

Meeting attended: Board of Education District 58

Date and Location of meeting: October 10, 2017 at O'Neil Middle School

Meeting started: 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 10 p.m.

Observer (your name): Katie Frick

Board/Council members present: A majority (4) of the full board constitutes a quorum.

x Doug Purcell President

x Gregory Harris

x Darren Hughes

x Jill Samonte

x Beth Taylor

x John Miller (19)

x Elizabeth Sigale (17)

Estimated number of people in the public: 20

Useful links Agenda: <http://www.boarddocs.com/il/dg58/Board.nsf/Public>

Presentations:

El Sierra Student Council did the flag salute and gave the audience an idea of what the student council is working on for this year. There are three main sections of student council: spirit days, fund raising and community service. In addition, the PTA president discussed some items the PTA is focusing on this year including: a fun run, a new playground, family events, after school programs and adult game nights.

Chromebooks: (James Eichmiller)

There was a brief video of students using Chromebooks in action. The new devices arrived in August and distributed after Labor Day. They contain a good base of apps and a new filter to keep the children safe. Some upcoming additions to be added: printing ability, audio/video editing software and the use of Android apps.

Reports:

Superintendent Report: (Dr. Cremascoli)

- Today (10/10/17) was a teacher workday. Half of the day was devoted to professional development and the other half was for collaboration efforts
- There has been a good turn out at the Parent Info Session night to learn about the new report card system. The next are on October 11 and October 19
- The new phone system should be deployed soon

Business Report: (David Bein)

- Auditors will report at the November meeting
- Natural disasters could affect inflation rate
- State still owes \$185,000 from last year, current on this year's payments

Policy Committee Report: (Greg Harris)

Policy 8255 details internal board operations. The communications between board members is cumbersome and they are considering changes. These will be discussed at the next Policy Committee meeting in October.

Financial Advisory Committee: (John Miller)

This month the committee looked at how District 58 compares to others in DuPage County. We have one of the lower property tax rates and yet we are considered a wealthy district. Miller concluded District 58 is a prudent steward of the resources given.

Meet and Confer Strategic Plan Committee: (Elizabeth Sigale and Jill Samonte)

This committee discussed bringing in an outside consulting firm to help the board head in the right direction with the new strategic plan.

Ad Hoc Committee on Superintendent Evaluation Procedures: (Purcell)

This committee is looking into updated annual planning and evaluation cycle.

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

Council Discussion:**Strategic Planning Process and Facilitator:**

The district needs to develop a new strong plan to head into the future. Four different firms were interviewed and one was selected: Hazard, Young and Attea and Associates (HYA).

Three members of the team from HYA did a short presentation on how they will focus on goals to connect kids, parents, teachers and the community. Here is a link to the handout provided by HYA:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/dg58/Board.nsf/files/ARTQKK6972B9/\\$file/Strategic Planning Process.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/dg58/Board.nsf/files/ARTQKK6972B9/$file/Strategic%20Planning%20Process.pdf)

Enrollment Planning: (Dr. Cremascoli)

After reviewing the demographer study of the district, it is clear there will be areas of growth as well as decline in population. However, the district as a whole is projected to be stable. The current area of concern is at Highland School. The projected growth of this school is more than the facility can accommodate and the board needs to make a decision on how to handle this situation. Dr. Cremascoli presented 4 possible options to correct this overcrowding problem:

- 1- Boundary adjustment affecting all students (current and future)
- 2- Boundary adjustment affecting only new students (future)
- 3- Policy adjustment- modify district wide policy for enrollment patterns
- 4- Case by Case adjustments- based on Board Policy 5102

Dr. Cremascoli asked for the board to discuss and to narrow down the options tonight so more in-depth information about specific plans can be presented at the November board meeting in

order for a decision to be made at the December board meeting. There was a lengthy discussion at this point. Each of the members conveyed his/her dismay with disrupting or splitting up families. In the end the board decided to nix options 1 and 3 and would like more information presented on options 2 and 4.

**Board of Education and DGEEA (Downers Grove Elementary Education Association) Meetings:
(Beth Taylor)**

DGEEA has expressed the desire to have meetings with the District 58 board. In the past, there were morning coffee meetings but they did not work well as it was difficult for the board members and teachers to attend. They tried to have meetings with DGEEA before individual committee meetings but those too were ill attended. Doug Purcell responded that due to the guidelines set forth by the Illinois State Board, the school board cannot meet privately with one collective bargaining group and need to keep these meetings open to the public.

Public comment:

- 4 Highland parents thanked the board for agreeing not to split up existing families at Highland School
- Andy Schmidt from DGEEA wants communication and transparency with District 58 and hopes they can find a way to have some face-to-face communications
- Puffer mom urged the board to meet with teachers when developing a new strategic plan
- Highland mom and member of DGEEA said she never realized the morning coffee meetings with the board was a chance to address any concerns; she urged the board to make it clear when they decide how to communicate with teachers

***Going forward, the meetings will be held at Village Hall unless otherwise posted**

General Features

	Yes	No	Comments
Did the meeting start on time?	x		
Were members attentive and prepared?	x		
Were members courteous to each other?	x		
Were members attentive to the public's comments?	x		
Was the facility adequate?	x		
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)

	Yes	No	Comments
Was the agenda posted 48 hours before the meeting? Where?	x		
Did the agenda items clearly describe what was being discussed?	x		
Were background materials made	x		

available to the public?			
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		See link to agenda