

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 2017, at the Downers Grove Village Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and announced that it was the regular monthly meeting of the District 58 Board of Education. Members present: President Doug Purcell; Vice President Elizabeth Sigale; and Members Gregory Harris, Darren Hughes, John Miller and Jill Samonte. Members absent: Beth Taylor. Also in attendance were Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent; Jayne Yudzentis, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Jessica Stewart, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Justin Sisul, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; David Bein, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Ken Young, Director of Buildings and Grounds; James Eichmiller, Director of Innovative Technology and Learning; Megan Hewitt, Coordinator of Community Relations; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary. Attending this meeting were at least 10 visitors. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

2. FLAG SALUTE

President Doug Purcell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. NON-ACTION REPORTS

A. "Spotlight on our Schools" – Strategic Goals Action Plan 2017-18

Superintendent Kari Cremascoli reported that because the District's current Strategic Plan, adopted in 2010-2011, has been largely implemented, the District's first goal in the coming year is to launch a new strategic planning effort, involving extensive community input. Within the current plan's four key focus areas, in 2017-2018 the District will focus on:

- Student Learning: Curriculum, Instruction & Programming
 - Meaningful, engaging growth and achievement opportunities for all students
 - Curricular and professional development in ELA, math, science, social studies and middle school exploratory classes
 - Evaluate assessments and explore new parent partnership opportunities
- Student Well-Being/Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)
 - Continue to monitor SEL implementation and explore student emotional well-being supports to meet the needs of all students
- Technology for Teaching and Learning
 - Continue to use 1:1 devices to enhance learning
 - Review use of 1:1 technology
- Facilities, Finance, Operations and Maintenance
 - Update district telephone system
 - Develop a forecasting and analysis approach to support financial stability

- Implement a plan to resolve the District's facility usage and constraints

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Email from Elizabeth Vasko regarding registration
- B. Letter from Maria Lopez regarding residency requirements
- C. Freedom of Information Act request from Matthew Topic regarding IEPs and 504s relating to ADD/ADHD ~ *Response from Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent*
- D. Email from Dr. Kelly Glisan regarding tentative budget
- E. Email from Christina Tumaitis-West regarding Lester kindergarten enrollment
- F. Freedom of Information Act request from Tracy Weiner regarding 1:1 Survey ~ *Response from Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent*

5. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Kari Cremascoli reported that school offices reopened on August 1st. The annual Principal Retreat was successful. SAMRI Camp at Matea Valley High School on August 2, a collaboration between District 58 and District 204, provided a professional development opportunity for more than 350 teachers. New English/Language Arts resources have arrived to begin phase 1 of implementation in at least two grade levels at each school. District 58 welcomed 40 new teachers on August 14 for New Teacher Week. Returning teachers and certified staff return on August 21 for Teacher Institute Day at Benedictine University. Teacher assignments will be emailed to parents on August 21 after 4 p.m., while middle school students will receive their class schedules during their locker set-up nights. Construction on the Whittier playground is complete, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22 at 3:30 p.m. The new playground was funded by a generous donation from the Whittier PTA. Dr. Cremascoli thanked the Buildings and Grounds Department, led by Ken Young, for their work on summer maintenance. Finally, after its self-evaluation, the Board decided to have a single Reception of Visitors period during Board meetings on a trial basis. After a few months, the Board will review its policies regarding reception of visitors and revise them if necessary.

B. Monthly Business

The Board received business reports, the investment report, and revenue and expenditure summary reports for the month ending July 31, 2017. Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO David Bein reported that the District's annual auditors are completing their onsite fieldwork. A final review of the 2017-18 budget will be presented at the Budget Workshop on August 28, 2017. Mr. Bein also gave an update on the status of state legislation regarding school funding. Until these funding issues are resolved, school districts will not receive any state funding for the 2017-18 school year. District 58 will be able to open on time and operate all year, but will closely monitor the progress in Springfield, as it relies on approximately \$5 million annually in state funds.

- 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 July.
- E. Legislative Committee
The Legislative Committee did not meet in July.
- F. Financial Advisory Committee
The Financial Advisory Committee did not meet in July.
- G. Meet & Confer Strategic Plan Committee
The Meet & Confer Strategic Plan Committee did not meet in July or August.

6. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Craig Young, president of the DGEEA, stated that he had intended to hear the discussion before making comments. He expressed reservations about giving away tax dollars in a tax abatement, and stated that it is the responsibility of businesses to pay for the services that they and their employees benefit from.

Tracy Weiner, parent from Henry Puffer, stated that she preferred to comment after discussions and presentations. She requested that the Board schedule a single Reception of Visitors after Discussion.

7. DISCUSSION

A. Lester Project Update

Architects Amy Fuller and Brad Paulsen from Wight & Company shared an update on the Lester School facility project. With feedback from the Board and administrators, the architects created schematic drawings that refined the earlier design and incorporated cost-saving measures. The Board directed the administration to move forward and prepare the project for the public bidding process.

B. Project Altitude

Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO David Bein and Michael Cassa of The Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation (EDC) shared a proposal to permit a local manufacturing business currently located in Downers Grove to phase in new property taxes over 10 years through a tax abatement. The business plans to expand and build a new facility in Downers Grove, but would likely move out of Downers Grove without the tax abatement incentive. The proposed agreement requires the approval of the Village of Downers Grove, District 99 and District 58 to go forward. The consensus of the Board was to vote on the agreement at the August 28, 2017 Budget Workshop.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2017

Member Harris moved and Member Hughes seconded his motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 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 Hughes moved and Member Sigale seconded his motion to approve the following items:

A. Personnel

The request for Family Medical Leave of Absence for one certified teacher, the retirement of two certified teachers, the resignation of two certified teachers, and the appointment of five certified teachers. The resignation of six support staff and the appointment of 22 support staff.

B. Financial Reports

The list of bills and obligations prepared for payment on August 7, 2017, as well as the revolving and imprest issued in July 2017 as shown on the list submitted under the date of August 7, 2017 in the total amount of \$3,483,752.01 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 AUGUST 07, 2017
LIST OF BILLS & EXPENDITURES

EDUCATION FUND

List of Bills – Aug 07, 2017	\$2,444,604.50
Revolving Fund - July 2017	\$24,381.58
Imprest Checks - July 2017	\$7,828.20

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND

List of Bills – Aug 07, 2017	\$182,980.58
Revolving Fund - July 2017	\$29,435.49
Imprest Checks - July 2017	\$5,985.70

DEBT SERVICE

List of Bills - Aug 07, 2017	\$75,441.83
Revolving Fund - July 2017	\$0.00
Imprest Checks - July 2017	\$450.00

TRANSPORTATION FUND

List of Bills – Aug 07, 2017	\$712,644.13
Revolving Fund - July 2017	\$0.00
Imprest Checks - July 2017	\$0.00

<u>IMRF</u>		
	List of Bills - Aug 07, 2017	\$0.00
<u>FICA/MEDICARE</u>		
	List of Bills - Aug 07, 2017	\$0.00
<u>SITE & CONSTRUCTION FUND</u>		
	List of Bills - Aug 07, 2017	\$0.00
<u>WORKING CASH FUND</u>		
	List of Bills - Aug 07, 2017	\$0.00
<u>FIRE & LIFE SAFETY FUNDS</u>		
	List of Bills - Aug 07, 2017	\$0.00
<u>MEDICAL INSURANCE RESERVE FUND</u>		
	List of Bills - Aug 07, 2017	\$0.00
<u>SINKING FUND</u>		
	List of Bills - Aug 07, 2017	\$0.00
	Revolving Fund - July 2017	\$0.00
	Total	\$3,483,752.01

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

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

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

A. Strategic Goals Action Plan 2017-2018
 Member Hughes moved and Member Harris seconded his motion to approve the Strategic Goals Action Plan 2017-2018 as presented. (Attachment 08/14/2017 A)

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

B. Schedule for "Spotlight on our Schools"
 Member Miller moved and Member Sigale seconded his motion to approve the 2017-2018 schedule for "Spotlight on our Schools" as presented.

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

C. Intergovernmental Agreement on Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses
 Member Samonte moved and Member Sigale seconded her motion to

approve the Intergovernmental Agreement on Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses between the Board of Education of Downers Grove Grade School District 58 and the Downers Grove Police Department.

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

D. Serious Hazard Recommendations

Member Sigale moved and Member Hughes seconded her motion to designate the areas listed as hazardous for 2017-2018, which makes students who reside within the designated areas eligible for fee-based transportation services even though they live within the one-and-one-half mile limit (K-8). (Attachment 08/14/2017 B)

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

E. Recommended Personal Property Replacement Taxes for 2018

Member Miller moved and Member Hughes seconded his motion to adopt the "Resolution Authorizing the Distribution of Personal Property Replacement Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2018." (Attachment 08/14/2017 C)

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

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Purcell announced the following dates:

Monday, August 21	Superintendent's Evaluation Workshop 6:30 p.m. ASC
Monday, August 28	Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m. Belle Aire School
Monday, September 11	Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Downers Grove Village Hall

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Doug Purcell, President

Melissa L. Jerves, Secretary