

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2016, at the Longfellow Center.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The President called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and announced that it was the regular monthly meeting of the District 58 Board of Education. Members present: President John D. Cooper; Vice President Doug Purcell; and Members Diehl, Heppner, Lupescu, Miller, and Sigale. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent; Jayne Yudzentis, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Jessica Stewart, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Matthew Rich, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Lorie Pilster, Director of Business Services; James Popernik, Controller; Richard Bubula, Director of Buildings and Grounds; James Eichmiller, Director of Innovative Technology and Learning; Megan Hewitt, Coordinator of Community Relations; and Pamela A. Osika, Board Secretary. Attending this meeting were at least 28 visitors. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

## 2. FLAG SALUTE

Michael Krugman, principal of Whittier School, introduced Student Council sponsor Deb Krygeris, who in turn introduced student council officers Eleanor Harris, President; Catherine Dobrez, Vice President; Abbey Rosenberg, Secretary; Caroline Scott, Service Chair; Katherine Mielke, Spirit Chair; and Libby DeCero, Public Relations Chair. The students led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Elections for Student Council took place in the fall. Student Council candidates chose an organization they wanted to support, gave a speech to the student body describing the chosen organization, and why he or she was a good candidate. Throughout the school year, events are planned to help support the chosen organizations. The students talked about activities, fundraisers, and events organized and sponsored by the Student Council. Proceeds from taffy apple sales, candy cane sales and other fundraisers support the charitable organizations. The Student Council plans activities to raise awareness for different causes such as Wear Pink for Cancer Awareness Day, a food drive based on the book *Crenshaw*, and an Operation Christmas toy drive. Two spirit days are planned each month.

Whittier PTA Co-President Debbie Levinthal introduced Co-Vice President Karrie Donat and shared how that organization supports the Whittier community. Events and activities include the Jaguar Jog fundraiser, which brought the Whittier community together and raised enough money to fund the entire Whittier PTA budget as well as a teacher wish list and social-emotional learning materials. The Whittier PTA sponsors Young Rembrandts, the Lego Robotics Club, Green Team environmental club, a mitten project that supported families in need during the holiday season, a book fair in cooperation with Anderson's Bookshop, a Target gift card program for teachers, the annual variety show, and has raised approximately \$30,000 for a playground initiative.

### 3. NON-ACTION REPORTS

#### A. Recognition of Students

The names of Student Council officers were presented to the Board for special recognition.

#### B. "Spotlight on our Schools" - Education Foundation Grants

Megan Hewitt, Community Relations Coordinator, introduced Education Foundation Director and Grant Committee Chair David Olsen and grant recipients. Funding was provided for 22 grants totaling approximately \$22,000 during the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Hewitt shared information about each project and how they will benefit students. Mr. Olsen presented a check from the Education Foundation of Downers Grove District 58 to fund this year's grants.

### 4. COMMUNICATIONS

E-mail from Chris McGrath regarding wrestling program

### 5. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

#### A. Superintendent

Superintendent Kari Cremascoli reported that a letter was drafted from the District 58 Board of Education to the District 99 Board of Education sharing input on District 99's calendar options for the 2016-2017 school year. Information from the State regarding unfunded mandates was provided to the Board. Mid-year financial reports were presented to both the Financial Advisory Committee and Board of Education. District 58 students are completing mid-year assessments. A mid-year update to the Strategic Goals Action Plan for 2015-2016 will be given during the February Board meeting. The Education Foundation has begun preparing for springtime award ceremonies -- Select 58 for eighth grade students and the Distinguished Service Awards for District 58 staff members. Select 58 applications opened this week, and Distinguished Service Award nominations will be available in early February. The District 58 Science Fair will take place on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the Legislative Breakfast will take place on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### B. Monthly Business

The Board received business reports, the investment report, and revenue and expenditure summary reports for the month ending December 31, 2015. Controller James Popernik reported that December marked the mid-year point in the budget. Revenues and expenditures are on target and all financial reports are up to date including reconciliations and fund balance information. Special attention was given to the List of Bills and List of Bills Summary, Consent Agenda Item 11.B; Dr. Popernik explained the reporting timeline of Revolving Fund and Imprest Checks. District 58 will acquire one credit card, which offers a 1% cash back incentive on purchases, to be used for paying utility bills and other limited purchases. Preparing 2015 W2s is expected to be a challenge because of the administrative software change this fiscal year. Most District 58 employees will receive two W2s – one produced by the DC&R system for income earned January – June 2015 and one produced by the new iVisions system for income earned July – December 2015.

