

Meeting attended: Board of Education District 58

Date and Location of meeting: August 14, 2017 at Downers Grove Village Hall

Meeting started: 7:05 p.m. **Executive Session?** no

Meeting adjourned: 8:32p.m.

Observer (your name): Katie Frick

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

Doug Purcell President

Gregory Harris

Darren Hughes

Jill Samonte

Beth Taylor

John Miller (19)

Elizabeth Sigale (17)

Estimated number of people in the public: 12

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

Superintendent Report:

-School Offices opened August 1, 2017

-Principals' retreat to plan went well

-Staff participated in Samuri Camp: partnership between District 58 and District 204. About 250 staff went to learn and collaborate with other teachers

-English Language Arts update: good feedback on new training for teachers

- New teachers started August 14, 2017

-All teachers will be at Benedictine University for a welcome back event August 21, 2017 7:30-8:30am. The board usually sends a member to welcome teachers.

-Class lists come out Monday August 26 via email for K-6. 7-8 Get theirs on locker day

-Whittier playground complete, ribbon cutting will be August 22, 2017

-Thank you to the buildings and grounds teams for all the summer work getting the schools ready

Monthly Business Report: (David Bein)

-Audit is going smoothly, we will have results in the fall

-Final review of budget is underway

-Senate Bill 1 was vetoed by Gov. Rauner. The IL House has 15 days to override this veto. If this does not happen there will not be any money distributed to IL schools until an agreement can be reached. We are thankful that District 58 will be able to function regardless.

Presentations:

Dr. Cremascoli presented her “Spotlight on our Schools” Strategic Goals Action Plan. This focuses on four main points: Student Learning, Student well being, technology for teaching and learning and lastly, facilities, finance, operations and maintenance. You can read her full report here:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/dg58/Board.nsf/files/AQ2N3A5DEC0E/\\$file/STRATEGIC GOALS ACTION PLAN FY18.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/dg58/Board.nsf/files/AQ2N3A5DEC0E/$file/STRATEGIC%20GOALS%20ACTION%20PLAN%20FY18.pdf)

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:

1. Lester School Update

Brad Paulson and Amy Fuller from Wight Architecture firm came to present the updated plans for Lester. They will add three new classrooms, two ADA accessible single use toilets and a new ADA accessible ramp outside on the North side of the building. The

estimated cost is \$2.03-2.25 million. Next step is to prepare the documents in order to put it out for public bid. The board gave a consensus to move forward.

Comments from the board:

John Miller: Suggested to look at Pierce Downer's recent addition to have an example of what this one might look like. He also said he would like to keep any savings that may come up at the project goes on and not overspend by adding any extras during the project.

Elizabeth Sigale: Said thank you to the team for working hard to cut costs and she is happy about the addition of the ADA bathrooms.

Greg Harris: Echoed the thanks and appreciates the cutting of costs.

Jill Samonte: Thanked them for the ADA bathrooms.

Doug Purcell: Asked about the partitions for co teaching. Amy Fuller responded: the teachers co-teach and preferred these types of walls. They can still make 3 separate classrooms at anytime.

2. Project Altitude:

An established local manufacturing company in Downers Grove is seeking a 10-year sliding scale abatement of incremental taxes to retain and expand local presence. District 58 would not lose any tax money, but rather, it would retain current property taxes and receive incremental tax increases over a ten-year period. This company is doing a confidential nation-wide search. If we do not offer this abatement, the company will look for incentives elsewhere and move out of Downers Grove, taking jobs and leaving an empty manufacturing facility.

District 58, District 99 and The Village all need to agree on whether or not to accept this abatement. You can read the full presentation here:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/dg58/Board.nsf/files/AQ5S4U70E791/\\$file/Project Altitude D58 BOE Presentation.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/dg58/Board.nsf/files/AQ5S4U70E791/$file/Project Altitude D58 BOE Presentation.pdf)

Public comment:

The board has decided to consolidate the previous two public comment sections into one. This took place before the discussion section of the meeting. Two people made public comment:

- 1- Craig Young (president of the teachers union) stated he would like the public comment section to be after the discussion in order to address some of the topics discussed. He said he is not for Project Altitude. He feels we should not be giving tax dollars back. In addition, teachers provide an important service to the community and should be compensated for such an invaluable service.
- 2- Tracy Weiner stated she came to learn more about Project Altitude and expressed she also thinks the public comment section should come after the discussion.

General Features

	Yes	No	Comments
Did the meeting start on time?		x	Started a few minutes late due to projector difficulties
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 available to the public?	x		
Was there adequate discussion of the issues?	x		
Was there a closed session before, during		x	

or after the meeting?			
If there was a closed meeting, was any action taken after the closed session? If so, what action?			N/A