

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at O'Neill Middle School. The meeting was live streamed to the public on the District 58 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 the regular monthly meeting of the District 58 Board of Education. Members present: President Darren Hughes, Vice President Gregory Harris; and Members Kirat Doshi, Melissa Ellis, Emily Hanus, 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/CSBO; Sonali Patil, Manager of Business Services; Megan Hewitt, Community Relations Coordinator; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary. Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds, arrived at 7:56 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SCHOOL REPORT

Whittier Student Council officers Harper Brock, Benny Knoepp, Max Bogaczyk, Payton Freely and Caroline Anderman led the pledge of allegiance, and then reported on the activities they sponsor throughout the year. Student Council plans spirit days; fundraising to support charities such as DuPage PADS, West Suburban Humane Society, and the Make-a-Wish Foundation; and teacher appreciation activities in May.

Whittier PTA Co-President Maggie Kurcz Wieczinski reported that the PTA's mission includes creating a kind, responsive culture where all feel welcome. The organization's goals for the year are to increase membership and engage volunteers, encourage a sense of community, improve communications, and document its work to set future volunteers up for success.

Principal Michael Krugman shared Whittier's theme for the year: Be the Dream. As part of the Cycles of Inquiry school improvement process, Whittier's Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) examined Spring 2022 assessment results, which showed that the majority of students demonstrated higher than expected growth in math, but lower than expected growth in reading. The ILT took a closer look at the ELA/Reading MAP data and concluded that areas to focus on included identifying the main idea, supporting details and text evidence. The ILT will provide training, implementation support, and reflection opportunities to staff, and data from practice activities that align with Benchmark and the Illinois Assessment of Readiness will be collected and analyzed to determine growth.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Written Communications

1. Email from Sharrell Wright regarding student matter ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*

Freedom of Information Act Requests

1. Freedom of Information Act request from Peg Chaidez, Vote Yes DG58 Referendum, regarding vendor contact information ~ *response from Board Secretary Melissa Jerves.*
2. Freedom of Information Act request from Peg Chaidez, Vote Yes DG58 Referendum, regarding developers, bankers, realtors who communicated with D58 regarding Longfellow ~ *response from Asst Superintendent for Business Todd Drafall.*

4. SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SCHOOLS

A. Fall Data Snapshot

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Justin Sisul presented a summary of fall assessment data. Student growth is determined based on students' individual growth. The data shows that District 58 students demonstrated expected growth for both reading and math, with reading slightly higher. Aimsweb early literacy achievement has returned to pre-pandemic levels. Each building has held fall data meetings to review student data, and school improvement planning has already incorporated Spring ECRA data. Teachers are beginning to use the data to make instructional decisions for their classrooms and for intervention planning for individual students.

The Board also asked for details about how lower than expected growth in middle school math is being addressed. The District is providing professional development from the Metro Chicago Math Institute, and increased intervention opportunities are now available for middle school students during the new student support period in their schedule.

5. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Superintendent

Dr. Russell reported on the following after thanking the Hillcrest team for their presentations:

- **Finance:** Our auditors have been in the District and are near completion. The audit will be presented to the Board in November or December when the report is received.
- **Personnel:** Clubs and activities are being rolled out at each school; stipends are provided for sponsors.
- **Technology:** The parent/teacher conference scheduler opened successfully last week; nearly 4,900 conferences have already been

scheduled.

- **Student Services:** October 15 is the ISBE deadline for mandated student physicals and immunizations; schools are required to exclude students who have not complied. COVID vaccines are not mandated. School nurses have put in countless hours reviewing files and following up with families.
- **Public Relations:** Over 50 applications were received from community members to join Board of Education and strategic plan committees; nearly all applicants have been placed.
- **Facilities:** School playgrounds are all in the process of being improved due to a state grant for playgrounds and the PTAs and parent groups who have raised money for these projects.

B. Monthly Business

The Board received business reports and the investment report for the month ending September 30, 2022. Assistant Superintendent for Business Todd Drafall reported that information meetings for staff regarding benefits options are scheduled before the open enrollment period begins in November.

C. Treasurer's Report

There was nothing special to report in regard to the Treasurer's Report.

D. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

E. Legislative Committee

Member Ellis reported on the September 27, 2022 meeting of the Legislative Committee. The committee discussed the IASB Resolutions Report in advance of the IASB Delegate Assembly in November.