- C. Treasurer's Report  
There was nothing special to report in regard to the Treasurer's Report.
- D. Policy Committee  
The Policy Committee did not meet in December.
- E. Legislative Committee  
The Legislative Committee did not meet in December.
- F. Financial Advisory Committee  
President Cooper reported on the January 5, 5016 Financial Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee received and reviewed monthly financial reports; reviewed the November 2015 CPI, which came in between 1.0% - 1.1%; reviewed the FY15 AFR (Annual Financial Report); discussed financial projections, which are currently on target barring any future radical legislative changes by the State effecting funding for schools; received information regarding the appointment of the new District treasurer; and discussed Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs).

## 6. DISCUSSION

### OKEEP Update

During the December 2015 Board meeting, a discussion took place regarding the Optional Kindergarten Enrichment and Enhancement Program (OKEEP). Support to expand the OKEEP program for the 2016-2017 school year was expressed, with special consideration needed for Lester School due to lack of space to fully implement OKEEP in that building next school year. Three possible solutions being investigated would allow Lester students to have access to the OKEEP program despite space constraints.

1. Lester School would house only traditional half-day kindergarten classes. Families in the Lester area interested in OKEEP would be eligible for an intra-district transfer to another District 58 school as space allows.
2. Half-day kindergarten for Lester students would be housed in their home school. Kindergarten with the OKEEP option for students from the Lester attendance area would be housed at Belle Aire School. District 58 would provide transportation for Lester students to attend kindergarten and OKEEP at Belle Aire.
3. Lester School would house one section of traditional half-day kindergarten and one section of kindergarten with the OKEEP option. A selection process would be designed by which students would be assigned to the OKEEP program housed at Lester. Students not assigned to OKEEP at Lester School could attend kindergarten and OKEEP at Belle Aire or another District 58 school.

A survey regarding these three options and community interest in OKEEP has been prepared by the District and will be made available to Lester School families in the near future. Board members discussed the three Lester OKEEP options and look forward to reviewing feedback from the Lester community. A decision is expected to be made regarding OKEEP by the March Board meeting.

**7. RECEPTION OF VISITORS**

There were no comments or questions from members of the audience at this time.

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Diehl moved and Member Miller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 regular meeting as presented.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

There being no request for individual consideration of any items on the consent agenda, the President stated that a motion would be in order relative to items on the consent agenda, consisting of the Personnel Report and Financial Statements consisting of the List of Bills and Summary. Member Miller moved and Member Diehl seconded his motion to approve the following items:

A. Personnel

The retirement of five certified teachers and one educational support personnel employee, the appointment of one educational support personnel employee, and the resignation of two instructional assistants.

B. Financial Reports

The list of bills and obligations prepared for payment on January 11, 2016 as well as the revolving and imprest issued in December 2015 as shown on the list submitted under the date of January 11, 2016 in the total amount of \$802,782.11 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 JANUARY 11, 2016  
LIST OF BILLS & EXPENDITURES**

**EDUCATION FUND**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$234,745.25
Revolving Fund - December 2015	\$184,177.94
Imprest Checks - December 2015	\$6,211.21

**OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$55,818.79
Revolving Fund - December 2015	\$57,202.96
Imprest Checks - December 2015	\$291.89

**DEBT SERVICE**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$0.00
Revolving Checks	\$0.00

**TRANSPORTATION FUND**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$263,844.07
Revolving Fund - December 2015	\$430.00
Imprest Checks - December 2015	\$60.00

**IMRF**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$0.00
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**FICA/MEDICARE**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$0.00
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**SITE & CONSTRUCTION FUND**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$0.00
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**WORKING CASH FUND**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$0.00
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**FIRE & LIFE SAFETY FUNDS**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$0.00
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**MEDICAL INSURANCE RESERVE FUND**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$0.00
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**SINKING FUND**

List of Bills - January 11, 2016	\$0.00
Revolving Fund	\$0.00

Total	\$802,782.11
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ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Cooper, Diehl, Heppner, Lupescu,  
Miller, Purcell, and Sigale  
NAYS: None Motion carried

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

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

A. Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund

Member Purcell moved and Member Heppner seconded his motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the transfer/loan of monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund of Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois in the amount of \$900,000.00. (Attachment 01/11/16 A)

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Cooper, Diehl, Heppner, Lupescu,  
Miller, Purcell, and Sigale  
NAYS: None Motion carried

- B. Resolution approving an application to the Illinois State Board of Education for qualified school construction bond designation for obligations to finance certain capital projects in and for School District Number 58, DuPage County, Illinois, authorizing the President of the Board of Education of said School District to execute said application and directing an official of said School District to submit said application

Member Purcell moved and Member Sigale seconded his motion to adopt the resolution approving an application to the Illinois State Board of Education for qualified school construction bond designation for obligations to finance certain capital projects in and for School District Number 58, DuPage County, Illinois, authorizing the President of the Board of Education of said School District to execute said application and directing an official of said School District to submit said application. (Attachment 01/11/16 B)

Controller Dr. James Popernik gave a brief summary and shared background information regarding the qualified school construction bonds.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Cooper, Diehl, Heppner, Lupescu, Miller, Purcell, and Sigale  
NAYS: None Motion carried

- C. Second Reading - Policy #5100.2 - Students - Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students

Member Lupescu moved and Member Diehl seconded her motion to adopt the revisions to Policy #5100.2 regarding health, eye, and dental examinations; immunizations; and exclusion of students.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

- D. Second Reading - Policy #8022 - Internal Board Operations – Meetings

Member Lupescu moved and Member Miller seconded her motion to adopt the revisions to Policy #8022 regarding meetings.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

## 11. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no comments or questions from members of the audience at this time.

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Cooper announced the following dates:

Wednesday, January 20	Legislative Committee Meeting 3:45 p.m. ASC Office
Thursday, January 21	Coffee with the Staff 7:30 a.m. Henry Puffer School 2220 Haddow Avenue; D.G.

Wednesday, January 27

Building Tour & PTA Meeting – Lester School  
236 Indianapolis, D.G.  
Tour @ 6:10 p.m. & PTA Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 29

Legislative Breakfast  
7:30 a.m. O’Neill Middle School  
635 59<sup>th</sup> Street; D.G.

Monday, February 8

Regular Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Longfellow Center

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

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

- the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1);
- the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10);
- 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).

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Cooper, Diehl, Heppner, Lupescu,  
Miller, Purcell, and Sigale  
NAYS: None Motion carried

Member Sigale left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Member Lupescu moved and Member Miller seconded the motion to reconvene in open session.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

The Board convened to closed session at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 8:58 p.m.

**14. ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

Member Lupescu moved and Member Purcell seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 closed session meeting.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

B. Review of Closed Session Minutes

Member Purcell moved and Member Diehl seconded the motion to keep the minutes from the December 14, 2015 closed session meeting permanently closed due to the confidential nature of the contents.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Purcell moved and Member Lupescu seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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John D. Cooper, President

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Pamela A. Osika, Secretary



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM THE  
WORKING CASH FUND TO THE TRANSPORTATION FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois School Code authorizes Boards of Education that have established a working cash fund to transfer money from that fund to another fund of the District in anticipation of the collection of taxes previously levied; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Downers Grove Grade School District 58 desires to authorize the transfer of money from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the sum of \$900,000.00 be transferred from the Working Cash Fund of this School District to the Transportation Fund.

**SECTION 2:** That said sum be transferred in anticipation of taxes to be received by the Transportation Fund and from which the Working Cash Fund should be reimbursed.

**SECTION 3:** That this Board of Education estimates that the sum of \$2,550,000.00 will be extended by the County Clerk of DuPage County upon the books of the collectors of State and county taxes for the 2015 Transportation Fund levy in anticipation of the collection of which this transfer is made.

**SECTION 4:** That no warrants or notes have heretofore been issued on behalf of the Transportation Fund in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for said fund in 2015 for collection in 2016.

**SECTION 5:** That this Board of Education estimates that \$17,161.00 of the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax revenue to be received by this School District will be set aside for the payment of the proportionate amount of the debt service and pension or retirement obligations under Section 115/12 of Chapter 30 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

**SECTION 6:** That previously no monies have been transferred from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund in anticipation of the collection of the 2015 taxes levied for such fund and that no other transfers of monies have heretofore been made in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for such fund.

**SECTION 7:** Upon the receipt of taxes by this School District from the 2015 Transportation Fund levy, the Treasurer of this School District is directed to immediately reimburse the Working Cash Fund until the full amount transferred has been retransferred to the Working Cash Fund.

**SECTION 8:** That the Treasurer of this District is hereby requested to make the necessary entries on the Treasurer's books and records evidencing the transfer provided for in this Resolution and that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Treasurer of this District by the Secretary.

**SECTION 9:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption as provided by law.

Passed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

APPROVED by me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

RESOLUTION approving an application to the Illinois State Board of Education for qualified school construction bond designation for obligations to finance certain capital projects in and for School District Number 58, DuPage County, Illinois, authorizing the President of the Board of Education of said School District to execute said application and directing an official of said School District to submit said application.

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WHEREAS, in order to assist state and local governments in financing capital projects at lower borrowing costs and to stimulate the economy and create jobs, on the 17th day of February, 2009, the United States Congress enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which Act authorizes, *inter alia*, the issuance of “qualified school construction bonds” (“*QSCBs*”) to finance the construction, rehabilitation or repair of public school facilities; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (the “*HIRE Act*”), Congress added provisions to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which permit state or local governments to obtain certain tax advantages when issuing *QSCBs*; and

WHEREAS, if the *QSCBs* meet conditions set forth in the *HIRE Act*, the *QSCBs* are eligible for a direct payment from the United States Treasury equal to the lesser of the amount of interest payable on the *QSCBs* on an interest payment date or the amount of interest that would have been payable on the *QSCBs* on an interest payment date if such interest was determined at an applicable credit rate set by the United States Treasury; and

WHEREAS, an allocation of nationwide volume limitation (“*Volume Cap*”) is required in order to issue *QSCBs*; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2015, the Illinois State Board of Education (“*ISBE*”) approved allocation guidelines and an application process for the *Volume Cap* which was allocated to the State of Illinois; and

## Attachment 1/11/16 B

WHEREAS, in order to avail of the provisions of the HIRE Act, including, specifically, the right to receive the direct interest payment subsidy from the United States Treasury for QSCBs, the Board of Education (the “*Board*”) of School District Number 58, DuPage County, Illinois (the “*District*”) has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District to apply to ISBE for Volume Cap for obligations (the “*Bonds*”) to finance certain capital projects in and for the District (the “*Projects*”):

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of School District Number 58, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

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

*Section 2. Determination to Apply.* The District shall apply to ISBE for Volume Cap for the Bonds. The amount of Volume Cap requested and a description of the Projects to be financed are set forth in the application for the Volume Cap (the “*Application*”), a copy of which is now before the Board.

*Section 3. Approval of Application.* The Application, in substantially the form now before the Board, is hereby approved. The President of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same, his or her execution to constitute conclusive proof of action in accordance with this Resolution, and approval of all completions of or revisions to the Application necessary or appropriate. The Controller of the District is hereby directed to submit the Application to ISBE prior to January 15, 2016.

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*Section 4. Further Proceedings.* The Board hereby approves the issuance of the Bonds subject to receipt of Volume Cap and adoption of all other proceedings as may be necessary in accordance with applicable law.

*Section 5. Effective Date.* This Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted January 11, 2016.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education