

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois held a special meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021, at O'Neill Middle School.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: President Darren Hughes; Vice President Gregory Harris; and Members Kirat Doshi, Emily Hanus, Steve Olczyk, Jill Samonte, and Tracy Weiner. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Kevin Russell, Superintendent; Jayne Yudzentis, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Justin Sisul, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; James Eichmiller, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Learning; Jessica Stewart, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Todd Drafall, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Catherine Hannigan, Manager of Business Services; Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Megan Hewitt, Coordinator of Community Relations; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary. Attending this meeting were six visitors. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2021

Member Weiner moved and Member Doshi seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Hanus, Harris, Hughes,
Olczyk, Samonte and Weiner
NAYS: None Motion carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Closed Session April 12, 2021

Member Olczyk moved and Member Hanus seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 closed session meeting and keep them permanently closed due to the confidential nature of the contents.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Hanus, Harris, Hughes,
Olczyk, Samonte and Weiner
NAYS: None Motion carried

3. REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

A. Declaration of Election Results

President Hughes announced that based on information received from the DuPage County Election Commission, the results of the election held on April 6, 2021 declared Melissa Bocker Ellis, Gregory Harris, Darren

Hughes, and Tracy Weiner elected to their respective offices as members of the Board of Education of Downers Grove Grade School District #58 to serve for four-year terms.

B. Oath of Office

Member Samonte administered the Oath of Office to Melissa Ellis, Gregory Harris, Darren Hughes and Tracy Weiner.

Newly sworn in Board Members were given a chance to say a few words. Jill Samonte was recognized for her years of service on the District 58 Board of Education and was presented with a plaque.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marshall Schmitt, Pierce Downer attendance area, commented that the swearing in of new Board members signifies a renewal of commitment. He stated that there was consensus on previous boards that Longfellow should be maintained; in 2015 Longfellow was determined to be used as a center for the entire administration. He also commented that there is a need to engage the public further on the issue.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before this Board, Member Samonte moved and Member Doshi seconded the motion to adjourn *sine die*.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Darren Hughes, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary

REORGANIZATION OF NEW BOARD

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois held a special meeting to reorganize on Monday, May 3, 2021, at O'Neill Middle School.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF NEW BOARD

Member Darren Hughes called the new board to order at 6:20 p.m. and asked that the secretary pro tem call the roll. Members present: Kirat Doshi, Melissa Ellis, Emily Hanus, Gregory Harris, Darren Hughes, Steve Olczyk, and Tracy Weiner. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Kevin Russell, Superintendent; Jayne Yudzentis, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Justin Sisul, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; James Eichmiller, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Learning; Jessica Stewart, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Todd Drafall, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Catherine Hannigan, Manager of Business Services; Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Megan Hewitt, Coordinator of Community Relations; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary. Attending this meeting were six visitors. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

2. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

A. Election of Officers

1) President

Member Steve Olczyk nominated Darren Hughes to serve as President of the District 58 Board of Education. There being no additional nominations, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Ellis, Hanus, Harris,
Hughes, Olczyk, and Weiner
NAYS: None Motion carried

2) Vice President

Member Kirat Doshi nominated Gregory Harris to serve as Vice President of the District 58 Board of Education. There being no additional nominations, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Ellis, Hanus,
Hughes, Olczyk, and Weiner
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: Member Harris Motion carried

3) Establishment of Board Secretary's Stipend

Member Olczyk moved and Member Doshi seconded the motion to approve the establishment of the Board Secretary's stipend at \$8,638 for the 2021-2022 school year, and a stipend to be determined based on the approved pay rate increase for administrators for the 2022-2023 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Ellis, Hanus, Harris,
Hughes, Olczyk, and Weiner
NAYS: None Motion carried

4) Appointment of Secretary

Member Doshi moved and Member Weiner seconded the motion to appoint Melissa Jerves to serve as Secretary of the District 58 Board of Education for a two-year term.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Ellis, Hanus, Harris,
Hughes, Olczyk, and Weiner
NAYS: None Motion carried

B. Establish Regular Meeting Date, Time, and Place

Member Doshi moved and Member Weiner seconded the motion to establish the regular meeting date of the Board of Education as the second Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Downers Grove Village Hall. The fourth Monday of each month shall be reserved for consideration of items concerning the instructional program or other aspects of the District operations which may require more detailed consideration. These workshop meetings will be held at school sites.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Ellis, Hanus, Harris, Hughes,
Olczyk and Weiner
NAYS: None Motion carried

C. Committee Appointments (Attachment 05/03/21 A)

1. Appointment of Policy Committee

Member Harris and Member Weiner were appointed to serve on the Policy Committee, with Member Harris serving as chairperson.

2. Appointment of Legislative Committee

Member Ellis and Member Hanus were appointed to serve on the District 58 Legislative Committee, with Member Hanus serving as chairperson.

3. Appointment of Financial Advisory Committee

President Hughes and Member Olczyk were appointed to serve on the District 58 Financial Advisory Committee, with Member Hughes serving as chairperson.

4. Appointment of District Leadership Team
Member Doshi and Member Weiner were appointed as co-chairs to the District 58 District Leadership Team.
5. Appointment of LEND Representative
Member Hanus was appointed to serve as the LEND Representative.
6. Health & Wellness Committee Liaison
Member Harris was appointed to serve as liaison to the Health & Wellness Committee.
7. Appointment of Education Foundation Representative
Member Doshi will serve as the Education Foundation of Downers Grove District 58 Representative.

- D. SASED Board of Control/Governing Board Rep & Alternate Rep
Member Doshi moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to adopt the resolution appointing Emily Hanus as Representative and Gregory Harris as Alternate Representative to the SASED Board of Control, and appointing Emily Hanus as Representative and Gregory Harris as Alternate Representative to the SASED Governing Board. (Attachment 05/03/21 B)

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marshall Schmitt, Pierce Downer attendance area, commented that the decision to sell Longfellow is controversial and the Board proceeds at its own risk if it fails to engage the community. He stated that it will be difficult or impossible to pass a future referendum. He asked the Board to reconsider having a public hearing and to look at the analyses that have been done.

Joe Leo, Pierce Downer attendance area, commented that the District failed to engage the neighborhood in its decision making.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Member Harris moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Darren Hughes, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary