

**Official Minutes of the Monday, October 9, 2023
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 October 9, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call **Members Present:** TR Johnson, Robert Mancilla, Joseph Sagerer, Mardell Schumacher

Members Absent: Sarah Dzak (arrived at 6:03), Daisy Espino (arrived at 6:36), Lucas Szczesny (arrived at 6:05)

Others Superintendent, Dr. Terri Bresnahan; Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO, Ron O'Connor; Assistant Superintendent for Student Services & Assessment, Dr. Katie Ahsell; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Susan Savage; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Ross Vittore; Assistant Superintendent for Innovative Learning & Communication, Ben Grey; Public Relations, Brandon Szabo; Recording Secretary, Cindy Pullen.

The sign-in sheet for the meeting is linked [HERE](#).

2.0 CLOSED SESSION

Motion at 6:01 pm by Dr. Sagerer seconded by Mr. Johnson to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of October 2023, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education recess in a closed meeting for discussion of:

- A. To consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee or officer **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)**
- B. 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)(2)**
- C. To consider a student discipline/residency/transportation matter **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)**
- D. To consider pending litigation **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)**
- E. Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)**
- F. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)**

Roll Call Ayes: 4 Johnson, Mancilla, Sagerer, Schumacher
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 3 Dzak, Espino, Szczęsny
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 4-0-3-0

3.0 RECONVENE - the meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm

Motion at 6:39 pm by Mrs. Dzak seconded by Mr. Johnson to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of October 2023, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Dzak, Espino, Johnson, Mancilla, Sagerer, Schumacher, Szczęsny
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

4.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

5.0 BOARD RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

5.01 Ridge Garden Club

Members of the Garden Club from the Ridge Family Center for Learning presented to the board about how they learned about various plants and maintained care of fruits and vegetables throughout the year. Students also shared information about a community project in which they create compost for the Living and Giving Garden of Elk Grove Village. The slides from the presentation can be viewed [here](#).

6.0 COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Melissa Redmon addressed the Board on the topic of violence in schools, discipline & SROs
- Deb Behnke addressed the Board on the topic of the balanced calendar, voting on the calendar earlier, redistricting (boundaries) & SROs
- Nicole Kitzinger addressed the Board on the topic of SROs - her comment can be read [here](#).
- Jennifer Schneider addressed the Board on the topic of discipline, respect & SROs
- Jeff Snyder addressed the Board on the topic of the District's reputation & SROs
- Pat D'Andrea addressed the Board on the topic of SROs
- Robert Naumann addressed the Board on the topic of SROs
- Eden Weiland (Grove student) addressed the Board on the topic of SROs
- Ken Niven addressed the Board on the topic of SROs

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**7.01 FOIA Requests**

Mr. Vittore shared that six requests have been received and responded to.

7.02 Fall Benchmarking Presentation

The board viewed a presentation on how the district is assessing student progress in math and reading as part of fall benchmarking. Data was shared and discussed from the assessments conducted through iReady, along with how a majority of schools, grade levels, and demographics, showed positive increases in math and reading through the data via key performance indicators. The slides from the presentation can be viewed [here](#).

7.03 Committee of the Whole - October 23rd, Brentwood Facilities

The Committee of the Whole meeting on October 23, 2023, will be held at Brentwood Elementary School. The board will continue discussions regarding the educational alignment study performed by Wold Architects and possible actions to address physical conditions, capacity, and enrollment concerns at Brentwood.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Mancilla, seconded by Mr. Johnson to adopt the following resolution:

- 8.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023
 - b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023
- 8.02 Disbursements Resolution
 - a. Disbursement Listing for 2023-24
- 8.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports Reports
 - a. Detail Balance Sheet as of August 14, 2023
 - b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of August 14, 2023
 - c. Investment Report as of August 14, 2023
 - d. Activity Fund Statements as of August 14, 2023
- 8.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report
 - a. New Contract Recommendations
 - b. Departure Recommendations
 - c. Compensation Change Recommendations
- 8.05 Approval to Destroy 18 Month Old or Older Closed Session Recordings

Roll Call Ayes: 6 Dzak, Espino, Johnson, Mancilla, Sagerer, Schumacher
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 Szczesny
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 6-0-1-0

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.01 Prepare 2024-2025 Budget

Motion by Mr. Mancilla, seconded by Mrs. Dzak to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 5/17-1 of the Illinois School Code requires an annual budget to be prepared by some person or persons designated by the Board of Education,

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Education desire to have a tentative budget to be prepared and available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action,

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Education desire to review the Maximum Allowable Reimbursement Amount (MARA) to be the amount budgeted for travel expenditures,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of October, 2023 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education designated the Superintendent to cause a tentative budget to be prepared for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and concluding June 30, 2025. Said budget to be presented to the Board of Education no later than the first regular meeting in July 2024.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Dzak, Espino, Johnson, Mancilla, Sagerer, Schumacher, Szczesny
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

9.02 Prepare 2023 Tax Levy And Set Date for Public Hearing

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of October, 2023 the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education directs the Administration to prepare the 2023 levy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education conduct a public hearing on the proposed tax levy during the November 13, 2023 school board meeting and notification of said hearing be circulated in an area newspaper announcing the public hearing.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Dzak, Espino, Johnson, Mancilla, Sagerer, Schumacher, Szczesny
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

9.03 Approval of Application of Illinois Board of Education School Maintenance Grant

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of October, 2023, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the School Maintenance Project Grant application in the amount of \$50,000. If awarded, this grant will be used to offset Health Life Safety project costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT with the award of the School Maintenance Project Grant, the Superintendent shall communicate to the IL State Board of Education, in writing, expressing the appreciation of the members of the Board of Education, and that this grant shall be listed in the “official” minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Dzak, Espino, Johnson, Mancilla, Sagerer, Schumacher, Szczesny
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

9.04 Approval Authorizing Commencement of Social Media Litigation - [Exhibit A](#)

Motion by Dr. Sagerer, seconded by Mr. Szczesny to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in recent years the proliferation of and widespread access to and use of social media among public school students has expanded dramatically, leading to significant risks of anxiety, depression, thoughts of self-harm, and suicidal ideation among students;

WHEREAS, students attending Community Consolidated School District No. 59 (the “District”) have been part of this phenomenon by engaging with social media in school and on school grounds in addition to outside of school;

WHEREAS, the District’s students’ widespread adoption, consumption, and use of social media has caused the District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, emotional and social counseling, medical services, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of social media is reduced or the social media platforms reform their practices in attracting students;

WHEREAS, the District has become aware of litigation against Meta Platforms, Inc. Facebook Holdings LLC, Snap Inc, TikTok Inc., Alphabet Inc. and other parties responsible for the creation, design, marketing, and proliferation of social media platforms, with this litigation now involving more than 335 U.S. public

school districts across more than 11 states and being led by the Frantz Law Group, APLC of California; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the District has determined that it is necessary, advantageous, desirable, and in the public interest and the best interests of the District that it participate in this litigation by filing a lawsuit seeking monetary and non-monetary damages against the above-referenced social media companies and other parties responsible for the harm caused by social media platforms by approving the Attorney Client Fee Contract with Frantz Law Group, APLC (the “Contract”), attached as Exhibit A, with the law firm of Franczek P.C. acting as local co-counsel for the District.

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

1. The Board finds that all of the recitals contained above are true and correct, and that the same are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Board authorizes the filing of a lawsuit against Meta Platforms, Inc. Facebook Holdings LLC, Snap Inc, TikTok Inc., Alphabet Inc. and other parties consistent with the recitals set forth above.
3. The Contract is hereby approved in substantially the form reviewed by the Board and attached as Exhibit A, together with such minor modifications as are deemed necessary by the Board’s attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the District.
4. The President and Secretary are hereby authorized to sign and enter into the Contract on behalf of the District.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 9th day of October 2023, by a roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Dzak, Espino, Johnson, Mancilla, Sagerer, Schumacher, Szczesny
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

9.05 Action Directing Administration to Develop SRO Agreements with Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, and Mt. Prospect for Board Approval

Motion by Dr. Sagerer, seconded by Mr. Szczesny to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of October, 2023, the Board of Education of CCSD59 authorize the district administration to develop SRO agreements with Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, and Mt. Prospect for the Board to approve.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Dzak, Espino, Johnson, Mancilla, Sagerer, Schumacher, Szczęśny
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

