

**Official Minutes of the Monday, April 29, 2019
Special Board of Education Meeting**

DESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Ms. Janice Krinsky was designated President Pro Tem.

DESIGNATION OF SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE

Mrs. Karen Osmanski was designated Secretary Pro Tem.

Call to Order The Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 in County of Cook, State of Illinois, held a special 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 8:30 PM.

Roll Call **Members Present:** President Pro Tem, Janice Krinsky; Secretary Pro Tem, Karen Osmanski; Members: Courtney Lang, Patti Petrielli, Randy Reid, Sharon Roberts, and Mardell Schumacher

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).

4.0 REORGANIZATION

4.01 Welcome and Seating of Newly Elected Member of the Board of Education

President Pro Tem, Ms. Krinsky, read the following statement from the [Official Certificate of Results](#) certifying Courtney Lang, Randall Reid and Patricia (Patti) Petrielli as being elected to the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education.

Official Certificate of Results

[Back to Election Summary Results](#)

April 02, 2019 Consolidated General Election

Print Results

The Cook County Clerk, having completed a canvass of all votes cast for School B.M., Community Consolidated 59, 4yr, hereby certifies the following vote totals:

Candidates	Percentage	Votes
Daniel Naumowicz	13.28%	1,628
Lisa Griffin	9.02%	1,106
Barbara J. Somogyi	10.1%	1,238
Courtney Lang	16.66%	2,042
James Goranson	14.28%	1,750
Randall C Reid	15.31%	1,876
Patricia (Patti) Petrielli	21.35%	2,617
Total:	100%	12,257

This election having been certified to me as 3 to be elected results in Courtney Lang, Randall C Reid & Patricia (Patti) Petrielli being elected.

Below is the abstract of votes by precinct.

Dated this April 23, 2019.



Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk

4.02 Oral Reading of Oath of Office and Code of Conduct

All members of the Board of Education recited the [Oath of Office and the Code of Conduct](#) as specified in Board Policy 2:80.

4.03 Determination of Length of Office - President, Vice-President, and Secretary to the Board of Education

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Petrielli 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 establishes the length of office for the president, vice-president, and secretary to be for a period of one (1) year; the next election of officers will be held in 2020.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Krinsky, Lang, Osmani, Petrielli, Reid, Roberts, and Schumacher
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

4.04 Establishment of Stipend for Board of Education Secretary
Motion by Mrs. Schumacher to amend the original motion, seconded by Mr. Reid.

~~BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 29th day of April, 2019, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education establishes an annual stipend of \$ _____ to be paid to the elected board secretary as compensation for the performance of the duties of this office.~~

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 29th day of April, 2019, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education does not establish an annual stipend to be paid to the elected board secretary as compensation for the performance of the duties of this office.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Krinsky, Lang, Osmani, Petrielli, Reid, Roberts, and Schumacher
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

4.05 Nomination and Election of President

Mrs. Osmani nominated Ms. Krinsky for President of the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education. Nominations do not require a second. There were no other nominations.

Motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mrs. Petrielli to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 29th day of April, 2019, Ms. Janice Krinsky is elected President of this Board of Education.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Krinsky, Lang, Osmani, Petrielli, Reid, Roberts, and Schumacher
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

4.06 Nomination and Election of Vice President

Mrs. Roberts nominated Mrs. Osmanski for Vice President of the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education. Nominations do not require a second. There were no other nominations.

Motion by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Lang to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 29th day of April, 2019, Mrs. Karen Osmanski is elected Vice President of this Board of Education.

Roll Call
Ayes: 7 Krinsky, Lang, Osmanski, Petrielli, Reid, Roberts, and Schumacher
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

4.07 Nomination and Election of Secretary

Ms. Krinsky nominated Mrs. Roberts for Secretary of the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education. Nominations do not require a second. There were no other nominations.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 29th day of April, 2019, Mrs. Sharon Roberts is elected Secretary of this Board of Education.

Roll Call
Ayes: 7 Krinsky, Lang, Osmanski, Petrielli, Reid, Roberts, and Schumacher
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

Mrs. Osmanski agreed to finish the meeting as Secretary Pro Tem.

4.08 Set Time, Dates and Location for Regular Meetings of the Board of Education for the Next Twelve Months

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 29th day of April, 2019, the District 59 Board of Education hereby sets the date, time and place for its regular meetings in accordance with the listing of meeting dates and times [attached to this resolution](#).

Ms. Krinsky responded that the Board of Education in working with the Superintendent and has addressed the goals for the curriculum and assessment in this coming year.

Dr. Tim Burns, 217 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village, addressed the Board of Education on the topic of the hiring process for a new Director of Special Education.

