

**Official Minutes of the Monday, March 9, 2015  
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, 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois on Monday, March 9, 2015. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Roll Call** **Members Present:** President Sharon Roberts and Secretary Karen Osmanski. Members Brian Kiel, Seana McPherson, Mardell Schumacher and Barbara Somogyi.  
**Member Absent:** Janice Krinsky.
- 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; Jodi Megerle, Principal for Friendship Jr. High; Michael Merritt and Kathy Beach, Principal and Asst. Principal for Brentwood School; Linda Buniak and Michelle Ramsey, Assistant Principal and Principal for Ridge Family Center for Learning; Jessica McCormick, Principal for Robert Frost School; Martina Perez, Assistant Principal for Devonshire School; Sarah Sporlein, Linda Schwinn and Maria Gregorio, Friendship staff; Sunil Bhavé and Tim Burns, Board of Education candidates; Vicki Nissen, CSBO elect; Eric Swanson, Assistant to the Director of Facilities and Operations; parents and students from Friendship Jr. High School.
- 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. No one came forward.
- Consent Agenda** Mrs. Schumacher asked to pull Item 5.01 and 5.04 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 9th day of March, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

- a. February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes
- b. February 9, 2014 Closed Meeting minutes
- c. February 16, 2015 Closed Meeting Minutes
- d. February 23, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
- e. February 23, 2015 Closed Meeting Minutes

## March 9, 2015–FY '14 Disbursements

- Detail Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2015
- Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of January 31, 2015
- Investment Report as of January 31, 2015
- Activity Fund Statements as of January 21, 2015

- a. Certified Contract
- b. Certified Lane Changes
- c. Certified Retirement
- d. Certified Resignations
- e. Temporary Certified Resignation
- f. Certified Leaves of Absence
- g. ESP Contracts
- h. ESP Resignation
- i. CAMEO Contract
- j. CAMEO Resignation
- k. Job Share Resolution

Roll Call	Ayes:	6	Kiel, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.
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Absent: 1 Krinsky.

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of March, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve Item 5.01 and Item 5.04 of the Consent Agenda:

Roll Call	Ayes:	6	Kiel, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.
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Absent: 1 Krinsky.

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

**2015/2016 TRADITIONAL CALENDAR**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Somogyi, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of March 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education hereby approve the 2015/2016 traditional school year calendar with a total of 198 calendar days.

A copy of the adopted calendar will be attached to the approved minutes of the March 9, 2015 school board meeting.

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Kiel, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Krinsky.

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

**2015/2016 BALANCED CALENDAR – (RIDGE FAMILY CENTER FOR LEARNING ELEMENTARY PROGRAM)**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Somogyi, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of March, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education hereby approves the 2015/2016 balanced school calendar for a total of 198 calendar days.

A copy of the adopted calendar will be attached to the approved minutes of the March 9, 2015 school board meeting.

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Kiel, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Krinsky.

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

**HOLIDAYS FOR 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR**

**MOTION** by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of March 2015, 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 2015/2016 fiscal year:

July 4

Labor Day

Columbus Day

Veterans Day

Observed on Friday, July 3, 2015

Monday, September 7, 2015

Monday October 12, 2015

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the last day of attendance for students and staff following the traditional calendar will be June 10, 2015 and the last day of attendance for students and staff following the balanced calendar will be June 5, 2015.

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

WHEREAS, the Working Cash Fund of Community Consolidated School District No. 59, Cook County, Illinois (the "School District") was created so the School District would have in its treasury at all times sufficient money to meet demands for expenditures for corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Working Cash Fund was funded in part by the issuance and sale of certain General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2015 of the School District pursuant to Article 20 of The School Code of Illinois (the “School Code”); and

WHEREAS, as of February 18, 2015, the Working Cash Fund had on hand a balance of at least \$29,961,021; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-10 of the School Code provides that the Board of Education has the power to abate and permanently transfer a portion of the fund balance in the Working Cash Fund to any fund or funds of the District most in need of the money; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the School District that the Board of Education direct the School Treasurer to abate and permanently transfer a portion of the fund balance in the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund of the School District, the same being the fund of the District most in need of the money;

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

Section 1. Recitals. That the Board of Education hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does hereby incorporate them into this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. Transfer. That the Board of Education hereby directs the School District’s School Treasurer, pursuant to Sections 20-10 of the School Code, to abate and permanently transfer \$10.8 million from the moneys in the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. It is hereby found and determined that following said abatement and transfer, the amount to the credit of the Working Cash Fund, within the meaning of said Section 20-10, will be at least equal to .05% of the current equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the District.

Section 3. That all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

Roll Call	Ayes:	6	Kiel, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.
	Nays:	0	
	Absent:	1	Krinsky.
	Abstain:	0	

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

**APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF \$10.8 MILLION FROM THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

**MOTION** by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Mrs. Somogyi, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to direct the School Treasurer to transfer certain funds from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to provide moneys with which to meet those expenses properly made from the Capital Projects Fund pursuant to the Illinois Program Account Manual.

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

Section 1. That the Board of Education hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does hereby incorporate them into this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. That the establishment of the Capital Projects Fund is hereby ratified and the School Treasurer of the School District be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$10,800,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund, such transfer to be made effective March 9, 2015.

Section 3. All other motions or resolutions or parts of motions or resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any other sections, paragraphs, clauses, or provisions of this Resolution.

Roll Call	Ayes:        6        Kiel, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.	
	Nays:        0	
	Absent:      1        Krinsky.	
	Abstain:    0	Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO RUPLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Somogyi, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education accepts the donation of 2700 pencils to Rupley Elementary School from Mr. Jim Anderson, 605 Oakton St., Elk Grove Village, IL.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent shall communicate to the donor, in writing, expressing the appreciation of the members of the Board of Education, and that these donations shall be listed in the “official” minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call	Ayes:        6        Kiel, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.	
	Nays:        0	
	Absent:      1        Krinsky.	
	Abstain:    0	Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0



**DISCUSSION  
ITEMS**

**RIDGE FAMILY CENTER FOR LEARNING INTER-SESSION  
PROGRAMMING**

Mrs. Prikkel stated Ridge would hold three inter-sessions during the 2015/16 school year. The fee for each inter-session is \$20/day, which covers the direct operating costs.

Mrs. Buniak stated the inter-sessions offer project-based learning activities. The fall inter-session this year focused on magic, led by a professional magician. She stated the fall inter-session is normally poorly attended because many families use the time to take family vacations.

Mrs. Buniak reported both the winter and spring inter-sessions were filled.

Mr. Kiel asked if the school limited the number of students attending the inter-sessions.

Mrs. Buniak stated the numbers were limited but they tried to make it available to all who were interested.

Mrs. Somogyi stated that when Ridge was opened it was thought that all students would attend inter-sessions. She stated it was sad to see how this was changed over the years.

**AWARD OF BID FOR REFUSE/RECYCLING SERVICE**

Ms. Fisher stated the District's 3-year refuse/recycling contract was coming to and end. Six bids were issued and 3 bids were received for a one-year contract with and option for two renewals. Increases are linked to the CPI. The low bidder was Republic Services. References were checked and approved. The cost will be \$4,745.69 per month.

**2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR PAY BUS FEE**

Mrs. Gloede reported the pay bus fee is established by using a formula provided by the state. Because fuel costs are factored in and fuel costs have declined, the proposed pay bus fee has been lowered to \$310.00.

Mr. Kahly noted pay bus riders must go to an established bus stop. Also, pay ridership is only approved if there is room on the bus.

**FY 2015/16 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO BE CHARGED TO  
THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUND**

Mr. Rossi and Mr. Swanson reported on upcoming capital improvement projects that included:

- LED lighting in hallways and parking lots
- Clearmont roof replacement
- Tuckpointing at John Jay and Friendship
- Carpet replacement at Friendship, Rupley, Byrd & Clearmont
- PE locker replacement at Grove.
- Locker relocation and replacement at Holmes
- Flooring upgrade at John Jay

Mr. Rossi noted the completion of the ELC will require a good deal of oversight. Also, the completion of the interior set-up will be labor-intensive. He noted, however, that some of the projects listed above could be completed during the regular school year.

### **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY**

Mrs. Roberts questioned why BP 5.30 required tb testing for only a subset of employees.

Ms. Zerbahn stated the requirements come from the state and she assumed their research showed we no longer need to routinely screen most employees for tb.

Mrs. Roberts asked about the process the District follows for promotion/retention.

Mrs. McAbee stated research showed there is little benefit and more harm done when students are retained. She noted the District has a process in place to assist students who are in danger of not being promoted. She also stated she favored adding a sentence to the policy that references remedial assistance for students who are not promoted.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she was happy to see how much time our students spend on civics within the social studies curriculum. She stated she was surprised at how extensive the framework was for social studies and wondered how teachers had time to teach everything.

Dr. Fessler stated the policies would be edited as noted and brought back for approval at the next Board of Education meeting.

### **AUTHORIZATION TO REVISE THE PLAN DESIGN OF THE DISTRICT PPO DENTAL PLAN**

Mrs. Gloede stated the Insurance had met today to finalize their recommendations to the Board on changes to the District's dental plan, which had not been updated for many years. The committee's recommendations included:

- Numbers of cleanings reduced to 2/yr.
- Allows coverage for "white fillings"
- Allows for coverage of inlays and onlays
- Allows for coverage of implants
- Allows for coverage of periodontal maintenance
- Shifts periodontal surgery from basic (80/20) to major (50/50) coverage
- Becomes effective 7-1-15

Mrs. Gloede stated these changes would modernize the dental plan with a minor cost increase.

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S TEAM**

Mrs. McAbee reported on the District’s approach to professional development. She stated last year focused on a fundamental approach. She stated this year the District is meeting needs as they arise. She referred to the recent visits by Andy Green, Julie Adams and Jay McTighe. She stated the District is being very strategic in bringing in experts, concentrating more on application of design.

Mr. Grey reported on the process of moving forward with a communications plan. He introduced Patti Dowd Schmidt who is helping design a communications strategy for internal and external communications using focus groups and surveys. He stated he would be proceeding with Phase I, a 7-week plan using Patti Dowd Schmidt for gathering data.

Mrs. Roberts commented on the great job Mr. Grey and his team had done on internal communications.

Mr. Luedloff reported visiting High Tech High while attending the AASA Conference in San Diego. He stated he was more impressed with the social/emotional piece than the technology piece. He stated the students are on a first name basis with their teachers. He reported the students leave school for a month to work at a job.

Dr. Fessler reported hosting Governor Rauner at the SSA luncheon last week. He had the opportunity to meet with the Governor in a small group setting to talk about the Governor partnering with superintendents to achieve more local control.

Dr. Fessler reminder the Board the NSBA conference was coming up in a few weeks.

**MOTION**

at 9:15 p.m. by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. McPherson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of March, 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, including the evaluation of the superintendent, “The setting of a price for sale or lease of property...”- 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1& 6) of the Open Meetings Act.

**Roll Call**

Ayes: 6 Kiel, McPherson, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher and Somogyi.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Krinsky.

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

**MOTION**

at 11:18 p.m. by Mrs. McPherson, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of March, 2015, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

Motion Carried: 6-0-1-0

Karen Osmanski, Secretary