

**Official Minutes of the Monday, January 12, 2015
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, 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois on Monday, January 12, 2015. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Roll Call **Members Present:** President Sharon Roberts, Vice-President Janice Krinsky and Secretary Karen Osmanski. Members Brian Kiel, Seana McPherson, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi.
- Others Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Fessler; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Ruth Gloede; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Veronica Lake; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen McAbee; Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Communication, Ben Grey; Executive Director of Human Resources, Kelley Zerfahs; Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, Tony Rossi; Translator, Nancy Torres; and Recording Secretary, Betsy Boswell.
- Also Present Eydie Cohen, DEA; David Pohlmeier, Coordinator of Communications and Design; Christy Prikkel, Director of Fiscal Services; Ross Vittore, Director of Innovative Learning; Josh Carpenter, Coordinator of Math/TDP; Rob Bohanek, Principal for Holmes Jr. High; Meg Weickert and Jennifer Ramamoorthi, Principal and Asst. Principal for Forest View School; Mary Beth Niles, Principal for John Jay School; Susan Ejma, Principal for Juliette Low School; Cindy Placko, Heidi Skorin, Jodi Briggs, Samantha Riggi, staff; Sunil Bhawe, Board of Education candidate; Vicki Nissen, CSBO elect; Elizabeth Hennessy, William Blair; parents and students from John Jay, Forest View and Juliette Low Schools.
- Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was completed.
- AUDIENCE RECESS** Mrs. Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to address the Board of Education. Ms. Cohen came forward.
- Ms. Cohen thanked the Board and Dr. Fessler for keeping staff and students safe and warm last week during the extreme weather.
- Consent Agenda** Mrs. Schumacher asked to pull Item 5.05 from the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Schumacher stated she was sorry to see Mrs. Lange was retiring from the accounting department.
- MOTION** by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 12th day of January, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented/amended:

Students from Forest View, Juliette Low and John Jay Schools demonstrated how they use tech devices to solve math problems. Students engaged Board members and the Superintendent in problem solving activities.

Mrs. Roberts thanked the teachers, students and parents for the presentation.

MATH/TDP/JUNIOR HIGH CLUBS

Dr. Carpenter and Mrs. Placko presented information on a math resource website in support of teachers as they teach Common Core math. The ISBE Livebinder provides a common framework for teaching math as we reset the District's curriculum. The site provides concepts to be taught at each grade level.

Mrs. Placko referred to the second grade units on Livebinder, stating there were 6 units with standards and timeline listed for each unit. Also, each unit has a fully developed guide for teachers. The units have connections to previous year's learning, what students will learn in the current year and where that learning should take them. This information is a helps teachers to know what their students learned the previous year.

Mrs. Placko noted math resource teachers work with classroom teachers on common assessments and differentiation. She stated that having a common framework allows for greater articulation.

TDP

Mrs. Briggs stated the Talent Development Program (TDP) uses a reverse 3-tier structure to service students. The Tier 3 students are those who have met the formal requirements for entry into the TDP program. Tier 2 is for identified students who would benefit from enrichment on a unit-by-unit basis. Parents are notified if their students are identified for these enrichment activities. Students in Tier 1 are provided differentiated instruction.

Mrs. Briggs reported using Problem Based Learning grounded in the 4 Cs with TDP students. The lessons are student driven. This year the PBL project being used is "Beat the Heat", which deals with climate change. The TDP students discuss how their decisions can impact our world.

TDP students took a field trip to Harper College where they met with three science professors to gather information for their project. They also meet with a representative from Greenheart International who helped them research local global warming issues.

Dr. Carpenter reported the TDP students will be doing a presentation before a panel at Harper College next month. He invited Board members to attend or to participate on the panel.

Mrs. Schumacher asked if the TDP students engaged with the high school.

Dr. Fessler agreed with Mrs. Schumacher that engaging with the high school was a good idea.

Dr. Carpenter reported there are new opportunities for students at our three junior high schools through specialized clubs. Grove and Friendship offer a E-Cyber Mission club that challenges students to collaboratively solve "missions" that are focused on STEM. Holmes will be offering similar opportunities to its students following winter break.

Dr. Fessler noted these activities align with the common core and 21st century skills, building student interest in STEM careers.

Ms. Krinsky noted the District 59 Education Foundation had been heavily invested in raising the level of science education in the District.

Dr. Fessler suggested looking to the best districts across the nation and possibly visiting them.

BOND ISSUE

Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Gloede updated the Board of the status of the bond issue.

Mrs. Gloede reminded the Board that the process had begun in August and the Board was updated during its December meeting. She noted Mrs. Hennessy would walk the Board through the details of Part II of the issue.

Mrs. Hennessy stated the Part I bond issue took place in September of 2014. The issue was for \$9.9M of the \$19.8M authorized by the Board. Mrs. Hennessy stated that interest rates have dropped since the September issue. She noted that with the declining Euro and the troubles in Greece, US Treasury bonds are in demand, and the municipal market follows along. She stated the District again received a Standard and Poors AAA rating. She noted the District's debt level would remain at 3.5M annually.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she was concerned that the Board was funding more than the ELC.

Mrs. Gloede stated administration had presented other capital projects to the Board and now was a good time to borrow money. She stated the District would move forward on January 21st with the bond issue, which would take place via conference call between Mrs. Hennessy, Mrs. Gloede and Mrs. Roberts.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

Ms. Zurfahs reported 4 FOIA requests had been received since the December 8, 2014 meeting and all had been addressed.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION

AWARD OF BID FOR MAINTENANCE VEHICLES

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

WHEREAS bids were opened on November 18, 2014 for the purchase of replacement vehicles;

WHEREAS three (3) bids were received with the recommended low bid submitted by Hoskins Chevrolet, 1755 N. Arlington Heights Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007 for \$83,804.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 12th day of January 2015, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 award the bid for two vehicles to Hoskins Chevrolet, 1755 N. Arlington Heights Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007 for \$83,804.00;

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

**DISCUSSION
ITEMS**

**APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT TO CAUSE A BUDGET TO BE
PREPARED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

Mrs. Gloede stated this resolution authorizes the start of the budget process and establishes the fiscal year. She noted she follows committee directions and the Long Term Plan when she begins building the budget.

**PROGRAM FEE FOR TYPICALLY DEVELOPING PRE-SCHOOL STUDENTS
FOR THE 2015/16 SCHOOL YEAR**

Mrs. Gloede stated there would be a new 5-day program for typically developing preschool students next year. She stated that when establishing fees she gathered fee information from other public school districts rather than local park districts and private preschools. She stated she recommends a 2% increase in fees for the 2015/16 school year.

K-8 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FEES: 2015/16 SCHOOL YEAR

Mrs. Gloede stated this fee was formerly called the Student Fee but had been changed to better reflect its purpose. She noted there is no longer a fine and practical arts fee for the junior highs, which is why their fee is higher than the elementary fee. She stated she recommends no change to these fees for the 2015/16 school year.

Ms. Krinsky stated her belief that a free public education should be free and hoped that the District might drop these fees.

Mrs. Gloede stated the fees produce about \$250,000 in revenue and reminded the Board that needy families receive fee waivers.

BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed until the next Board of Education meeting.

NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

Mrs. Roberts suggested Board candidates be given the following:

1. The District's Strategic Plan
2. The Global Achievement Gap
3. The School Board Fieldbook
4. Board Governance Framework
5. List of commonly used acronyms

It was also suggested that Board candidates be encouraged to attend regular Board meetings and that they should be sent Board meeting packets. Mrs. McPherson stated it had been very helpful to her to meet with the SLT to achieve a better view of the bigger picture.

BOARD RETREAT AGENDA

Mrs. Roberts referred the Board to annual planning cycle documents that could be used as a guide in directing the Board's planning.

The Board agreed to test the program with the dates presented on the second document.

Ms. Krinsky stated her biggest concern was the evaluation piece and tools used to accomplish it.

The Board agreed to postpone the evaluation session scheduled for January 27th.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Sunil Bhawe was introduced as a future Board member. He stated he was humbled to have the opportunity to serve with the Board of Education. He stated his heart is in the community – that we are all in this together.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TEAM

Mr. Luedloff updated the Board on full day kindergarten (FDK). He stated he was comfortable, after several site visits, that there would be adequate space in our schools to offer FDK, although equity of space might be an issue. He stated old computer labs would be converted to classrooms in some schools.

Mr. Luedloff indicated the parent communication piece would need to be carefully drafted. He also noted that Brentwood School was on the path to becoming a four around school.

Mrs. Schumacher expressed concern about all Title I funds being used for FDK.

Mr. Luedloff stated he is looking to set a plan for PLT from February through the end of the school year. He stated he had met with Ms. Cohen and will bring in staff to talk about structures.

Mr. Luedloff noted the recent use of three emergency days pushes the school calendar back to where the final day of classes would fall on a Monday. He stated many districts are making plans to adjust their calendars and suggested the District consider holding classes on the April non-attendance day or on a portfolio sharing day. No decision will be made until the end of winter weather.

Mrs. Gloede stated the Facilities and Enrollment Committee would be meeting on Thursday to take a look at updated enrollment reports.

Mrs. Lake reported the Educational Services Department had begun a department review with NSSEO. She stated she hoped to present their findings soon.

Ms. Zurfahs reported on a site visit to a childcare location. She stated she had learned through a staff survey that staff members are very supportive of an onsite daycare for their children. Mrs. Zurfahs stated the District is looking to partner with Champions, in which case the program would be run independently from the District.

Dr. Fessler stated any costs in upgrading our facilities would be recouped through fees.

Mrs. Somogyi asked if Champions would be charged a rental fee. She also asked if they would be using the school's kitchen and who would be responsible for maintenance. She also asked if the daycare would use the District's crisis plan and/or the District's food service provider. She inquired how numbers would be managed –would there be a lottery?

MOTION

at 10:15 p.m. by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 12th day of January, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education recess in a closed meeting to discuss “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body,” “The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts” and “Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed...(for) semi-annual review...”- 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1,7& 21) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Ayes: 7 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

MOTION

at 11:34 p.m. by Mrs. Osmanski, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 12th day of January, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call

Ayes: 7 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

MOTION

at 11:34 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 12th day of January, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call

Ayes: 7 Kiel, Krinsky, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-0

Sharon Roberts, President

ATTEST:

Karen Osmanski, Secretary