

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 K-8 Literacy Curriculum

As part of our ongoing CCSD59 Curriculum Review Process, our K-8 literacy program has been under evaluation and review. We have identified areas of need and key elements required for effective K-8 literacy instruction using our phases of curriculum development (evaluation, review/pilot). The CCSD59 Literacy Council and Dual Language Leadership Team have completed the evaluation and review and are recommending the following resources be adopted as our universal core resources for CCSD59 K-8:

- 6-8 English Language Arts - StudySync (McGraw Hill)
- K-5 English Language Arts - Into Reading (HMH)
- K-5 Spanish Language Arts - Adelante (Benchmark)

[K-8 Literacy Curricular Resource Proposal](#)
[Resolution Literacy Adoption K-8](#)

7.02 Resource Allocation Process Overview

As part of our annual CCSD59 Resource Allocation Process, district leadership deliberately allocates, reallocates, and assigns personnel resources to meet the needs of our learners in order to prepare them to be successful for life. This process follows guiding principles and drivers that align to our district vision and strategic plan, equity, student needs, research, data analysis, and fiscal responsibility. The process involves multiple phases that are currently underway and information will be presented to the Board of Education as recommended needs are determined.

7.03 Sealcoating and Restriping Bid

Community Consolidated School District 59 maintains an asphalt maintenance program requiring sealcoating, restriping and crack filling of approximately one half of the district's parking lots and playground areas to be completed every other year. This program is designed to prolong the life of the asphalt areas.

For this summer, asphalt maintenance is scheduled at the following locations: Clearmont, John Jay, Juliette Low, Ridge, Robert Frost, Rupley, and Salt Creek.

Bids were opened on January 30, 2023 and four (4) bids were received. The total low and responsive bid completing of the work specified was submitted by Pavement systems Inc. in the amount of \$44,471.00.

7.04 Transportation Bid

The district is due for going out to bid for regular education and special education transportation. Currently, the administration is following up proposals with reference checks and reviewing all submissions. There will be more clarity in the next week.

7.05 Utilities / Co-op Membership

Illinois Energy Consortium (IEC) is Illinois' largest electric and natural gas buying pool. They provide competitive, reliable electric and natural gas account management and supplies cost saving options to all public school districts and other public agencies. IEC is a not-for-profit and joint energy buying program sponsored by the IASB, IASA, and Illinois ASBO.

The District must enter into a Membership Participation Agreement with IEC to utilize this program. Our current electricity contract expires in June 2023, and by becoming a member, we can start utilizing IEC on July 1st, 2023.

Below is the cost saving comparison, comparing our current electric supplier AEP Energy to the IEC rate.

Supplier	Energy Price Rate	Estimated usage KWH for 2023	Cost for Supplying Energy(Does not include delivery costs)
AEP Energy (Current Vendor & Rate)	\$0.04733	6,947,981	\$328,847.94
Engie (Cooperative Purchasing through IEC)	\$0.04462	6,947,981	\$310,018.91
Cost Saving			\$18,829.03

7.06 Brentwood Playground Bid

The Brentwood playground has lasted past its life expectancy, and is in need of an upgrade. Since the age of the playground is approximately 27 years old, administration finds it time to replace the equipment. Parts and labor will have to be bid out. This project is also a part of the Ten Year Facilities Plan.

7.07 Food Service Contract Renewal for 2023/24 Lunch and Breakfast Programs

For the 2023-24 school year, the state is allowing districts to either renew or bid based on new rules. The district is choosing to remain with Organic Life as our food service provider.

No operational changes have been requested for the 2023-24 school year for the existing

lunch program. The increase is based on the allowable December CPI of 6.5%. 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 2023-24, all District 59 schools will continue to offer breakfast programs.