

March 5, 2020

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met in special session on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at the Administrative Service Center.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced that it was a special meeting of the District 58 Board of Education. 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; Todd Drafall, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; James Eichmiller, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Learning; Catherine Hannigan, Manager of Business Services; Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary. Paul Hanley, community engagement consultant of Beyond Your Base, attended the meeting via video conference. Attending this meeting were at least four visitors. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments made at this time.

3. CLOSED SESSION

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

- student disciplinary matter – Student 2020-001 (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)).

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

Member Harris moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to reconvene in open session.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

The Board convened to closed session at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened to open

session at 6:19 p.m.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- A. Student Disciplinary Decision/ Action – Student 2020-001
Member Olczyk moved and Member Samonte seconded the motion to uphold the January 30, 2020, February 5-7, 2020, and February 12-26, 2020 suspensions for Student 2020-001 and to approve the recommendation for expulsion of Student 2020-001 as presented.

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

- B. Personnel Report
Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented in the packet materials.

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

5. DISCUSSION

- A. Recommendations from the Citizen Task Force
Paul Hanley from Beyond Your Base summarized the Task Force meetings so far. The high level conclusions from the Task Force include: 1) boundary adjustments should not be part of the proposal; 2) there should be a larger focus on maintenance and secure vestibules; 3) middle school grade reconfiguration is important; 4) upgrades such as air conditioning and ADA compliant bathrooms are important. Although the Board provided the Task Force with guardrails of \$100-150 million, a significant portion of the Task Force exceeded those numbers as they prioritized elements. The Board discussed pros and cons of various proposals at various cost levels. The Board came to consensus to test three proposals with the community:
- Option A: \$179 million (years 1-8 maintenance, secure vestibules, middle school grade reconfiguration, air conditioning, and bathroom renovations)
 - Option B: \$139 million (years 1-8 maintenance, middle school grade reconfiguration, and bathroom renovations)
 - Option C: \$99 million (years 1-8 maintenance and secure vestibules only)

6. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

A. Facility Planning Community Engagement Plan

Member Weiner moved and Member Doshi seconded the motion to approve a community engagement plan consisting of:

- Option A at \$179 million (years 1-8 maintenance, secure vestibules, middle school grade reconfiguration, air conditioning, and bathroom renovations)
- Option B at \$139 million (years 1-8 maintenance, secure vestibules, middle school grade reconfiguration, and bathroom renovations)
- Option C at \$99 million (years 1-8 maintenance and secure vestibules only)

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

7. DISCUSSION

A. Administrative Centers: ASC and Longfellow

Dr. Russell reported that consideration of the future of the administrative centers has run on a parallel track to the master facility plan. Longfellow is a building at the end of its useful life, while functionally it makes little sense to run two administrative centers. The Village of Downers Grove is currently planning a new village hall/police station, and has proposed a potential opportunity for District 58 to share the new administrative space through a long-term lease arrangement. Advantages to such a partnership include reducing the total square footage needed due to sharing common reception, board room and meeting spaces; funding that does not rely on District 58's limited structure for borrowing; and reducing the burden on local taxpayers. The District is also actively exploring other options, including buying another property, renting, or taking over some or all of an existing school building for administrative space. Each of the possibilities has benefits and drawbacks. The Board is in support of further exploring a partnership with the Village, but members would like to see more details regarding each of the possible options. Dr. Russell noted that the Village's timeline would require a memo of understanding from District 58 by May 2020 and an intergovernmental agreement by January 2021.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Leo, Pierce Downer attendance area and former Board member, commented if Longfellow were sold to a developer, future construction

would disrupt the entire neighborhood for several years. He asked the Board to consider alternative options.

Chris Hanley, Herrick attendance area, stated that he supports the idea of partnering with the Village as it shows fiscal responsibility.

Marshall Schmitt, Pierce Downer attendance area and former Board member, commented that the community is extremely conservative and that a proposal including air conditioning will not have the community's support. He also stated his concern that the District is not engaging the community regarding administrative facility needs.

Don Renner, Hillcrest attendance area, stated that he is a former Board member in District 99. He encouraged the Board to consider polling regarding the higher cost proposals and trust the accuracy of the polling.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hughes announced the following dates:

- Friday, March 6th, 7 a.m. ~ Financial Advisory Committee Meeting ~ ASC
- Monday, March 9th, 7 p.m. ~ Regular Board Meeting ~ Downers Grove Village Hall

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Darren Hughes, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary