

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: District 58 Board Meeting

Date and Location of meeting: 7/10/17, Administrative Building at 1860 63rd St.

Meeting started: 6PM **Meeting adjourned:** 7PM

League Observer(s): Katie Frick

Board Members/Trustees present (P) not present (NP) tardy (T):

Doug Purcell (P)
Elizabeth Sigale (P)
Gregory Harris (P)
Darren Hughes (P)
John Miller (P)
Jill Samonte (P)
Beth Taylor (P)

Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff): 12

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Agenda can be found at:

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

2nd Reception of visitors (non-agenda items)

Michael Kelsey from Lester asked for clarification on waiting until next year to do some facilities repairs and the estimated percentage of cost increase. Doug Purcell and David Bein answered; usually the rate of inflation for this type of work is about 4 percent.

REPORTS (board members, staff, administrators)

Superintendent Report:

- IL has a budget! (see monthly business report below for more details on what this means to the district)
- She has met again with the architecture firm about the next step for the Lester addition. They are moving ahead with option 4 and are still developing

schematics. Next, the firm will meet with Lester faculty for specific needs. We will have more information and figures at the August board meeting.

-Curriculum is continuing to be revised and professional development is being laid out for next year.

-Summer school went well

-Action plans from the strategic planning retreat were presented to the board and will be discussed at the August board meeting.

Monthly Business Report:

-This is the first meeting of the fiscal 2018-year

-The state has a budget! We received 3 of 4 payments from the state last year. The district is still owed about \$1.7 million dollars. There is hope the state can catch up on payments, however, there is a bill in the hands of Governor Rauner that could cut public school funding. We will see if he signs or vetoes.

-We still owe money to the special education transportation company. David Bein is working on getting this bill lower due to dissatisfaction with services.

-District audit will wrap up in August

-10 percent increase in premiums has taken effect for reserve fund for Healthcare for staff of district 58.

Financial Advisory Committee:

-Waiting to see if there is property tax freeze

Meet and Confer Strategic Plan Committee:

They did not meet in June but Elizabeth Sigale wanted to make sure the board would be ok with moving forward to hire an outside consultant or professional facilitator. There was small discussion about whether or not the board needs outside help. Dr. Cremascoli stated she believes having professional help with ensure all parties are heard, including stakeholders and focus groups. The board agreed it is a good time to find candidate and start reviewing resumes and interview four options for the job.

PRESENTATIONS

none

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel Report ~ 1) Appointments 2) Resignations 3) Family Medical Leave of Absence 4) Retirements 5) Transfer of Assignment

B. Financial Reports ~ 1) List of Bills 2) Summary

Comments/Concerns:

During discussion to approve the 2017-2018 budget, John Miller expressed his concern about the deficit. After a lot of re-work, the budget is still about \$22,000 over where it should be. John said he realized the curriculum is an important need but asked if there was a way to delay buying Chromebooks. Dr. Cremascoli responded: all the principals expressed a real need for this technology. She added that they pushed off a re-refresh last year so this year it cannot be postponed again. The voice vote to approve the tentative budget for 2017-2018 passed with 6 'yes' and one 'no' from John Miller.

Following this the vote to lease the Chromebooks for the next three years also passed with 6 'yes' votes and one 'no' from John Miller.

General Features

| | Yes | No | Comments |
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| Did the meeting start on time? | x | | An hour early this month because board had self-evaluations in closed session |
| Were members attentive and prepared? | x | | |
| Were members courteous to each other? | x | | |
| Were members attentive to the publics' comments? | x | | |
| Was the facility adequate? | x | | A few more chairs needed to be brought in |
| Could the audience see and hear? | x | | |
| Were visual aids easily visible to the audience | x | | |
| Were the meeting facilities handicapped accessible | x | | |

FOIA (Complete once, unless information changes.)

Illinois Open Meetings Act requirements

| | Yes | No | Comments |
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| Was the agenda posted 48 hours before the meeting? If yes, note where | x | | |
| Did the agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed? | x | | |
| Were background materials made available to the public? | x | | |
| Was there adequate discussion of the issues? | x | | |
| Was there a closed session before, during or after the meeting? | x | | |
| If there was a closed meeting, was any action taken after the closed session? If so, what action? | x | | Appointment of employment, self-evaluations, discussion of minutes |

Date Submitted: 7/10/17

By:Katie Frick