

**Official Minutes of the Monday, April 29, 2019
Regular 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 April 29, 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; 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; Michael Wall, Forest View Assistant Principal; Janet Russo, Director of Fiscal Services; Janet Fisher, Coordinator of Purchasing/Food Services; Ann Wing, DEA President and Friendship Jr. High 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; Denise Bishoff, Superintendent’s Office and Reception; Cindy Pullen, Human Resources; Inge Zurawski, Forest View Elementary; Jodi Briggs, Devonshire; Becky Martin, Devonshire Elementary and DEA Representative, Jill Guerrero, Devonshire Elementary and DEA Representative

A scanned copy of the Guest Sign-In Sheet from April 29, 2019 is attached to minutes of this meeting. (Attachment #1).

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4.0 COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Michael Kaveney, resident of Elk Grove Village, thanked Mr. Bhave, Dr. Burns, and Mrs. Somogyi for their service on the District 59 Board of Education and expressed his hope for the future Board of Education to keep children as the focus.

Mr. George Shibayama read a letter he wrote in response to the Daily Herald editorial regarding Mrs. Patti Petrielli substitute teaching in the District 59.

Mrs. Jodi Briggs addressed the Board of Education to thank Mr. Bhave, Dr. Burns, and Mrs. Somogyi for their service on the District 59 Board of Education. She also shared information about the Juliette Low Global Community event held at Feed My Starving Children.

Mr. Dan Makowski, Arlington Heights resident, addressed the Board of Education on a number of topics including Title I school Improvement Plans and Item 6.02 b. Conflict of Interest from the agenda for the April 29, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Cosenza Vicars addressed Mrs. Barbara Somogyi and Dr. Burns regarding their terms on the Board of Education. A copy of her address is included in the minutes of this meeting (Attachment 2).

Patricia Krause, Arlington Heights resident, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of the superintendent's evaluation and read a statement from a handout "School Superintendents: Vital or Irrelevant". A copy of her address is included in the minutes of this meeting (Attachment 3).

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Schumacher requested to pull Item 5.02 Human Resource Report.

Motion by Mr. Bhave, seconded by Dr. Burns to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 29th day of April 2019, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as amended:

5.01 Approval of Minutes - Prior Meetings

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019
- b. Closed Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019
- c. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2019
- d. Closed Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2019
- e. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2019
- f. Closed Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2019

Policy - 4110 - Transportation
Policy - 4150 - Facility Management and Building Programs
Policy - 4160 - Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
Policy - 4190 (*NEW) - Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
Policy - 5330 - Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves, IMRF Service Credit Plan
Policy - 615 - School Accountability
Recommendation For 5-Year Review
Policy - 240 - Board Member Qualifications
Policy - 250 - School Board Member Term of Office
Policy - 260 - Board Member Removal from Office
Policy - 430 - Revenue and Investments
Policy-665 - Student Social and Emotional Development
Policy - 7185 - Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
Policy - 895 - Parental Involvement

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the recommended updates to the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education Policy Manual.

ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2019, by a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

6.02 Approval of Board Policy Changes Recommended by Administration and the Board of Education

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the recommended updates to the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education Policy Manual.

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| a. Policy - 2:140 Communications To and From the Board |
| b. Policy - 2100 Board Member Conflict of Interest |
| c. Policy - 7300 - Extracurricular Athletics |
| d. Policy - 830 - Visitors to and Conduct on School Property |

ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2019, by a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

6.03 Approval of Ridge Intersession Fees Summary

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

WHEREAS, the 2019/20 balanced calendar for the Ridge Family Center for Learning Elementary Program provides time during the school year for two inter-sessions: 1) September 30 - October 9, 2019 (8 days); and 2) March 30 - April 3, 2020 (5 days);

WHEREAS, attendance at an inter-session is an addition to the school year calendar and families are required to pay a fee to participate in an inter-session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the following fee arrangements at the Ridge Family Center for Learning for the 2019/20 school year:

Sep/Oct	Inter-session	(8 days)	\$160
Mar/Apr	Inter-session	(5 days)	\$100

Adopted this 29th day of April 2019, by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

6.04 Food Service Contract Renewal for 2019/20 Lunch and Breakfast Programs
Summary

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 29th day of April, 2019 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education renew the contract with Organic Life, 430 W. Erie St. Suite 403, Chicago, Illinois to provide meals for the 2019-20 school year at the following rates:

