Briggs - Devonshire; Assistant Principal, Phil Stevens; Nicole Hanson - Purchasing;

A scanned copy of the Guest Sign-In Sheet from April 15, 2019 is attached to minutes of this meeting. (Attachment #1).

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **4.0 STUDENT CELEBRATIONS**

### **Byrd Elementary School**

#### **Phil's Friends**

Admiral Byrd Dual Language (DL) students in 4th and 5th grade presented to the board with DL teachers Mrs. Czajkowski & Mrs. Esparza about their support of Phil's Friends, a nonprofit group helping individuals with cancer. The students discussed what they learned from the partnership and the feeling of pride they have from the participating in this experience.

#### **Trex Recycling**

As part of an annual project assigned to Byrd fifth grade Talent Development Program (TDP) students, students presented with TDP teacher Mrs. Toulon about their solution to a community problem. This year's project help to inform the Elk Grove community how to recycle properly.

#### **Rupley Student Celebration**

Rupley Principal Diana O'Donnell presented a celebration of a Rupley student, Julian, who has used assistive technology to advance his communication skills with others. Julian won the Infinetec North Award Recognition 2019 Outstanding Student Technology Award.

## **5.0 DISCUSSION**

### **5.01 Classroom Projector Refresh**

This summer, CCSD59 is scheduled to begin the process of refreshing the classroom projectors across the district. This will be a multi-year project, and the costs are included in the long term budget and technology plan. The current classroom projectors range in age from eight to twelve years old. The board will continue to discuss the project at the next board of education meeting.

### **5.02 Approval of 3 Year Contract for Natural Gas Summary**

The current contract at CCSD59 for natural gas expires on June 30, 2019. A Request For Proposal (RFP) was sent to eight providers and the district received three responses. To help prevent large cost variances created by the fluctuating market, the district asked vendors to provide fixed pricing for part or all of the natural gas costs.

Centerpoint Energy provided a quote at a fixed rate of -\$0.006 per therm basis and \$0.269 per therm for 50% of the district's anticipated usage for 36 months. This combination of fixed and floating rates protects the district from extreme price variances while also taking advantage of price drops. Since Centerpoint is CCSD59's current provider, the district would not need to incur any additional expenses for changing providers. The Administration is recommending that the district continue with Centerpoint Energy as their natural gas provider.

The board will vote on approval of the contract at the May 13, 2019, board meeting.

### **5.03 Approval of Ridge Intersession Fees Summary**

The Ridge Family Center for Learning offers an intersession program to elementary students as a fee-based option, with fees covering the direct operating costs of the programming provided. The 2019-20 Ridge balanced calendar provides for two intersessions: September 30 - October 9, 2019 (8 days); and March 30 - April 3, 2020 (5 days).

The board discussed the following fee arrangements for intersession 2019-20:

<i>Intersession</i>	<i>2019-20 Fee</i>	<i>2018-19 Fee</i>
Sep/Oct	(8 days) \$160	(8 days) \$160
Mar/Apr	(5 days) \$100	(5 days) \$100

### **5.04 Press Policy Update 100**

The board discussed the Illinois Association of School Boards suggested revisions for February and March 2019 via their PRESS publication.

### **5.05 New Board Policies**

The board discussed proposed changes (additions) to board policies for the topics listed below. The administration sought recommendations for language changes/additions from the district's attorney.

- a. Board Members Employed by the District and Receiving Compensation
- b. Cell Phone Use During Board Meetings

### **5.06 Food Service Contract Renewal for 2019-20 Lunch and Breakfast**

School year 2019-20 represents the third renewal for the District's food service management company, Organic Life. State law allows the District to renew a contract four times before a District is required to bid the service. The current Contract was approved by the Board of Education on May 29, 2018 effective for 2018-19 (Year 3). The District will be required to bid food service effective for the 2021-22 school year; however, a bid will be necessary should there be an operational change in the program.

No operational changes have been requested for the 2019-20 school year for the existing lunch program. The reimbursable lunch and the a la carte equivalent rates will increase from \$2.8668 to \$2.9212 per meal. This increase is based on the allowable CPI of 1.9%. There is no annual management fee for lunch or the junior high a la carte program.

Regarding the breakfast program, the Childhood Hunger Relief Act, PA093-1086 requires schools that have at least 40% of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches to offer a school breakfast program. In 2019-20, all District 59 schools will continue to offer breakfast programs.

The per meal rates for the breakfast program will increase from \$1.2509 to \$1.2746. There is no annual management fee for breakfast.

Public Act 99-0850 is a breakfast requirement that was implemented July 1, 2017. This law requires every public school in which at least 70 percent of the students were eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in October of the preceding year to operate a Breakfast After the Bell Program. Breakfast After the Bell means breakfast is provided to children after the instructional day has officially begun and does not prohibit schools from also providing breakfast before the instructional day begins.

Starting in 2017-18 Byrd, John Jay and Rupley implemented a Breakfast After the Bell program. The same three schools implemented the program in 2018-19 and will continue Breakfast After the Bell in 2019-20.

Organic Life continues to be a valuable partner in offering quality school nutrition programs to our students. The District recommends renewal at the proposed rates.

#### **Summary of Proposed Meal Rates**

	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>
Reimbursable Lunches	\$2.8668	\$2.9212
Management Fee per Lunch	\$0.00	\$0.00
A la Carte Equivalent Fee	\$2.8668	\$2.9212
A la Carte Management Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reimbursable Breakfast	\$1.2509	\$1.2746
Management Fee per Breakfast	\$0.00	\$0.00

### **5.07 Approval of District-Wide Copier Lease Solution**

The District currently leases a total of 55 Multi-Function Devices and is in the final year of a three-year contract with Konica Minolta. There are three (3) devices at each school which are located in the main office (color), the Learning Resource Center (LRC) (color) and the teacher workroom (B&W). The Early Learning Center houses one device in the main office and one in the teacher workroom and the devices at the Administration Center are located strategically

throughout the building and assigned to seven (7) departments. All printers across the District default to B&W, with the option to select color if necessary.

Prior to determining the direction for this purchase, information was gathered through satisfaction surveys administered to building principals, LRC techs, office managers, and administration building staff. Overall, responses showed a high level of satisfaction with the devices and responsiveness of maintenance technicians while also illustrating the need for increased copy speed and paper capacity in the LRCs.

Konica Minolta extended the opportunity to participate in a proprietary *One Rate Program* through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing. The program eliminates per copy costs and charges a fixed monthly rate which includes unlimited printing in both black and white and color.

Rates for both 36-month and 48-month contracts were proposed. After a review of the District's experiences, it was determined that a 36-month contract would improve overall productivity and satisfaction. In addition, the shorter time frame permits the District to be more flexible as print needs continue to change. By implementing the Konica Minolta's *One Rate Program* recommended solution for 36 months, the District will receive new and improved equipment while cutting operating costs by over 13%.

Konica Minolta's proposed solution meets the needs of the District's by upgrading the devices in the Learning Resource Centers to faster machines with larger capacity paper trays. In addition, staplers would be added to each school office, one device in the Administration Building would be eliminated and the speed of the copier in the mailroom would be increased to accommodate large print jobs. The proposal includes all equipment, training, toner, staples, delivery, maintenance and repair and all parts and supplies are guaranteed to be originally manufactured equipment throughout the duration of the contract.

After the District's experience for the past three (3) years, it was determined that Konica Minolta would not only be the best financial option but would also be the best strategic partner as the District continues to evaluate and address copy and print needs. It is therefore recommended that the Board of Education approve a three-year lease and maintenance agreement with Konica Minolta, 1701 W. Golf Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 for 54 multi-functional devices for a monthly rate of \$23,905.00 for all devices. The installation and implementation will be scheduled to begin on July 1, 2019.

## **6.0 COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Randy Reid of Elk Grove Village thanked Dr. Burns, Mr. Bhavé, and Mrs. Barbara Somogyi for their service on the Board of Education. Mr. Reid expressed his desire to keep children first during his term on the Board of Education.

Mrs. Gloria Schmidt of Arlington Heights thanked Dr. Burns, Mr. Bhave, and Mrs. Barbara Somogyi for their service on the Board of Education. Mrs. Schmidt also had questions about a flyer she received inviting her to a for profit Boot Camp intended to be hosted at Juliette Low Elementary School. Dr. Fessler will look into this event and provide a written response to Mrs. Schmidt.

Mrs. Judy Cox - Elk Grove Village thanked Dr. Burns, Mr. Bhave, and Mrs. Barbara Somogyi for their service on the Board of Education. Mrs. Cox also commented on the District Curriculum Committee. A copy of her address will be attached to the minutes of this meeting (Attachment 2).

Joan Burke - Arlington Heights thanked Dr. Burns, Mr. Bhave, and Mrs. Barbara Somogyi for their service on the Board of Education. Mrs. Burke addressed the Board of Education to express concern about for profit organizations requesting to use Juliette Low, board members ability to visit schools needing prior notice. A copy of her address will be attached to the minutes of this meeting (Attachment 3).

Mary Vicars - Arlington Heights congratulated the newly elected Board of Education members. Mrs. Vicars also addressed the Board of Education on several topics including the district's curriculum, district finances, and the superintendent's evaluation. A copy of her address will be attached to the minutes of this meeting (Attachment 4).

## 7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Krinsky informed the Board of an amendment of a title listed in 7.04 (a.). Coordinator of ELS Programming / Rupley rather than a Director of ELS Programming / Rupley.

Dr. Burns requested to pull Item 7.03 for discussion.

**Motion** by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to adopt the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 15th day of April 2019, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

## 7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

### 7.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019
- b. Closed Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019
- c. Special Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2019
- d. Closed Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2019

### 7.02 Disbursements Resolution

- a. Disbursement Listing for 2018-19

### ~~7.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports~~

- ~~a. Detail Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2019~~
- ~~b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of February 28, 2019~~
- ~~c. Investment Report as of February 28, 2019~~
- ~~d. Activity Fund Statements as of February 28, 2019~~

Mr. Ross Vittore shared information about the application process for hiring Assistant Principals and introduced Mr. Bill Timmins the new Principal for Friendship Jr. High School. Mr. Timmins thanked the Board of Education and the administration for the opportunity to serve as principal at Friendship Jr. High School.

**8.01 Approval of 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 CALENDARS – (Traditional and Balanced)**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 15th day of April 2019, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education hereby approves the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 school calendars for a total of 198 calendar days.

A copy of the adopted calendar will be attached to the approved minutes of the April 15, 2019 school board meeting (Attachment #5).

**Roll Call**

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

Board members asked Mr. Grey to include a question about the start date for school in the next parent satisfaction survey.

**8.02 Approval of Holidays For 2019/2020 Fiscal Year And For 2020/2021 Fiscal Year**

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 11, 2019 to meet the requirement in Section 24-2 of the School Code to designate President's Day for Lincoln's Birthday holiday and November 27, 2019 and November 25, 2020 for Veteran's Day holiday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 15th day of April 2019, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois School code, designates the following days as holidays for negotiated contracts and administrative/non-negotiated employees for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 fiscal years:

**2019-2020 HOLIDAYS**

July 4	Thursday, July 4, 2019
Labor Day	Monday, September 2, 2019
Columbus Day	Monday October 14, 2019
Veterans Day	Observed Wednesday, November 27, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28, 2019
Day-After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29, 2019



Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2019
New Year's Eve	Tuesday, December 31, 2019
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Monday January 20, 2020
President's Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2020
Floating Holiday (1)	

### 2020-2021 HOLIDAYS

July 4	Observed Friday, July 3, 2020
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2020
Columbus Day	Monday October 12, 2020
Veterans Day	Observed Wednesday, November 25, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2020
Day-After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 27, 2020
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2020
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2020
New Year's Eve	Thursday, December 31, 2020
New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Monday January 18, 2021
President's Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2021
Floating Holiday (1)	

**Roll Call**      Ayes:      7    Bhavé, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi  
                      Nays:      0  
                      Absent:    0  
                      Abstain:    0

### **8.03 Approval of Closing Date for 2018/19 School Year**

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

WHEREAS, the last day of student and staff attendance for the 2018/19 school year will be June 5, 2019 for the traditional calendar and balanced calendars; and

WHEREAS, the official calendars for the 2018/19 school year represent the following:

The 2018/19 traditional calendar includes the following:

Five (5) Emergency Days  
 May 31, June 3, 4, 5, 6, 2019  
 2019

Four (4) School Cancellation Days  
 November 26, 2018 & January 28, 30, 31,  
 2019

The 2018/19 balanced calendar includes the following:

Five (5) Emergency Days

May 31, June 3, 4, 5, 6, 2019  
2019

Four (4) School Cancellation Days

November 26, 2018 & January 28, 30, 31,

One Hundred Seventy-seven (178) Student Attendance Days

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the 15th day of April 2019, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the final school calendars for the 2018/19 school year based upon the following: 178 student attendance days and one institute day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the last day of attendance for students and staff following the traditional and balanced calendars will be June 5, 2019.

<b>Roll Call</b>	Ayes:	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi
	Nays:	0	
	Absent:	0	
	Abstain:	0	

#### **9.04 Approval of Renewal For Refuse/Recycling Service Final Proposal**

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

WHEREAS Republic Services has provided the required services while demonstrating a high level of performance;

WHEREAS, Republic Services has provided new rates that do not exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) Annualized Rate for December and has provided the required rationale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 15th day of April, 2019, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approves the renewal for refuse/recycling service with Republic Services, 2101 South Busse Avenue, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056, for the 2019-2020 school year for an approximate monthly rate of \$4,179.84 or an estimated annual cost of \$50,158.08.

<b>Roll Call</b>	Ayes:	7	Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi
	Nays:	0	
	Absent:	0	
	Abstain:	0	

### **8.05 Approval of PTAB Authorization to Intervene On Assessment Appeals**

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

WHEREAS, an owner or manager of a parcel or parcels of real property located within the boundaries of the State of Illinois has the right to file an appeal challenging the assessed value of a parcel or parcels of real property with the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (“PTAB”); and

WHEREAS, an appeal before the PTAB seeks a reduction in the assessed value of the parcel or parcels; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in the assessed value of a parcel or parcels granted by the PTAB on property located within the boundaries of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District No. 59 will lead to the issuance of a real estate tax refund from the Board; and

WHEREAS, a taxing district has the right to intervene in proceedings before the PTAB in order to protect the taxing districts’ revenue interest in the assessed value of a parcel or parcels; and

WHEREAS, the time period during which a taxing district may intervene is within 60 days after the taxing district’s receipt, from the local Board of Review, of notice of the filing of an appeal by an owner or manager of a parcel or parcels of real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary, desirable, advantageous, and in the public interest to defend the Board’s real property tax base by intervening in PTAB appeals filed on parcels within the boundaries of the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District No. 59 , Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The Board finds that all of the recitals contained above are true and correct, and that the same are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Board hereby authorizes Franczek Radelet P.C., as its legal representative, to:  
a) file a Request to Intervene in Appeal Proceedings in all 2015-2019 assessment-year appeals filed at the PTAB for which the Board receives notice from the Cook County Board of Review, and b) represent the Board’s interests in these proceedings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT with the approval of this donation of \$3,010.00, the Superintendent shall communicate to the John Jay PTO, 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.



The board will continue to hold discussions and determine next steps and scope for strategic planning at upcoming board meetings.

## **9.0 SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS**

### **9.01 FOIA Requests**

Mr. Ross Vittore shared there had been five FOIA requests since the last update and both had been responded to in the allotted time frame.

## **11.0 NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Osmanski will be meeting with new Board of Education members for an orientation within the next two weeks.

Ms. Krinsky reminded Mrs. Lange to make certain that future board of education meetings do not fall on Jewish holidays.

Mrs. Krinsky asked that the district look into federal government support for meals for students/families over the summer. Ms. Nissen will add information to the Friday update.

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

Mrs. Osmanski thanked all who attended or supported the District 59's Got Talent event.

Mrs. Schumacher attended the Polish Dual Language visit by two members from ISBE at Clearmont School.

Mrs. Somogyi attended the IASB North Cook Dinner and provided programs to Board members who were unable to attend.

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

Dr. Fessler shared that there will be a reception held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2019 to honor retiring Board of Education members and to welcome the newly elected Board of Education members.

## **14.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION** at 10:11 p.m. by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following resolution:

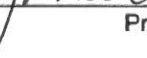
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 15th day of April, 2019 "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity." "Collective negotiating 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,)

## 15.0 RECONVENE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 15th day of April, 2019, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

## 16.0 ADJOURN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 15th day of April, 2019, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

  
President

Karen Osmani  
Secretary pro tem



**ATTACHMENT #1****Sign In Sheets (2) from April 15, 2019 Board of Education Meeting**COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 59**GUEST SIGN IN - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Date: 4/15/2019

PLEASE PRINT

NAME	ADDRESS (Not required)
Phil Stevens	Grave
Sara Magnafichi	Byrd
Eddie Prieto	Byrd
Adrianza Martinez	Byrd.
Emily Wommel	Byrd
LARRY GANAN	CLERMONT
Cathy Braude	Byrd
Maryellen Esser	Byrd
Diane Dannel	Rupley
Bill Timmins	Friendship
Christine Kotarba	
Diana Esparta	Byrd
Linda Bunak	Admin.
PAUCA GRASKOWSKI	Byrd
Shannon Andersen	
Dennis Berullo	
Griselda Tapia	Salt Creek
Rob Bohanek	Ridge
Rose Kelly	Clermont - DEA
Courtney Lang	J Low

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 59

## GUEST SIGN IN - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date:

4-15-19

**PLEASE PRINT**

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**ATTACHMENT #2**

Judith Cox

Presentation to the Board- April 15, 2019

Last fall, after encouragement from parents, citizens and both practicing and retired teachers, the District asked for staff input into the strengths and opportunities for improvement in the present school environment. From a staff survey, issued anonymously, three areas were identified as areas of interest and/or concern. They were communication, curricula, and teacher input/feedback/suggestion opportunities.

In January a District Curriculum Committee was formed. Parents and citizens who had expressed an interest in serving on this committee were invited to a formational meeting on Jan. 29, 2019. From this original formational meeting subcommittees went on to meet several times during February and March to form a consensus as to an overall plan to see what was working/not working in the present programs. I believe the administration, represented by Maureen McAbee, will be giving a report this evening on the status of the Committee.

While the administration and teachers will move on to develop specific drivers and options in their curriculum review, the parent and community member group discussed the role of their members going forward. After their initial input this group will now receive “regular detailed updates on the progress and will be brought in at regular intervals to provide input on progress and/or provide help if requested”. In other words, the active participation in the curriculum development by the community is no longer an active role.

It has taken the District three months to determine what the community, parents and teachers already knew. We need a research-based, multi-disciplinary, strong, proven, content-rich curriculum, with adequate and plentiful resources, books and materials ASAP.

Curriculum matters. Without a curriculum we risk confusion, inconsistency, and loss of common knowledge. This is especially true for our disadvantaged children who have less supplemental learning and exposure, often in another language.

After five years of Learning Experiences as the principle driver of the math curriculum, the District is now planning to spend a year looking for programs to ‘pilot’ and programs to review and sample online. Until the Administration recognizes that while the individualized, workshop model teaching is a valid and rich “how to” method of learning, it cannot be the sole learning program. Our students need a common body of knowledge and vocabulary that all students are expected to learn. They need solid and inspiring, rich and proven lessons.

A house is only as strong as its foundation. An educated individual needs a solid foundation of content rich learning to be successful in life. Our children deserve nothing less.

### **ATTACHMENT #3**

Joan Burke – BOE Meeting 4/15/19

Last year in November the Board approved the working agreements and communication responsibilities of the Board. I was amazed to read when a board member wishes to visit a school, that board member has to notify the superintendent in advance. I can understand giving a “heads up” to the school’s principal. D59 principals make on the average of \$125,000 for the school year. This is micromanaging by the superintendent. It is difficult to understand why an elected board member, who hired the superintendent, has to ask permission to visit one of the district’s schools.

What I find even more troubling is the April 9<sup>th</sup> home sellers boot camp fiasco. Three men representing three different for-profit companies scheduled their seminar to take place at the library of the Juliette Low Elementary School. I have attended retirement seminars hosted by money management companies who hold their seminars at restaurants with a meal to boot. Why this group would have been allowed to hold their seminar in one of our schools is beyond me.

Since our elected board members have to get permission from the superintendent I presume this group did the same.

**ATTACHMENT #4**

Mary Cosenza Vicars BOE Speech April 15, 2019

I congratulate Patti, Randy and Courtney. I know Patti—I voted for her and actively supported her. She will make an excellent board member. Randy and Courtney, I am willing to give you both a chance to prove to the 59 Community that you are interested in improving academics for all our kids and are interested in getting our finances under control. While you both were actively supported by Janice, Sharon, Karen and Sunil, as future board members, I hope you will make up your own minds on the issues. That means not always voting with the Administration as we have seen for two years.

As new board members, you will have your work cut out for you. Our schools are not desirable to many because of their low scores and ratings. Look at Juliette Low—while other schools in 25 are bursting at the seams with students, less than 1/3 of the students come from the neighborhood. Many students in my neighborhood attend Wayside and other private schools. At the heart of this problem is the curriculum, or as teachers refer to it as, lack thereof. The superintendent has a 75-person curriculum committee. I have been on plenty of school committees to know that the way you structure a committee can determine what results you will achieve. You will have to force the Superintendent to ~~force him~~ to make necessary changes. Our taxpayer dollars have not been spent wisely. You don't spend 17.1 million on a new Ad Building and then shortly after it is approved, say that you want to raise taxes. You don't increase the number of administrators. We are running a deficit. While we have money in reserves, how long will this last? Along with all this we have a Superintendent who makes more than others in the area and more than Eddie Johnson, the top Chicago cop. Even if he was doing a good job, which he is not, he would not deserve this much money. At some point you will have to evaluate him. Please use data when you do so.

While those of us who wanted change, did not get all three candidates that we wanted elected, it was a close election. It was a close vote for Courtney, Randy, Jim and Dan. Only 60 votes separated Randy from Jim. In the Low neighborhood where two board members and a candidate live, Jim and Dan received more votes than did Courtney and Randy. And Patti, the candidate whom the Daily Herald would not endorse because of a supposed "conflict of interest" and whom a board member wrote that he thought she had a conflict of interest, was the highest vote getter in the election, receiving 21% of the vote; the next highest was 16%. Apparently the 59 community wasn't buying the conflict of interest story and probably thought that a board member who was in the schools on a regular basis was a good thing.

Finally, to the 59 community and especially the Low neighborhood, you can be proud. You have made our schools the topic of discussion. You have shown the Administration and Board that we will not sit back and watch our schools decline. You can be proud of electing one board member, unseating an incumbent, and putting the education of all our kids first and foremost.



**Attachment 5 - Approved Calendars 2019-2020 and 2020-2021****TRADITIONAL 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

<b>AUGUST 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - August 14, 21, 28</p> <p>12 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students  13 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students  14 First Day of Student Attendance - Grades 1 through 8  15 First Day of Student Attendance - Kindergarten</p>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - September 4, 11, 18, 25</p> <p>2 Labor Day - School Closed</p>
<b>OCTOBER 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30</p> <p>9 Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences  10 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences  11 Non Attendance Day - School Closed  14 Columbus Day - School Closed</p>
<b>NOVEMBER 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - November 6, 13, 20</p> <p>26 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Holiday)  27 Non Attendance Day - School Closed  28 Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed  29 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p>
<b>DECEMBER 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - December 4, 11, 18</p> <p>20 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Break)  23 - 31 Winter Break - School Closed</p>
<b>JANUARY 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - January 8, 15, 22, 29</p> <p>1-3 Winter Break Continues - School Closed  6 Classes Resume  20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed</p>
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - February 5, 12, 19, 26</p> <p>12 Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences  13 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences  14 Non Attendance Day - School Closed  17 Presidents' Day - School Closed</p>
<b>MARCH 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - March 4, 11, 18</p> <p>17 Teacher Institute - No School for Students  20 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Holiday)  23 - 27 Spring Break - School Closed  30 Classes Resume</p>
<b>APRIL 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29</p> <p>10 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p>
<b>MAY 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - May 6, 13, 20, 27</p> <p>25 Memorial Day - School Closed</p>
<b>JUNE 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - June 3</p> <p>4 Last Day of Student Attendance (Tentative)</p>

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## BALANCED 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>JULY 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - July 24, 31</p> <p>22 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students</p> <p>23 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students</p> <p>24 First Day of Student Attendance, Grades K through 5</p>
<b>AUGUST 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - August 7, 14, 21, 28</p> <p>28 Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>29 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>30 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - September 4, 11, 18, 25</p> <p>2 Labor Day - School Closed</p> <p>30 Intersession - School Closed</p>
<b>OCTOBER 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - October 16, 23, 30</p> <p>1-11 Intersession Continues - School Closed</p> <p>14 Columbus Day - School Closed</p> <p>15 Classes Resume</p>
<b>NOVEMBER 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - November 6, 13, 20</p> <p>1 End of 1st Trimester</p> <p>8 Report Cards Go Home</p> <p>26 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Holiday)</p> <p>27 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p> <p>28 Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed</p> <p>29 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p>
<b>DECEMBER 2019</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - December 4, 11, 18</p> <p>20 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Break)</p> <p>23 - 31 Winter Break - School Closed</p>
<b>JANUARY 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - January 8, 15, 22, 29</p> <p>6 Classes Resume</p> <p>20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed</p>
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - February 5, 12, 19, 26</p> <p>12 Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>13 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>14 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p> <p>17 Presidents' Day - School Closed</p>
<b>MARCH 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - March 4, 11, 18</p> <p>2 End of 2nd Trimester</p> <p>9 Report Cards Go Home</p> <p>17 Teacher Institute - No School for Students</p> <p>20 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Break)</p> <p>23 - 27 Spring Break - School Closed</p> <p>30 - 31 Intersession - School Closed</p>
<b>APRIL 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - April 8, 15, 22, 29</p> <p>1-3 Intersession - School Closed</p> <p>6 Classes Resume</p>
<b>MAY 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - May 6, 13, 20, 27</p> <p>25 Memorial Day - School Closed</p>
<b>JUNE 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - June 3</p> <p>4 Last Day of Student Attendance (Tentative)</p> <p>End of 3rd Trimester</p> <p>Report Cards Go Home</p>

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## TRADITIONAL 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>AUGUST 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - August 12, 19, 26</p> <p>10 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students</p> <p>11 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students</p> <p>12 First Day of Student Attendance - Grades 1 through 8</p> <p>13 First Day of Student Attendance - Kindergarten</p>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30</p> <p>7 Labor Day - School Closed</p>
<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - October 7, 14, 21, 28</p> <p>7 Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>8 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>9 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p> <p>12 Columbus Day - School Closed</p>
<b>NOVEMBER 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - November 4, 11, 18</p> <p>3 Teacher Institute Day - No School for Students</p> <p>24 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Holiday)</p> <p>25 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p> <p>26 Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed</p> <p>27 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p>
<b>DECEMBER 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - December 2, 9, 16</p> <p>18 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Break)</p> <p>21 - 31 Winter Break - School Closed</p>
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - January 6, 13, 20, 27</p> <p>4 Classes Resume</p> <p>18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed</p>
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - February 3, 10, 17, 24</p> <p>10 Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>11 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>12 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p> <p>15 Presidents' Day - School Closed</p>
<b>MARCH 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - March 3, 10, 17, 31</p> <p>19 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Holiday)</p> <p>22 - 26 Spring Break - School Closed</p> <p>29 Classes Resume</p>
<b>APRIL 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - April 7, 14, 21, 28</p> <p>2 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p>
<b>MAY 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - May 5, 12, 19, 26</p> <p>31 Memorial Day - School Closed</p>
<b>JUNE 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - June 2</p> <p>3 Last Day of Student Attendance (Tentative)</p>

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## BALANCED 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>JULY 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - July 22, 29</p> <p>20 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students</p> <p>21 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students</p> <p>22 First Day of Student Attendance, Grades K through 5</p>
<b>AUGUST 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - August 5, 12 19, 26</p>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - September 2, 9, 16, 23</p> <p>2 Student Attendance with Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>3 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>4 Non-attendance Day - School Closed</p> <p>7 Labor Day - School Closed</p> <p>28 - 30 Intersession - School Closed</p>
<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - October 14, 21, 28</p> <p>1 - 9 Intersession Continues - School Closed</p> <p>12 Columbus Day - School Closed</p> <p>13 Classes Resume</p>
<b>NOVEMBER 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - November 4, 11, 18</p> <p>3 Teacher Institute - No School for Students</p> <p>6 End of 1st Trimester</p> <p>13 Report Cards Go Home</p> <p>24 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Holiday)</p> <p>25 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p> <p>26 Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed</p> <p>27 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p>
<b>DECEMBER 2020</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - December 2, 9, 16</p> <p>18 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Break)</p> <p>21 - 31 Winter Break - School Closed</p>
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - January 6, 13, 20, 27</p> <p>4 Classes Resume</p> <p>18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed</p>
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - February 3, 10, 17, 24</p> <p>10 Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>11 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences</p> <p>12 Non Attendance Day - School Closed</p> <p>15 Presidents' Day - School Closed</p>
<b>MARCH 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - March 3, 10, 17</p> <p>5 End of 2nd Trimester</p> <p>12 Report Cards Go Home</p> <p>19 One Hourly Early Dismissal (Before Break)</p> <p>22 - 26 Spring Break - School Closed</p> <p>29 - 31 Intersession - School Closed</p>
<b>APRIL 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - April 7, 14, 21, 28</p> <p>1 - 5 Intersession - School Closed</p> <p>6 Classes Resume</p>
<b>MAY 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - May 5, 12, 19, 26</p> <p>31 Memorial Day - School Closed</p>
<b>JUNE 2021</b>	<p>Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - June 2</p> <p>3 Last Day of Student Attendance (Tentative)</p> <p>End of 3rd Trimester</p> <p>Report Cards Go Home</p>

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