9.06 Approval of District 59 Education Foundation Donation of \$1,000 to the Empowerment Fund

Motion by Mr. Mancilla, seconded by Dr. Sagerer to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of October, 2023, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approves the donation from the District 59 Education Foundation to the Empowerment Fund totaling \$1,000. This donation is targeted for Mi Casa Su Casa which will help offset the cost of purchasing new mattresses for CCSD59 families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent shall communicate to the District 59 Education Foundation, in writing, expressing the appreciation of the members of the Board of Education, and that this donation shall be listed in the “official” minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Dzak, Espino, Johnson, Mancilla, Sagerer, Schumacher, Szczęśny
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.01 Adoption of 2023 Tax Levy

At the September 11, 2023 Board meeting, the Board discussed and directed administration to prepare the levy and that a public hearing date be set for November 13, 2023. At this meeting, when the President is satisfied that the concerns of the citizens are heard, the hearing is closed. At the December 11, 2023 board meeting the President will entertain a motion on the proposed levy resolution, and after any discussion by members of the Board, a roll call vote can be obtained. Following approval, the *Certificate of Tax Levy* is to be submitted to the Clerk of Cook County prior to the last Tuesday in December. A copy of the recommended Certificate of Tax Levy is included in the facing materials, and the original is included in the Board's signature file. The total 2023 capped funds levy of \$101,829,003 is 5.0% above the 2022 extended levy of \$96,980,003. As the Bond and Interest levy will automatically be added on by the County Clerk based on the Bond Ordinance on file with the Clerk's office, it is not included on the Certificate of Tax Levy the District submits to the Cook County Director of Tax Extensions.

10.02 Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2023 Tax Levy

The Board of Education provides direction to the County Clerk in assigning levy amounts by fund following final determination of total extension based upon new growth and the C.P.I. We are requesting a 5.0% increase in our levy over the prior year's extension. This amount is requested to assure that we receive the maximum allowable tax rate in accordance with the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act. This resolution provides direction to the County Clerk on how the individual fund extensions should be assigned based upon final determination of our allowable extension. As the County Clerk will automatically add on a 3% loss amount to the District's levy, this resolution directs the County Clerk to first reduce the individual extension to no less than the original levy, and then to apply any further reduction to the Operations and Maintenance (Building) Fund.

11.0 REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

11.01 IASB Annual Merit Recognition - The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) has honored board member Mardell Schumacher with the IASB Legacy Board Leader award. This is in recognition for her participation in a number of professional development and leadership activities during her service as a school board member. IASB initiated the Board Leader Recognition Program both to honor the dedicated work of school board members and call public attention to the many responsibilities placed on local school boards. Congratulations to board member Schumacher, and CCSD59 thanks her for her service to our district, which began in 1988.

- Mrs. Schumacher shared that she attended the Ed-Red meeting.
- Mrs. Dzak & Mr. Szczesny toured Brentwood; Mrs. Dzak commended the staff for making the space they are using work. Mr. Szczesny shared that some teachers are working in rooms the size of a closet.
- Mr. Szczesny attended the Finance & Facilities meeting.
- Mr. Mancilla shared that the Communications Committee will be meeting next week.
- Dr. Sagerer attended the NSSEO meeting, the Mt. Prospect Fall Fest, and the local board presidents' meeting.
- Mrs. Schumacher thanked the Board and D59 for the kind words and gift.

12.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Dr. Bresnahan shared that D59 held their annual Fall Fest on 9/23 - thank you to the Community Outreach team and everyone who helped make the event a success.
- Mr. Szczesny shared that there will be a Dual Language Night at Clearmont on 10/19 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.
- The NSSEO Fall Fest is on 10/28.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT


Motion at 9:10 pm by Dr. Sagerer, seconded by Mrs. Dzak to adopt the following resolution:

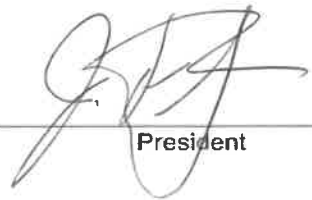
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 9th day of October 2023, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Dzak, Espino, Johnson, Mancilla, Sagerer, Schumacher, Szczesny
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

ATTEST:



Secretary

President