Mrs. Karen Davidson addressed the Board of Education on the topic of parent involvement in the Curriculum Committee and to request that the Board consider a standing update on the Board agenda.

6.0 ACTION

6.01 Proclamation for Staff Appreciation Week - May 6-10, 2019

Motion by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Petrielli to adopt the following proclamation:

WHEREAS: *Preparing Students to be Successful for Life* is the mission of Community Consolidated School District 59; and

WHEREAS: the economic future of our community, state, and nation is dependent upon a knowledgeable and informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS: the week of May 6-10, 2019 has been designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week;

WHEREAS: members of the Board of Education desire to recognize teachers and all employees of School District 59 during this week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 29th day of April, 2019, on behalf of the residents, parents and students, and especially members of the Board of Education, the week of May 6-10, 2019, is hereby proclaimed as Staff Appreciation Week within Community Consolidated School District 59 as a time to recognize employees of District 59 for their dedicated contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President and Secretary of the Board of Education will sign the proclamation attached hereto and a copy of the proclamation will be sent to each school within Community Consolidated School District 59.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Krinsky, Lang, Osmanski, Petrielli, Reid, Roberts, and Schumacher
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

7.0 NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Attendance at 8th Grade Graduation Ceremonies

Board members volunteered as speakers for 8th grade graduations:

- Mardell Schumacher will give the commencement speech at the 8th grade graduation for Friendship Jr. High School on June 4 at Elk Grove High School.
- Patti Petrielli will give the commencement speech at the 8th grade graduation for Grove Jr. High School on June 3 at Elk Grove High School
- Courtney Lang will give the commencement speech at the 8th grade graduation for Holmes Jr. High School on June 4 at Rolling Meadows High School

Statement of Economic Interest

Mr. Reid shared the Cook County Board informed him as a newly elected board member, he would not need to file a Statement of Economic Interest by the May 1, 2019 deadline.

8.0 REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Schumacher read a prepared statement welcoming new members of the Board of Education. A copy of her address is attached to the minutes of this meeting (Attachment #4 .

Ms. Krinsky attended the 2019 Outstanding Student Technology Awards Dinner hosted by Infinitec. A Rupley student received an award for application of assistive technology.

Mrs. Roberts attended the Family and Community Engagement Committee Meeting and the District Curriculum Sub Committee Meeting. Mrs. Roberts also provided an update from the Strategic Planning Sub Committee.

Mrs. Schumacher requested that new Board of Education members receive information about all three of the vendors that were under consideration prior to the Board taking action on the selection of CEC as the facilitator for Strategic Planning and Community Engagement. Dr. Fessler will send the information to all board members.

Mrs. Osmani attended the Superintendent's Community Advisory Committee meeting.

9.0 REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S TEAM

Dr. Fessler asked for Board direction on the process for moving forward with the Strategic Plan. At the next Board meeting, the Board can discussion the scope, the process, and quantify that with the proposed costs for different options. Tentative dates will need to be scheduled in order to secure meetings for some of the work to begin in the spring.

Dr. Fessler will meet with the ISBE State Superintendent, Dr. Carmen Ayala, later in the week to discuss the ISBE vision for assessment and the cut scores and standards for Illinois. The meeting will include Tony Sanders, Elgin U-46 CEO and ISBE IAR Assessment Chair, Steve Cordogan.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION

MOTION at 9:44 p.m. by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 29th 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,)

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Krinsky, Lang, Osmanski, Petrielli, Reid, Roberts, and Schumacher
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

11.0 RECONVENE

MOTION at 10:41 p.m. by Ms. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Petrielli 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 meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Krinsky, Lang, Osmanski, Petrielli, Reid, Roberts, and Schumacher
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

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 Schaumburg
Phil Pritsker	IASB Officer
Tom Bertrand (+Michelle)	IASB Executive Director
Alva Kreutzler	THSD 214
Dee Molinaro	IASB Field Services
Candy Kiel	
Brian Kiel	
Sam Magnochi	Byrd
Beky Martin	Devonshire / DEA
Jill Guerrero	Devonshire / DEA
Tone Kobb	Board of + Topics Newsletter
Maryellen Esser	Byrd
KEE FARM	"

ATTACHMENT #2

Mary Cosenza Vicars BOE April 29, 2019

Congratulations to Patti, Randy, and Courtney. My speech is to you:

1. Our scores are low and have been declining on multiple tests for low and non-low-income kids. Nearly all public-school kids take these tests. Some of my neighbors have told me incorrectly that it is the ESL kids that are bringing the scores down. As an ESL teacher, I am appalled by that incorrect statement, because these kids are bright. My response—everyone is bringing the scores down because no one has the advantage of having a good curriculum. What will you do? Our kids deserve better.
2. Our curriculum doesn't need a few gaps to be filled, it needs a major overhaul so that basic skills are taught, so that we have scope and sequence, so that our kids are prepared well when they attend high school and ultimately in life as our Superintendent likes to say. What will you do when residents come forward with curriculum concerns like they did two years ago? Wait two year or act now. Our kids deserve better.
3. Our Superintendent has created a 75-person curriculum committee and is not committed to making the changes that are needed. What will you do? Our kids deserve better.
4. Our district likes to say that our kids are getting out of District 59 being bilingual and biliterate. I think it's great to know a second language, but not at the expense of not knowing how to read and write in English, knowing Social Studies so they can participate fully in our democratic society, and knowing Math and Science so they are prepared for future jobs. What will you do? Our kids deserve better.
5. Our Administration likes to say that they are transparent. The classic example of when they were not was in September of 2017 at a board meeting when I asked former administrator Josh Carpenter if the District had gotten the PARCC scores. He said they had. I asked him what they were, and he said that he did not look at them. I said, "You didn't even look to see if they went up or down?" He said that the had not. Everyone knew that he was not being truthful; the Superintendent did not respond either. What will you do to make sure that this Administration is transparent and open with you and the community? Our kids deserve better.
6. When residents and former 59 teachers come forward and bring up issues on finances, will you ignore that we are running a deficit and projected to run one for several years? What will you do? Our kids deserve better.
7. When you look around your neighborhood and see more and more kids going to private schools, rather than a 59 school, what will you do? Our kids and our communities deserve better than they have gotten from the Administration and previous board.

I wish you luck. You have your work cut out for you. We are here to work with you, but we will also not hesitate to point out things that our district should be doing to improve the education of all our kids. Our kids, our communities deserve what they have not received, the very best that we can offer.

ATTACHMENT #3 - Michele Notini

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new board members. I have watched you all work very hard on this campaign and look forward to the good work you will do as leaders of the district and voice of the community. Over the last ^{three} ~~four~~ months, I have been actively involved in the campaign in one form or another. I am especially proud that some of our PTOs came together to hold a candidate forum to provide an opportunity for our families to hear directly from their school board candidates. It was interesting to witness the campaign. I was told over and over it was the only thing left to do. In the meantime, the impact of the curriculum concerns became more evident in the ~~form of continued low and declining~~ ^{leads to} student achievement results in math across all demographics, the results of a teacher survey and an increasing lack of academic readiness witnessed in junior high students. The administration is now acting with the curriculum committee but the work will take time and needs to be closely monitored. I say this because the administration does not necessarily agree with the evidence I just mentioned. They do not believe our student achievement data ^{necessity} is indicative of any concerns, in part because of limitations or flaws in the assessments themselves. There may be valid concerns with these tests but it is up to this administration to determine effective means to measure the academic achievement of our students and provide evidence of such achievement to parents. A strong, research based curriculum would undoubtedly provide such means. Included in the platforms of all the school board candidates was to celebrate the successes of this district but also to address the curriculum deficiencies. I am confident that all of you will make this a top priority. I hope you will look beyond the limited scope of the previous board and hold the administration accountable for providing a robust curriculum designed to meet the needs of and set high standards for all students, and which will lead to measurable student academic growth to at least grade level and provide teachers with the necessary materials, training and an open line of communication. We need to again make measurable student academic achievement a priority. We need to balance new trends in education with needs of students and teaching practices which may be considered traditional but continue to be effective. Students are in school seven hours a day, five days a week, nine months year. There is time in the day to get it all done. Let's do this, together.

ATTACHMENT #4

STATEMENT TO NEW D59 SCHOOL BOARD - Mardell Schumacher

April 29, 2019

Congratulations to the newly elected School Board Members.

You have taken on the responsibility for the educational care of the District 59 students, along with the help we give their families, the oversight of the district's finances to be sure that our resources are not wasted, and many more things which will require much of your time.

All of this you will do to the best of your ability with much of your effort going to studying the issues and being up to date on what the policies are that govern us. I look forward to working with our three new board members. Feel free to speak with me on any issue.

I have studied the present strategic plan, as well as the Vision and Mission Statements, and would like to suggest that it would be in our best interest to review these as a new board and see if we can adjust what we have to suit us presently and go forward with a new two or three year plan.

We have written our own strategic plans in the past.

We have several projects/programs that are presently in progress that will also need our attention if we are to do a creditable job of attaining a workable curriculum, improving internal and external communication, and deciding what is the most efficient and effective way to teach English to our second language learners so we can have an integrated, cooperative, and satisfied school district.

Welcome Aboard Patti, Courtney, and Randy from me, your fellow District 59 board member.