Reimbursable Lunches	\$2.9212
Management Fee per Lunch	\$0.00
A la Carte Equivalent Fee	\$2.9212
A la Carte Management Fee	\$0.00
Reimbursable Breakfast	\$1.2746
Management Fee per Breakfast	\$0.00

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

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

6.05 Approval of District-Wide Copier Lease Solution

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

WHEREAS Konica Minolta has provided high performing copier equipment and quality technology support and services;

WHEREAS a proposal was received from Konica Minolta providing a print solution for School District 59's schools and administration building at a significant savings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 29th day of April 2019, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 approve the leasing of 54 multi-functional devices from Konica Minolta for a three-year lease and maintenance agreement for a monthly rate of \$23,905.

Mrs. Schumacher read a prepared statement expressing her appreciation and thanks to Mr. Bhave, Dr. Burns, and Mrs. Somogyi for their service on the Board of Education (Attachment #4).

Ms. Krinsky expressed her appreciation and thanks to Mr. Bhave, Dr. Burns, and Mrs. Somogyi for their service on the Board of Education.

Mrs. Roberts expressed her appreciation and thanks to Mr. Bhave, Dr. Burns, and Mrs. Somogyi for their service on the Board of Education.

Mrs. Osmanski expressed her appreciation and thanks to Mr. Bhave, Dr. Burns, and Mrs. Somogyi for their service on the Board of Education.

Dr. Burns suggested that the boardroom of the District 59 Administration Center be named the Barbara Somogyi Room in recognition for her 41 years of service on the District 59 Board of Education.

Special recognition was given to Mrs. Barbara Somogyi for her 41 years of service on the CCSD59 Board of Education. Members of the audience who spoke on behalf of Mrs. Somogyi’s many years of service in District 59 and in IASB included:

Arlen Gould, School District 21

Mr. Frank Fiarito, School District 26 Board of Education

Charlotte Kegarise, Schaumburg District 54 Board of Education

Phil Pritzker, CCSD21 Board of Education President

Alva Kreutzer, District 214 Board of Education

Thomas Bertrand, Illinois Association of School Boards Executive Director, presented Mrs. Somogyi with an Award of Merit on behalf of the IASB North Cook Division for her dedicated service from 2014-2019.


9.0 ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE @ 8:22 p.m.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 29th day of April, 2019 is the Sine Die adjournment date for the current Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education.

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

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0



President

ATTEST:



Secretary *pro tem*

ATTACHMENT #1

Sign In Sheet from April 29, 2019 Board of Education Meeting



COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOL DISTRICT 59

GUEST SIGN IN - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date: 4/29/2019

PLEASE PRINT

NAME	ADDRESS (Not required)
ARLEN GOULD	SCHOOL DIST 21 BOE
Charlotte Keganise	18 Essex Court Schenamburg
Phil Pritsker	IASB Officer
Tom Bertrand (+Michelle)	IASB Executive Director
Alva Kreutzler	THSD 214
Dee Molinaro	IASB Field Services
Candy Kiel	
Brian Kiel	
Sara Magrache	Byrd
Beky Martin	Devonshire / DEA
Jill Guerrero	Devonshire / DEA
Tove Kobb	Board of Topics Newsletter
Maryellen Esser	Byrd
Kel FARM	"

ATTACHMENT #2

Mary Cosenza Vicars BOE Speech April 29, 2019

After two years of coming to school board meetings, and listening to what you have to say, I think I know you all very well. I would like to address my remarks tonight to the board members who will be leaving the District 59 School Board.

To Barbara:

After being on the District 59 School Board for 40+ years, it will be different for you to not be going to school board meetings every month. It is probably going to be like me or anyone else after they leave a job that they had for so long. There will be things that you will miss—probably the state meetings, but I am sure you will not miss many of the board meetings. The Administration and board like to talk about collaboration, but this board does not work well together. Several of the members not only disagree but don't like or treat each other well. Numerous times board members have felt that they have had to talk from the podium to be able to voice their opinion. I am thankful that they have. From my seat in the audience, I have seen plenty of eye-rolling when members speak or comments such as, "We have already discussed that." I am sure that you won't miss that. Barbara, you had an opportunity to serve the 59 Community longer than most and you should be grateful for that. It would have been difficult for any incumbent to run in this past election. Unless the board changes dramatically, it will be difficult for any incumbent to win in 2021. There are a lot of folks who do not think highly of this board and Administration. As a board president, you did a good job. You didn't bang the gavel or call the police on the residents when they were not out of hand, and you got along with the residents who came to speak before the board. You are a decent person and I am sure you will be happy in the next chapter of your life. When things settle down a little, I hope you will still be engaged in 59 affairs and attend meetings. As a long-time member of this board, there is a lot of knowledge that you have. After all, you must have cared about kids a lot to seek this position and so we hope that you will show your concern through your involvement. It's not bad sitting on the other side of the room. Barbara, I wish you well.

