

May 1, 2017

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois held a special meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017, at the Longfellow Center.

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

The President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Members present: President John D. Cooper; Vice President Doug Purcell; and Members Roberta Diehl, Christopher Heppner, Sallie Lupescu, John Miller, and Elizabeth Sigale. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent; Jayne Yudzentis, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; and Pamela A. Osika, Board Secretary. Attending this meeting was at least one visitor. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2017

Member Diehl moved and Member Purcell seconded her motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

VOICE VOTE (*Member Heppner Abstained*) Motion carried

B. Approval of Minutes – April 17, 2017

Member Heppner moved and Member Diehl seconded his motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2017 special meeting as presented.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

C. Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2017

Member Heppner moved and Member Diehl seconded his motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 special meeting/budget workshop as presented.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

D. Approval of Minutes – Closed Session April 24, 2017

Member Purcell moved and Member Diehl seconded his motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 closed session meeting and keep permanently closed due to the confidential nature of the contents.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

**3. REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

A. Declaration of Election Results

President Cooper announced that based on information received from the DuPage County Election Commission, the results of the election held on April 4, 2017 declared Beth Taylor, Jill V. Samonte, Gregory T. Harris, and Darren Hughes, elected to their respective office as members of the Board of Education of Downers Grove Grade School District #58 to serve for four year terms.

B. Oath of Office

President Cooper administered the Oath of Office to Beth Taylor, Jill V. Samonte, Gregory T. Harris, and Darren Hughes.

Newly sworn in Board Members were given a chance to say a few words. John Cooper, Roberta Diehl, and Sallie Lupescu were recognized for their years of service on the District 58 Board of Education.

**4. RECEPTION OF VISITORS**

Craig Young, DGEEA President, congratulated newly sworn in Board Members and thanked retiring Board Members for their service.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Doug Purcell, President

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Pamela A. Osika, 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 1, 2017, at the Longfellow Center.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF NEW BOARD

Member John Miller called the new board to order at 7:18 p.m. and asked that the secretary pro tem call the roll. Members present: Gregory Harris, Darren Hughes, John Miller, Doug Purcell, Jill Samonte, Elizabeth Sigale, and Beth Taylor. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent; Jayne Yudzentis, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; and Pamela A. Osika, Secretary to the Superintendent.

### 2. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

#### A. Election of Officers

##### 1) President

Member John Miller nominated Doug Purcell as President of the District 58 Board of Education for a two-year term. There being no additional nominations a voice vote was taken.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

At this time, President Doug Purcell took responsibility to chair the meeting.

##### 2) Vice President

Member Jill Samonte nominated Elizabeth Sigale to be Vice President of the District 58 Board of Education for a two-year term. There being no additional nominations a voice vote was taken.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

##### 3) Election/ Appointment of Secretary

Member Purcell moved and Member Hughes seconded the motion to appoint Pamela Osika to serve as Secretary of the District 58 Board of Education.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Harris, Hughes, Miller,  
Purcell, Samonte, Sigale, and Taylor  
NAYS: None Motion carried

- B. Establish Regular Meeting Date, Time, and Place  
Member Miller moved and Member Hughes 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 Longfellow Center September through May and at the Administrative Service Center in June, July, and August in accordance with Policy #8022. *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.*

A question was raised regarding the location of meetings at Longfellow Center and whether an alternative location could be considered, which would be more conducive to a larger audience attending Board meetings. A discussion ensued. Superintendent Cremascoli will review alternatives including reaching out to representatives from the Village of Downers Grove. This topic will be discussed further in the future.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Harris, Hughes, Miller, Purcell,  
Samonte, Sigale, and Taylor  
NAYS: None Motion carried

C. Committee Appointments (Attachment 05/01/17 A)

1. Appointment of Policy Committee  
President Purcell appointed Member Harris and Member Sigale to serve on the Policy Committee with Member Harris serving as chairperson.
2. Appointment of Legislative Committee  
Member Taylor and Member Samonte were appointed to serve on the District 58 Legislative Committee, with Member Taylor serving as chairperson.
3. Appointment of Financial Advisory Committee  
Member Miller and Member Hughes were appointed to serve on the District 58 Financial Advisory Committee with Member Miller serving as chairperson.
4. Appointment of Meet & Confer Strategic Plan Committee  
Vice President Sigale and Member Samonte were appointed as co-chairs to the District 58 Meet & Confer Strategic Plan Committee.
5. Appointment of Ed-Red Representative  
Member Samonte was appointed to serve as the Board Representative to Ed-Red.
6. Appointment of IASB Representative  
Member Taylor was appointed to serve as the IASB Representative.

7. Appointment of LEND Representative  
Member Taylor was appointed to serve as the LEND Representative.
  8. Insurance Committee Liaison  
Member Harris was appointed to serve as liaison to the Insurance Committee.
  9. Appointment of Education Foundation Representative  
Member Taylor will serve as the Education Foundation of Downers Grove District 58 Representative.
- D. SASED Board of Control/Governing Board Rep & Alternate Rep  
Member Miller moved and Member Harris seconded his motion to adopt the resolution appointing Doug Purcell as Representative and Beth Taylor as Alternate Representative to the SASED Board of Control, and appointing Doug Purcell as Representative and Beth Taylor as Alternate Representative to the SASED Governing Board. (Attachment 05/01/17 B)

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

### 3. DISCUSSION OF ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL BOARDS

- A. Training & Basics of School Governance  
President Purcell shared information on Board member training opportunities and workshops. A Board self-evaluation has been scheduled to take place on July 10, 2017. The Board will meet in closed session with a representative from IASB following the regular monthly meeting of the Board.
- B. Meetings  
President Purcell reviewed protocol for planning the agenda for regular Board meetings, how to prepare for those meetings, as well as what to expect during and after Board meetings.
- C. Community Engagement & Communication  
President Purcell explained how communications to the Board are handled and how responses are prepared. The Board discussed community engagement opportunities. It was noted that in recent history, Board members were finding it more difficult to attend coffees with building staff members due to work schedule conflicts. It was suggested that new ideas be shared on how to schedule additional opportunities with staff members stressing such opportunities should be meaningful for all. This topic will be discussed further in the future.

### 4. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Craig Young, DGEEA President, stated he would ask the DGEEA Governing Board for input regarding engagement and communication ideas with staff members.

**5. Announcements**

Monday, May 8

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

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Taylor moved and Member Miller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Doug Purcell, President

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Pamela A. Osika, Secretary