F. Financial Advisory Committee

The Financial Advisory Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

G. District Leadership Team

The District Leadership Team met on September 19, 2022. Member Weiner reported that the DLT discussed the next steps in strategic planning after the November election. The committee also received updates on each strategic plan goal.

H. Health and Wellness Committee

Vice President Harris reported on the October 3, 2022 Health and Wellness Committee meeting. The only medical insurance rate increase recommended for the coming year will be a 5% increase to the Universal PPO plan; the rates for other plans remain flat. The District continues to plan ways to get benefits information to employees so they can make informed decisions during the open enrollment period.

6. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items on the agenda.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Rose played a recorded statement regarding the referendum that was difficult to hear. President Hughes asked him to email the statement to the Board.

Marshall Schmitt, Pierce Downer attendance area, commented that he believes the materials distributed by the District regarding the referendum are one-sided and not solely informational.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2022

Member Weiner moved and Member Doshi seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

VOICE VOTE (Member Ellis abstained)

Motion carried

9. CONSENT AGENDA

The President stated that a motion would be in order relative to the items on the consent agenda, consisting of the Personnel Report and Financial Statements (consisting of the List of Bills and Summary), as presented in the packet materials. Member Olczyk moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to approve the following items:

A. Personnel

- The assignment of one certified staff employee and 6 support staff employees.
- The resignation of three support staff employees.
- The family medical leaves of absence of seven certified staff employees.
- Teacher stipends for clubs and activities as listed in the Personnel Report.

B. Financial Reports

The list of bills and obligations prepared for payment on October 11, 2022, as well as the revolving and imprest issued in September 2022 as shown on the list submitted under the date of October 11, 2022 in the total amount of \$2,662,461.81 and direct that they be so entered in the minutes and orders drawn for their payment in accordance with the following summary and that the President and Secretary be authorized to certify the list to the School Treasurer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 58
SUMMARY PAGE OCTOBER 11, 2022
LIST OF BILLS & EXPENDITURES

EDUCATION FUND

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$1,263,345.76
Revolving Fund - September 2022	\$89,423.96
Imprest Checks - September 2022	\$16,606.88

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$119,043.07
Revolving Fund - September 2022	\$1,526.45
Imprest Checks - September 2022	\$0.00

DEBT SERVICE

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$0.00
Revolving Fund - September 2022	\$0.00

TRANSPORTATION FUND

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$381,885.06
Revolving Fund - September 2022	\$6,382.00
Imprest Checks - September 2022	\$522.66

IMRF

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$0.00
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FICA/MEDICARE

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$0.00
Revolving Fund - September 2022	\$0.00

SITE & CONSTRUCTION FUND

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$783,725.97
Revolving Fund - September 2022	\$0.00

WORKING CASH FUND

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$0.00
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FIRE & LIFE SAFETY FUNDS

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$0.00
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MEDICAL INSURANCE RESERVE FUND

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$0.00
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SINKING FUND

List of Bills - October 11, 2022	\$0.00
Revolving Fund - September 2022	\$0.00

	Total
	\$2,662,461.81

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Ellis, Hanus, Harris, Hughes,

Olczyk and Weiner
NAYS: None

Motion carried

(Copy of Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
attached to official minutes)

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

A. Appointment of IASB Delegate

Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to appoint Kirat Doshi as delegate and Emily Hanus as alternate delegate to the 2022 Illinois Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

B. Recommendation to Approve Medical Insurance Rates

Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to approve the changes to the medical insurance rates as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Ellis, Hanus, Harris, Hughes,
Olczyk, and Weiner

NAYS: None

Motion carried

C. School Maintenance Project Grant

Member Weiner moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to approve the District's application for the School Maintenance Project Grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Ellis, Hanus, Harris, Hughes,
Olczyk, and Weiner

NAYS: None

Motion carried

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hughes announced the following dates:

Friday, October 14, 7 a.m.

Financial Advisory Committee
O'Neill Middle School

Tuesday, October 18, 7 a.m.

Policy Committee Meeting
O'Neill Middle School

Monday, October 24, 7 p.m.

Curriculum Workshop
O'Neill Middle School

12. CLOSED SESSION

Member Weiner moved and Member Harris seconded the motion to move to closed session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to

- discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, 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).

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

Member Weiner moved and Member Doshi seconded the motion to reconvene in open session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The Board convened to closed session at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 8:30 p.m.

13. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes – September 12, 2022

Member Weiner moved and Member Doshi seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 closed session meeting and keep them permanently closed due to the confidential nature of the contents.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Darren Hughes, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary