

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2015, at the Longfellow Center.

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 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 45 visitors. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

2. FLAG SALUTE

Carin Novak, principal of Lester School, recognized Student Council sponsors Marina Kasicki and Kathy Yee, and introduced student council officers Kate Gross, President; Natalia Greaney, Vice President; Sandy Brindl, Secretary; and Maeve Miller, Co-Treasurer. The students led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and talked about activities, fundraisers, and events for this school year. During Red Ribbon Week, students dressed in red and were given pencils and stickers. In the month of November, a food drive was held and items collected were donated to local families in need and the People's Resource Center. A "Pie in the Face" fundraiser raised more than \$1,400, which was used to purchase gift cards for local families in need to help them purchase food for their Thanksgiving dinner. New hats, mittens, scarves, and toys are currently being collected for the Lester Giving Tree, which will be donated to the Downers Grove Sharing Connections and People's Resource Center. Other fundraisers include a Penny Harvest, and events to support the Global Genes Project, and West Suburban Humane Society. A future pop tab collection is planned to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House and a March Madness Week of Fun will take place in the spring.

Lester PTA President Katie Courtney reported that the PTA and school have a strong relationship. Activities sponsored by the PTA include the "Running of the Leopards" Fun Run, which raised more than \$15,000; Winter Fundraiser; Holly Days, annual holiday shopping event; Daddy/Daughter Dance; Mother/Son Outing; and an ice cream social. The PTA supports Lester School by helping to fund transportation for field trips, Destination Imagination, Fit Girls, Roller Skating Week, Fun Lunch, and Author Fest. Purchases made by the PTA include a bench area for the outdoor classroom, a new bike rack, a water bottle fountain, books for One Book One School program, playground blacktop painting, and a new scale for the Nurse's Office. The PTA also awards a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a Lester School alumni.

3. NON-ACTION REPORTS

A. Recognition of Students

The names of students who participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) Festival were presented to the Board for recognition.

B. "Spotlight on our Schools" – OKEEP Review and Update

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Matt Rich along with kindergarten teachers Barb Potocki (Fairmount), Brittany Sanfillippo (Highland), Carrie Murphy (Henry Puffer), Theresa Lee (El Sierra), Beth Hatlen (Indian Trail), and Kathy Yee (Lester) shared with the Board an update on District 58's Optional Kindergarten Enrichment and Enhancement Program (OKEEP). During the 2015-2016 school year, the program is being piloted in the five District 58 Title I schools – El Sierra, Indian Trail, Henry Puffer, Kingsley, and Highland. Teaching a complete kindergarten curriculum within a half-day schedule has been challenging for educators, all the while trying to foster curiosity and encourage independence among students. Kindergartners in OKEEP are given dedicated STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) time each day. During this time, students are able to problem solve, collaborate, think critically, revisit difficult tasks on their own, and use engineering skills. OKEEP has nurtured students' literacy, speech and writing skills. Kindergarten teachers now have more time to focus on writing lessons. Opportunities for gross motor development are a reality because of OKEEP. Physical education periods scheduled two times each week and daily recess breaks help develop strong muscles and boost confidence in a child's ability to complete tasks, which can improve attention skills. OKEEP has resulted in a slower pace, which allows for more time to talk and carefully listen, class meetings, teachable moments, social emotional learning, problem solving strategies, centers, and STEAM. Kathy Yee was able to share personal experiences with her two children, one having attended half-time kindergarten and one currently enrolled in OKEEP.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. E-mails from Lauren Otahal regarding full-time nurse at elementary schools

B. E-mail from Debbie Levinthal regarding communication

C. Freedom of Information Act request from Michael Ockrim for names of extra-curricular program coaches and e-mail address for each
(Response from Dr. Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent & Pamela Osika, Sec' to the Supt/Board Sec'y)

D. E-mail from Chris McGrath regarding wrestling camp overview

E. E-mail from Dana Jacobson regarding Pierce Downer full-time kindergarten question

F. E-mail from Gary Franzen regarding iPads in the Classroom

5. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Kari Cremascoli reported that the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) was signed into law, replacing *No Child Left Behind*. While the impact on school districts is not completely understood yet, it is believed that ESSA provides for more local control to set goals and improvement plans. Science Fair registration is open and will continue through Friday, December 18th. District 58's Grove Children's Preschool will host two open houses on January 20th & 21st. State auditors recently completed visits to both preschool classrooms; the District is awaiting feedback from those visits. Superintendent Cremascoli announced that the Board will discuss future OKEEP options for 2016-2017 as noted on the agenda. Dr. Cremascoli shared that PARCC results for individual schools and districts have been released by the State and explained that the State Superintendent has encouraged the use of caution when interpreting results.

B. PARCC 2015

Dr. Matt Rich shared an overview of the PARCC assessment results from 2014-2015 with the Board. The PARCC scoring system is completely different from the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) assessment. PARCC has higher standards and a new baseline on which the District's scores will be measured against in the future. Illinois considers scores of 4 (met expectations) and 5 (exceeded expectations) sufficient for college/career readiness. Some other states that administer the PARCC consider scores of 3, 4 and 5 as sufficient. District 58 will examine the differences among these proficiency scores and the skills and aptitudes reflected within each category. Statewide, 33% of Illinois students met or exceeded PARCC assessment standards. In reviewing the preliminary results, District 58 performed above state average, with 47% of students meeting or exceeding standards in English-Language Arts and 38% of students meeting or exceeding standards in Mathematics. District 58 will not use PARCC assessment scores to identify or place children in any instructional program or service. Since the PARCC is a new scoring system in its first year, sufficient data regarding the results and the skills/aptitudes they represent are not yet available to make well-informed academic decisions with these results. District 58 will send individual score reports home to families with report cards, MAP scores and other assessment results at the conclusion of the quarter. District 58 will host a series of PARCC Parent Information Nights in January and February to answer additional questions regarding PARCC results and 2016 PARCC assessment administration.

C. Monthly Business

The Board received business reports, the investment report, and revenue and expenditure summary reports for the month ending November 30, 2015. Controller James Popernik reported that expenditures are generally on target and within budget. The District has received general state aid payment from the State, but has not received categorical payments, which amount to approximately \$1.5 million due from the State.

D. Treasurer's Report

Controller Jim Popernik reported that new formatted Treasurer Reports have been prepared by Terri Carby, CPA, and reports for July 2015 through November 2015 have been provided to the Board. Dr. Popernik explained that under the new iVisions system, the Treasurer Reports are now more "fluid." As financial reports are updated in the iVision system, those updates are now tied to the Treasurer Report and that report is updated automatically.

E. Policy Committee

1. First Reading – Policy #5100.2 – Students – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students

Member Diehl moved and Member Purcell seconded her motion to approve for first reading Policy #5100.2 regarding students health, eye, and dental examinations; immunizations; and exclusion of students and place it on the January board agenda for final approval.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

2. First Reading – Policy - #8022 – Internal Board Operations – Meetings

Member Miller moved and Member Diehl seconded his motion to approve for first reading Policy #8022 regarding meetings and place it on the January board agenda for final approval.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

E. Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee did not meet in November.

F. Financial Advisory Committee

The Financial Advisory Committee did not meet in December.

6. **DISCUSSION**

A. OKEEP Planning & Options 2016-2017

Superintendent Cremascoli reported that the Optional Kindergarten Enrichment and Enhancement Program (OKEEP) has been successful at the five pilot schools this year. District 58 must now look ahead and begin planning for the 2016-2017 school year. Three options exist regarding OKEEP:

- 1) No expansion of OKEEP, -- only offer OKEEP in the same five schools for 2016-2017,
- 2) Partial expansion of OKEEP – offer OKEEP at three additional schools for the 2016-2017 school year, or
- 3) Full expansion of OKEEP – offer OKEEP district-wide for the 2016-2017 school year, with special consideration for Lester School.

Currently, 10 out of 11 District 58 elementary schools have space to host the expanded kindergarten program, while meeting the needs of their school community. Due to space constraints, option #3 would require special consideration to be given to Lester School.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Matt Rich presented several options with special consideration for Lester School regarding the space issues.

- **Lester open enrollment:**
Lester would not host OKEEP in 2016-2017. Families interested in OKEEP would be eligible for an intra-district transfer to another school as space allows. Lester would not host OKEEP until a 1-2 classroom addition was constructed, at an estimated cost of (\$500,000-\$750,000) or boundaries were realigned to alleviate space constraints.
- **Lester partial-host:**
Lester would host one section of OKEEP and two sections of half-day kindergarten only. A lottery would be used to select OKEEP placement. Other Lester families interested in OKEEP would be eligible for an intra-district transfer to another school as space allowed. With this option, no space would be available for support services/interventions at Lester in the afternoon.
- **Specialists on carts:**
The art/music/orchestra/band/Champions classroom would be converted into a kindergarten classroom. Kindergarten students would eat in the classroom. Lester School would lose the last flexible space in the building, adversely impacting art, music, orchestra, band, interventions, and support services and special instruction.
- **Install a portable classroom:**
A two classroom portable unit with restroom would be installed at Lester at an estimated cost of \$230,000. Kindergarten students would eat in the classroom.
- **Offsite OKEEP:**
Host 1-2 sections of Lester OKEEP at Belle Aire School and provide 1-2 sections of half-day kindergarten at Lester School. District 58 would provide transportation for kindergarten students from the Lester community to Belle Aire at an estimated cost of \$25,000.
- **Offsite Kindergarten:**
Host all three sections of Lester kindergarten classrooms at Belle Aire School. District 58 would provide transportation for kindergarten students from the Lester community to Belle Aire at an estimated cost of \$50,000. This would adversely impact Belle Aire intervention space.

Board members discussed all possibilities and directed the administration to review previous kindergarten surveys and consider surveying Lester families for their input. The Board is in favor of expanding OKEEP district-wide. Additional information will be provided to the Board in January and February.

- B. Triple I Conference 2015
Member Diehl and Member Heppner shared their experiences and spoke briefly about attending the Triple I Conference in November. They encouraged other Board members to consider attending this conference in the future.
- C. Potential Calendar Options Presented by District 99 for 2016-2017 School Year
Superintendent Cremascoli explained that District 99 recently drafted two proposed school calendars for 2016-2017. One option proposes a traditional start date. The second option proposes an early August start date, which would enable District 99 to complete finals and first semester prior to winter break. District 99 reached out to the community asking for feedback regarding the two options. Board members discussed the potential calendar options presented by District 99. If District 99 chooses to adopt the early start date, it will prove challenging for District 58 to align its 2016-2017 calendar with District 99. High temperatures reported in early August would prove to be a factor. Physical constraints of District 58 schools would result in an uncondusive environment for student learning. District 58 provides services to much younger students than District 99. The health and well-being of all children and all staff members must always be a priority. The District 58 Board does not plan on considering a 2016-2017 calendar with an early August start date. A letter from the District 58 Board of Education to the District 99 Board of Education will be drafted outlining the reasons District 58 will not consider aligning school calendars for 2016-2017 if an early August start date is adopted.

7. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

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

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Miller moved and Member Diehl seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 regular meeting, the November 12, 2015 coffee with the Belle Aire staff, and the November 23, 2015 special meeting/financial workshop 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 Diehl moved and Member Miller seconded her motion to approve the following items:

A. Personnel

The appointment of one certified teacher and three instructional assistants, the request for Family Medical Leave of Absence for one speech therapist, the retirement of two educational support personnel employees, and the resignation of one educational support personnel employee.

B. Financial Reports

The list of bills as shown on the list submitted under the date of November 30, 2015 in the total amount of \$2,272,316.25 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 NOVEMBER 30, 2015
LIST OF BILLS EXPENDITURE**

EDUCATION FUND

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$516,271.72
Revolving Fund	\$72,238.50
Imprest Checks	\$6,433.80

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$63,664.08
Revolving Fund	\$48,531.44
Imprest Checks	\$0.00

DEBT SERVICE

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$0.00
Revolving Checks	\$1,271,675.00

TRANSPORTATION FUND

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$291,056.67
Revolving Fund	\$1,667.45
Imprest Checks	\$777.59

IMRF

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$0.00
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FICA/MEDICARE

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$0.00
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SITE & CONSTRUCTION FUND

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$0.00
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WORKING CASH FUND

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$0.00
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FIRE & LIFE SAFETY FUNDS

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$0.00
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MEDICAL INSURANCE RESERVE FUND

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$0.00
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SINKING FUND

List of Bills - December 14, 2015	\$0.00
Revolving Fund	\$0.00

Total	----- \$2,272,316.25
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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. Adoption of 2015 Certificate of Levy

Member Heppner moved and Member Purcell seconded his motion to adopt the 2015 Certificate of Levy in the amount of \$52,450,000.00.

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

B. Ten-Year Life Safety Report - 12 Schools

Member Diehl moved and Member Miller seconded her motion to approve the Life Safety Reports for 12 District 58 schools as presented.

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

C. Approval of District Depositories and Authorized Signatures

Member Lupescu moved and Member Miller seconded her motion to approve the depositories and authorized signatures as listed in the agenda materials.

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

Tuesday, January 5 Financial Advisory Committee Meeting
7:00 a.m. ASC Office

Monday, January 11 Regular Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Longfellow Center

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

13. CLOSED SESSION

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

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

The Board convened to closed session at 8:45 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 Diehl moved and Member Miller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 9 & 23, 2015 closed session meetings.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

B. Review of Closed Session Minutes

Member Lupescu moved and Member Diehl seconded the motion to keep the minutes from the November 9 & 23, 2015, closed session meetings permanently closed due to the confidential nature of the contents.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

John D. Cooper, President

Pamela A. Osika, Secretary