

February 3, 2020

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met in special session on Monday, February 3, 2020, at the Administrative Service Center.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The President called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and announced that it was a special meeting of the District 58 Board of Education. Members present: President Darren Hughes; Vice President Gregory Harris; and Members Kirat Doshi, Emily Hanus, Steve Olczyk, Jill Samonte and Tracy Weiner. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Kevin Russell, Superintendent; Justin Sisul, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary. Paul Hanley, community engagement consultant of Beyond Your Base, attended the meeting via video conference. Attending this meeting were two visitors. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

**2. DISCUSSION**

Dr. Russell stated that the purpose of the meeting was to get the Board's feedback on the Citizen Task Force's recommendations following its January 22, 2020 meeting. The Task Force recommended that the District pursue an educational campaign to the community about grade reconfiguration and facility maintenance needs. This educational push would include an informational mailer (letter and insert), community engagement sessions for qualitative feedback, and polling.

The Board discussed the approach recommended by the Task Force as well as the draft materials. Board members expressed reservations about presenting the community with the preliminary options as drafted. Dr. Russell, the administrative team, and the architects will work together to provide several options at a range of lower dollar amounts. The Task Force will reconvene in late February or early March to narrow down those options. The Board will select the final two plans to test with the community.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Katie Hurckes, DGEEA member and Highland parent, commented that if the final plans do not include middle school grade reconfiguration, the District needs to address that issue with the staff much earlier.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Darren Hughes, President

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Melissa Jerves, Secretary