

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met for a curriculum workshop on Monday, November 21, 2022, at the Downers Grove Village Hall. The meeting was live streamed to the public on the Village of Downers Grove YouTube channel.

## **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that it was a curriculum workshop of the District 58 Board of Education. Members present: President Darren Hughes; Vice President Gregory Harris; and Members Kirat Doshi, Melissa Ellis, Emily Hanus, and Steve Olczyk. Members absent: Tracy Weiner. 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/CSBO; Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Megan Hewitt, Coordinator of Community Relations; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary.

## **2. CURRICULUM WORKSHOP**

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Justin Sisul gave a presentation on District 58's educational equity work. Addressing educational equity is required by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Strategic Plan, Board Policies 6:10 and 7:10, and District 58's Strategic Plan. Equity work will focus on making students, staff and families feel safe and welcome; ensuring all students have access to an education that helps them reach their potential; ensuring opportunities are available to all students; building an understanding of educational equity among stakeholders; and seeking to learn from the experiences of individuals in our school community. Educational equity work is not intended to eliminate programming or remove opportunities for students and is not rooted in political perspectives. The District does not anticipate making significant changes to educational experiences for students.

Mr. Sisul reviewed the history of educational equity work in the District and the formation of the District Equity Leadership Team (DELT). The DELT will examine the data from the Equity Journey Continuum to identify opportunities for improvement. It will also review the District's draft Equity Audit Report. A third-party firm analyzed equity survey and focus group data, and offered several recommendations. The DELT will also examine the responses to the open-ended survey questions that the auditors did not incorporate into their report.

Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell provided an overview of current safety response structures in District 58. These include the Emergency Management Committee, the District Threat Assessment Team, Building Safety and Threat Assessment

Teams, and Crisis Prevention Institute Training. Moving forward, the District plans to use referendum funds to improve the physical structure of schools to provide secure entrances, enhance visitor screening with the Raptor System that reads visitor drivers' licenses, and update staff and student crisis training to employ the ALICE training model. Another goal is to educate students further on acceptable and unacceptable statements, which will be accomplished through age-appropriate conversations with students, additional District and school communications, and other family education opportunities.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Hughes announced the following dates:

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 3:45 p.m.	Legislative Committee Meeting O'Neill Middle School
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Friday, Dec. 9, 7 a.m.	Financial Advisory Committee Meeting O'Neill Middle School
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Monday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting Village Hall
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**5. ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Darren Hughes, President

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Melissa Jerves, Secretary