To Tim:

I will miss seeing you on the board. I will miss your stories—not always sure where they were going, but there always was a point to them. You did what good teachers do—you start class with a hook, often a story to get students' attention and then tie that into the lesson or point you are making. It is obvious that you are an educator. Probably the funniest line in the two years that I have known you is when you said after the board discussed whether they should pay for student fees was: "If I don't have to pay fees, I am going to spend it on booze." I like your sarcasm. Not sure some other members did.

Most of all, thank you for advocating for all kids in the district—low-income, ESL kids, Special Education Kids, non-low-income kids, not just your own. You are concerned, as many of us are, that our ESL students are coming out of our district without the skills and English-language skills to be successful. You said once that if we don't teach these kids well, we are relegating them to a career in a low-paying job. (You said it much better than me.) You weren't afraid to ask the hard questions even though you knew you would be outvoted. It couldn't have been easy with the Board and Administration voting as a block, but you never backed down. I appreciated that. As an Arlington Heights trustee told me, "It's not the questions that you ask that count but the ones that you don't that matter." Tim, thank you very much for your service to our community. I hope you will be continued to be involved. Thank you

ATTACHMENT #3

I was encouraged to learn that the Board did not approve a pay increase or contract extension for Dr. Fessler. In connection with that topic, I will share with the Board various excerpts from a paper titled “School Superintendents: Vital or Irrelevant” published by the Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings Institute in September 2014. I’ll provide a link to the paper after I am finished speaking.

① “Our results make clear that, in general, **school district superintendents have very little influence on student achievement** in the districts in which they serve.”

② “The transformative school district superintendent who single-handedly raises student achievement through dint of will, instructional leadership, managerial talent, and political acumen may be a character of fiction rather than life. At the least, such individuals are very difficult to identify using quantitative tools. Further, real superintendents, defined as the entire class from the best to the worst, **have very little influence on student achievement collectively compared to all other components of the traditional education system that we measure.**”

③ “**Superintendents associated with substantive improvements in district performance are quite rare**, likely to be playing a part in an ensemble performance that doesn’t depend uniquely on them, and difficult to identify reliably using the best empirical strategies presently available.”

After reading the paper and thinking about issues within our district regarding controversial curriculum, finance/budget issues, the Taj Mahal of Admin Building and declining PARCC scores over a period of years, it appears that the paper’s conclusion is correct: (i) superintendents have very little influence on student achievement and (ii) it is the parents, teachers, classrooms and curriculum that are the key factors effecting outcome.

Why are we paying a premium for this position given the outcome we have been receiving for years? My message to the Board is a permanent pay freeze and no contract extension for Dr. Fessler beyond what is currently agreed. Thank you.

<https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/SuperintendentsBrown-Center9314.pdf>

ATTACHMENT #4 - Mardell Schumacher

FAREWELL BARBARA, TIM, SUNIL

This evening marks the beginning of new relationships, but it also marks the end of opportunities for Sunil, Tim, and Barbara to be an integral part of the workings of the District. Each of you provided a different background, expertise, logic, and positive position in discussions and decisions that were made by us as a group. The Board only has authority as a group, and now we will be a new group.

I will personally miss our two young men and the diverse views and information each of you was able to contribute. I learned a lot from both of you and will always remember you fondly.

Barbara Somogyi was responsible for my being on the board because of her encouragement to me to apply for a spot on the board when an opening occurred.

Barbara and I have spent decades working together on many issues. I benefited on many occasions from her past knowledge of school board issues.

You have been a fair and patient member of the Dist. 59 board, Barbara, as well as representing us in the North Cook division and through IASB service. AND we became friends at the family level as well. I will miss you at our meetings Barbara, but I know we will always be friends.

Thank you, all three of you, for your service to District 59.

Mardell Schumacher, fellow D59 Board Member 4-29-2019