

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met in special session on Monday, September 27, 2021, 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 special 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; Todd Drafall, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary.

2. FLAG SALUTE

President Hughes led the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Wy, Pierce Downer attendance area, commented that because he does not have any children in school, he did not have the opportunity to learn about the future of Longfellow. He believes the financial information regarding the sale is questionable, and stated that residents will not support a tax levy in the future.

Joe Leo, Pierce Downer attendance area, commented that although he is a former Board member and faithful supporter of the District for many years, he does not know how to continue support in light of the Board's decision to sell the Longfellow property. He stated that the Board needs to take its time and ask more questions before approving a contract.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

A. Award of Contract for Sale of Longfellow School

Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to award the contract for the sale of Longfellow School to McNaughton Development for \$4,155,000.

Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO Todd Drafall stated that the original resolution for sale did not receive any responsive bids. The Board

adopted a new resolution for sale with a minimum price of \$3 million, and then provided as much information as possible to prospective bidders, including estimates for demolition and asbestos abatement, posting all responses on the District website. The Village of Downers Grove was also helpful in responding to questions. Four responsive bids were received at 2 p.m. on September 27, and the highest bid was reviewed by counsel before the meeting. Mr. Drafall and Dr. Russell noted that the District has confidence in this bidder as they engaged in the information-gathering process, inspected the property, and are a known developer with a current project in the Hillcrest neighborhood. The Village also gave a positive report about this bidder. Outside of residential builders, the only inquiry into the property was from Kensington School, but the property would require a zoning change for their use.

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

B. List of Bills

Member Weiner moved and Member Hanus seconded the motion to approve the List of Bills as presented.

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

C. Surplus Equipment: Laminator, 63 File Cabinets, Couches, Desk

Member Ellis moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to designate a laminator, 63 file cabinets, couches, and desk listed in the attached memo as surplus equipment.

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

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Darren Hughes, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary