

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022 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 the regular monthly meeting of the District 58 Board of Education. Members present: President Darren Hughes, Vice President Gregory Harris; and Members Melissa Ellis, Emily Hanus, Steve Olczyk and Tracy Weiner. Members absent: Kirat Doshi. 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; Jessica Stewart, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Todd Drafall, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Sonali Patil, Manager of Business Services; Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Megan Hewitt, Community Relations Coordinator; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SCHOOL REPORT

Indian Trail Student Council officers Kayley Brady, Rachel Bywater, Sanavi Garale, Ethan Neidlinger Vogt, Delaney Lawrence and Molly Nickels led the pledge of allegiance and then reported on ways the Student Council is working toward the school's goals of Spirit, Teach, Acts of Kindness, Love Our School, Loyalty, Inspire, Organization, New to It, and Service.

PTA President Beth Johnson shared their three missions: supporting students, partnering with staff, and engaging families. Indian Trail PTA is focusing on providing accessible activities for all families, regardless of income level, and continuing its fundraising efforts toward a new playground. The PTA is trying to raise the last \$22,000 in the next six weeks.

Principal Tracey Ratner reported on Indian Trail's 2022 assessment data, in which students demonstrated close to expected growth in English Language Arts (ELA), and expected growth in Math. ELA will continue to be an area of focus in the current school improvement plan. Last year's goal focused on vocabulary, which will be carried forward; this year's goal will be implementing the Science of Reading through professional learning and goal setting to improve student outcomes. Creating building-wide behavior systems and tracking behavior data is the other school improvement goal.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Freedom of Information Act Requests

1. Freedom of Information Act request from Jeff Tischauser, Southern Poverty Law Center, regarding FOIA requests related to critical race theory, etc. ~ *response from Board Secretary Melissa Jerves.*
2. Freedom of Information Act request from Julie Dustin, Databid, regarding bids for construction at North and South ~ *response from Board Secretary Melissa Jerves.*

4. SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SCHOOLS

A. School Report Cards

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Justin Sisul reviewed District 58's 2022 Illinois Report Card, which includes Math and English-Language Arts (ELA) academic proficiency and growth data from the 2022 Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). The IAR was administered to students in grades 3-8 last spring. 46.2% of students demonstrated proficiency in ELA and 51.1% were proficient in math. Compared to all Illinois school districts, District 58 is in the 84th percentile for ELA and the 94th percentile for math.

The Illinois Report Card gave each school a summative designation. Hillcrest School earned the highest rating of Exemplary, while the remainder of District 58 schools earned a Commendable rating. Ratings are calculated based on data including academic growth and proficiency, chronic absenteeism, and climate survey participation. The report card also showed the District's progress on the state's Equity Journey Continuum, which helps districts track progress toward closing gaps in student achievement, opportunities and supports.

5. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Superintendent

Dr. Russell reported that 67% of voters supported District 58's bond referendum, and thanked the community and staff for participating in community engagement opportunities.

- **IASB School Board Governance Recognition:** On November 2, the Board was awarded the Illinois Association of School Board's top governance recognition.
- **School Board Members Day:** November 15 is School Board Members Day, an opportunity to show support for our Board of Education. Board members are unpaid volunteers who put in a great deal of effort, especially during the recent pandemic.
- **Congratulations** to Dr. Leland Wagner, Pierce Downer principal, who recently completed his dissertation.
- **Personnel:** The District has begun the process to fill the Assistant

Superintendent for Personnel and O'Neill Principal positions that will open due to the coming retirements of Dr. Jayne Yudzentis and Mr. Matt Durbala.

- **Technology:** Installation of the new fiber optic network is in progress, at no cost to the District, and is expected to be fully operational before the end of the school year.
- **Student Services:** Special thanks to the preschool teams, including Preschool Coordinator Susan Dillon and building principals, for their contributions to the mandatory audit by ISBE. Findings will be available in the fall.
- **Public Relations:** The Grove Express 5K will be held on Thanksgiving Day, with proceeds split among the Education Foundation, Rotary Club, and Roadrunners Soccer Club.
- **Facilities:** The Monthly Business report will include a report on playground updates and funding. The District will try to finalize playground construction this summer.

B. Monthly Business

The Board received business reports and the investment report for the month ending October 31, 2022. Assistant Superintendent for Business Todd Drafall reported that the Year-to-Date Report shows operational revenues and expenses trending as expected. The Board will need to approve an amended budget this year to account for the referendum revenue. Next steps following the passage of the referendum include reducing storage containers or trailers from the pandemic to make room for construction trailers, approving the construction management base contract, and completing the sale of bonds to fund the first three years of construction.

C. Treasurer's Report

There was nothing special to report in regard to the Treasurer's Report.

D. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

E. Legislative Committee

Dr. Russell reported on the October 26, 2022 meeting of the Legislative Committee. The committee discussed the IASB Resolutions Report in advance of the IASB Delegate Assembly in November, and made recommendations to Board on positions to adopt. The committee's positions aligned with those of the IASB Resolutions Committee.

F. Financial Advisory Committee

President Hughes reported on the November 10, 2022 meeting of the Financial Advisory Committee. The committee reviewed the Year-to-Date Report, received an update on playground progress and planning, welcomed Mr. Ray Coyne from Oppenheimer to review the bond process, reviewed the construction management contract, and discussed the tax levy. The Consumer Price Index is currently well above the 5% tax cap, requiring the Board to

hold a Truth in Taxation hearing in December before approving the levy.

G. District Leadership Team

The District Leadership Team has not met since the last Board meeting.

H. Health and Wellness Committee

The Health and Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

6. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items on the agenda.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2022

Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

B. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2022

Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 Curriculum Workshop as presented.

VOICE VOTE (Member Ellis abstained)

Motion carried

9. CONSENT AGENDA

The President stated that a motion would be in order relative to the items on the consent agenda, consisting of the Personnel Report and Financial Statements (consisting of the List of Bills and Summary), and IASB Resolutions, as presented in the packet materials. Member Harris requested that the IASB Resolutions be considered separately. Member Weiner moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to approve the following items:

A. Personnel

- The assignment of three support staff employees.
- The family medical leaves of absence of five certified staff employees.
- The parental leave of absence of one administrator.
- The retirement of two support staff employees.
- The dismissal of one support staff employee.

- Teacher stipends for clubs and activities, and instructional assistant stipends as listed in the Personnel Report.

B. Financial Reports

The list of bills and obligations prepared for payment on November 14, 2022, as well as the revolving and imprest issued in October 2022 as shown on the list submitted under the date of November 14, 2022 in the total amount of \$2,281,318.74 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 14, 2022
LIST OF BILLS & EXPENDITURES

EDUCATION FUND

List of Bills - November 14, 2022	\$1,457,463.07
Revolving Fund - October 2022	\$32,001.34
Imprest Checks - October 2022	\$17,148.19

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND

List of Bills - November 14, 2022	\$182,949.75
Revolving Fund - October 2022	\$19,945.01
Imprest Checks - October 2022	\$117.08

DEBT SERVICE

List of Bills - November 14, 2022	\$0.00
Revolving Fund - October 2022	\$0.00

TRANSPORTATION FUND

List of Bills - November 14, 2022	\$535,659.08
Revolving Fund - October 2022	\$43.92
Imprest Checks - October 2022	\$736.25

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List of Bills - November 14, 2022	\$0.00
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FICA/MEDICARE

List of Bills - November 14, 2022	\$0.00
Revolving Fund - October 2022	\$0.00

SITE & CONSTRUCTION FUND

List of Bills - November 14, 2022	\$35,255.05
Revolving Fund - October 2022	\$0.00

WORKING CASH FUND

List of Bills - November 14, 2022	\$0.00
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FIRE & LIFE SAFETY FUNDS

List of Bills - November 14, 2022	\$0.00
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MEDICAL INSURANCE RESERVE FUND

List of Bills - November 14, 2022 \$0.00

SINKING FUND

List of Bills - November 14, 2022 \$0.00

Revolving Fund - October 2022 \$0.00

Total \$2,281,318.74

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

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

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

A. 2022 IASB Resolutions

Member Hanus requested the Resolution #3, Firearm Dealer Location, be considered separately. Member Olczyk moved and Member Harris seconded the motion to approve the positions on each resolution in the 2022 Resolutions Committee Report as presented in the attached spreadsheet, with the exception of Resolution #3.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

B. 2022 IASB Resolution #3

Member Hanus moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to adopt IASB Resolution #3. The Board discussed the resolution, noting that locating a gun dealer at least 1,500 feet away from a school is a common sense strategy to increase school safety. While the resolution as written may not be the perfect solution, supporting this resolution puts pressure on the legislature to research and address the issue.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Ellis, Hanus, Harris, Hughes, and
Weiner
NAYS: Member Olczyk Motion carried

C. Resolution for the Issue of \$179,000,000 in General Obligation School Bonds

Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$179,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds of the District, for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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

D. Resolution for the Issue of \$3,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds

Member Olczyk moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$3,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds of the District, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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

E. American Education Week Resolution

Member Ellis moved and Member Weiner seconded the motion to adopt the American Education Week Resolution as presented.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

F. Construction Management Contract

Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to approve the construction management contract with Bulley & Andrews as presented.

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

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hughes announced the following dates:

Monday, November 21, 3:45 p.m. District Leadership Team
O'Neill Middle School

Monday, November 21, 7 p.m. Curriculum Workshop
Village Hall

12. CLOSED SESSION

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

- the placement of individual students in special education programs and other

matters relating to individual students; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); and

- 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).

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

Member Harris moved and Member Ellis 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 9:07 p.m.

13. ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes – October 11, 2022

Member Ellis moved and Member Weiner seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 closed session meeting and keep them permanently closed due to the confidential nature of the contents.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Darren Hughes, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary