

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, February 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 Kirat Doshi, Melissa Ellis, Emily Hanus, Steve Olczyk and Tracy Weiner. Members absent: none. 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; Sonali Patil, Manager of Business Services; Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Megan Hewitt, Community Relations Coordinator; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Kingsley School Student Council members Emma Hickman, Claire Zimmerman and Grant Miller led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Student Council sponsors Carly Boyle and Ashley Herald introduced the students, who reported on the many fundraisers, events and activities the Student Council has planned, including donations to Fish food pantry, Habitat for Humanity, veterans, and local families. Assistant Principal Eleni Gajewski introduced a video that highlighted Kingsley's school improvement goals. In reading, the focus is on goal setting in many different arenas, from reviewing data and research to using goal setting in the classroom with students. In math, the focus is on implementing the math curriculum with fidelity. The entire Kingsley community is also working toward its SEL goal to spark happiness.

The Kingsley PTA has sponsored a plethora of events and fundraisers to celebrate and support students and staff: ice cream social, Fall Fest fundraiser, pancake breakfast, monthly staff appreciation treats, holiday parties for students, Fun Lunch, field trips and Field Day.

Principal Mel Hackett concluded the presentation with thanks to the PTA executive board members who attended the meeting: Sarah Havle, Ryan Garrity and Maggie Zimmerman.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Written Communications

1. Email from Karen Schmidt regarding quarantine rule change ~ *response from*

- Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
2. Email from Jason O'Malley regarding remote learning option for January Omicron surge ~ *response from Board President Darren Hughes.*
 3. Email from Ella Mancuso regarding Longfellow School ~ *responses from Board President Darren Hughes and Board Member Steve Olczyk.*
 4. Email from Rasa Urlakyte regarding student issue ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 5. Email from Gratas Zvirblis regarding student issue ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 6. Email from Amy Vogt regarding library class at Indian Trail ~ *response from Board Member Tracy Weiner.*
 7. Email from Lisa Rose regarding 708 mental health boards for Lisle and Naperville Townships.
 8. Email from Julie Wojtowicz regarding appeal to transition to mask optional ~ *response from Board President Darren Hughes.*
 9. Email from Susan Collins regarding selling off Longfellow School ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 10. Email from Jennifer Hearne regarding mask mandate ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 11. Email from Eric Blau regarding the importance of masking in schools ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 12. Email from Joane Ramsey regarding latest court ruling ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 13. Email from Katie Kestner regarding mask mandate in DG58 ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 14. Emails from Kira Baltazar regarding mask mandate ~ *responses from Board President Darren Hughes and Board Members Tracy Weiner and Emily Hanus.*
 15. Email from Carrie Antonopoulos regarding masks in schools ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 16. Email from Nicole Schulz regarding mask optional ~ *response from Board President Darren Hughes.*
 17. Email from Wes Riesmeyer regarding support for mask optional ~ *responses from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell and Board President Darren Hughes.*
 18. Email from Kevin Dennis regarding mask optional ~ *response from Board President Darren Hughes.*
 19. Email from Patrick Hinsberger regarding no more mask mandates ~ *response from Board President Darren Hughes.*
 20. Email from Elise Churchill regarding make masks optional ~ *response from Board President Darren Hughes.*
 21. Email from Sara Roussin regarding thank ~ *response from Board President Darren Hughes.*
 22. Email from Rebekah Padalik regarding mask mandate ~ *responses from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell and Board President Darren Hughes.*
 23. Email from Angela Keig regarding mask mandate ~ *responses from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell and Board President Darren Hughes.*
 24. Email from Ryan Garrity regarding mask requirement question ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 25. Email from Amy McNeal regarding Grischow's court ruling ~ *responses from*

- Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell and Board President Darren Hughes.*
26. Email from Jim O'Toole regarding Feb. 6 update regarding COVID-19 court rulings.
 27. Email from Julie Wojtowicz regarding please follow the law, drop the regulations ~ *response from Board President Darren Hughes.*
 28. Email from Kathleen Ramsey regarding recent ruling ~ *response from Board President Darren Hughes.*
 29. Email from Elise Churchill regarding Feb. 6 update regarding COVID-19 court rulings.
 30. Email from Josh Hearne regarding Feb. 6 update regarding COVID-19 court rulings ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 31. Email from Dave Borkowski regarding masks in schools ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 32. Email from Kyle Gansel regarding please stand up ~ *response from Board President Darren Hughes.*
 33. Email from Kelly Becker regarding masks.
 34. Email from Ana Guido regarding COVID mitigations.
 35. Email from Marc Wiescinski regarding universal indoor masking ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 36. Email from Lisa Hinsberger regarding please lift the mandate ~ *responses from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell and Board President Darren Hughes.*
 37. Emails from Tara Griffin regarding mask required ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 38. Email from Karen Schmidt regarding question about 2/6 email regarding d58 COVID policy.
 39. Email form Leslie Sadowski-Fugitt regarding thank you for your thoughtful approach to COVID-19 mitigations.
 40. Email from Julie Johnson regarding masking.
 41. Email from Jon Dahlstrom regarding Feb. 6 update regarding COVID-19 court rulings ~ *responses from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell and Board President Darren Hughes.*
 42. Email from Kristi Miceli regarding mask mandate.
 43. Email from Jamie Sparger regarding mask mandate feedback ~ *responses from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell and Board President Darren Hughes.*
 44. Email from Katie Klimek regarding mask optional ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 45. Email from Katherin Frankovic regarding thank you ~ *responses from Board Members Tracy Weiner and Emily Hanus.*
 46. Emails from Shon Lo regarding masks in District 58 - make them optional ~ *responses from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell and Board President Darren Hughes.*
 47. Email from Carmen Gamble regarding optional masks in school ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 48. Emails from Shannan Peterson regarding masks optional ~ *response from Board Member Emily Hanus.*
 49. Email from Barb Allen regarding mask optional.
 50. Email from Nicole Richman regarding masking.
 51. Email from Matt Klimek regarding mask optional - path forward to

- compromise ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
52. Text message from parent regarding masks.
 53. Email from Heather Paulis regarding unmask our children and upcoming Board meeting.
 54. Email from Katie Thomas regarding COVID-19 mitigation measures.
 55. Email from Tom Callahan regarding meeting tonight requires masking ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 56. Email from Christina Tung regarding Elgin U-46 is sticking to wearing masks.
 57. Email from Jamie Sparger regarding Feb. 10 special meeting ~ *response from Community Relations Coordinator Megan Hewitt.*
 58. Emails from Kira Baltazar regarding thank you ~ *response from Board Member Emily Hanus.*
 59. Email from Matthew Dziejcz regarding thank you.
 60. Email from Ken Lukes regarding thank you ~ *responses from Board Members Melissa Ellis and Emily Hanus.*
 61. Email from Laura Richtman regarding mask optional vote ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 62. Email from Troy Hawkins regarding thank you ~ *response from Board Member Emily Hanus.*
 63. Email from Elly Kafritsas-Wessels regarding tonight's vote ~ *response from Board Member Emily Hanus.*
 64. Email from Anjali Alva regarding mask accountability required.
 65. Emails from Katie Kestner regarding Board approves mask-recommended policy ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 66. Email from Brian Sewell regarding thank you ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 67. Email from Carla Giannelli regarding thank you ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
 68. Email from Kyle Gansel regarding thank you.
 69. Email from Elise Churchill regarding thank you.
 70. Email from Christine Paulik regarding revised guidance 2/14 questions.
 71. Email from Theresa Krok regarding thank you.
 72. Email from Karen Schmidt regarding thank you.
 73. Email from Julianne Feigel regarding thank you.
 74. Email from Leslie Sadowski-Fugitt regarding last night's masking decision.
 75. Email from Jennifer Meggos regarding my appreciation.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

1. Freedom of Information Act request from Jonathan Fagg, ABC7 Chicago, regarding remote learning equipment ~ *response from Board Secretary Melissa Jerves.*
2. Freedom of Information Act request from Illinois Retired Teachers Association regarding 2022 retirees ~ *response from Board Secretary Melissa Jerves.*
3. Freedom of Information Act request from Michelle Leverenz, TK Elevator Corp., regarding elevator maintenance contracts ~ *response from Board Secretary Melissa Jerves.*
4. Freedom of Information Act requests from Glen Nothnagel regarding various bonds.

5. Freedom of Information Act requests from Kristi Miceli regarding various bonds.
6. Freedom of Information Act request from Brian Sewell regarding communications between Superintendent and Board.
7. Freedom of Information Act request from Brian Sewell regarding communications between the District and teachers' union.

Board Meeting Follow-up Communications

1. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Makayla Cotter regarding public comment.
2. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Rebekah Padalik regarding public comment.
3. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Sara Roussin regarding public comment.
4. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Josh Hearne regarding public comment.
5. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Meggen McKenzie regarding public comment.
6. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Angelique Stacy regarding public comment.
7. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Kathleen Ramsey regarding public comment.
8. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Brian Sewell regarding public comment.
9. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Rebecca Adelman regarding public comment.
10. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Carrie Antonopoulos regarding public comment.
11. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Jamie Sparger regarding public comment.
12. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Debby Robertson regarding public comment.
13. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Ryan Ohman regarding public comment.
14. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Brad Dreisbach regarding public comment.
15. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Barbara Allen regarding public comment.
16. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Matthew Kulp regarding public comment.
17. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Kim Breier regarding public comment.
18. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Mike Allendorf regarding public comment.
19. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Meghan Landers regarding public comment.
20. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Shon Lo regarding public comment.

21. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Lindsay Garrity regarding public comment.
22. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Lisa Hinsberger regarding public comment.
23. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Shantel Smith regarding public comment.
24. Email from Board Vice President Gregory Harris to Dana Cox regarding public comment.

4. SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SCHOOLS

A. Winter Data Snapshot

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Justin Sisul presented an overview of winter 2022 aimsweb and MAP assessment data, as well as preliminary 2021 Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) results. After receiving some lower achievement on the fall 2021 aimsweb assessment, the District increased interventions for students at moderate or high risk. Winter 2022 data showed large improvements in both early literacy and numeracy.

The Winter MAP data showed that District 58 students continue to achieve at high levels, despite the pandemic. However, student growth lagged in comparison. Mr. Sisul noted that national MAP growth projections are based on pre-pandemic data sets.

Preliminary IAR data showed that that the percentage of District 58 students meeting or exceeding state standards declined about 5% in Reading but increased about 5% in Math. Data for the state as whole showed greater than 5% declines among Illinois students in both Reading and Math. A deeper review of the data showed that District 58 students did not perform as well in the written expression/written convention areas of the Reading assessment. The District plans to continue its work to enhance its writing curriculum.

5. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Superintendent

Dr. Russell reported that the first day of the mask recommended but not required policy went very well, and principals reported that all students respected the choices of their peers. He also stated that the 2022-2023 school calendar will be recommended to the Board at the March meeting. Winter and spring breaks will align with District 99, but start and end dates will be different.

B. Monthly Business

The Board received business reports and the investment report for the month ending January 31, 2022. Dr. Russell reported that the year-to-date report shows overall revenue exceeding expenditures, but in the next couple of months expenditures will exceed revenues as the District waits for its spring

tax revenue. A resolution on the agenda to transfer funds from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund will help bridge that gap and be repaid when the spring tax revenue is received.

C. Treasurer's Report

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

D. Policy Committee

Vice President Harris reported on the Policy Committee meetings of January 11 and February 1, 2022. The committee reviewed the draft policies of PRESS Issue 108 after additional edits were suggested by the District's attorneys and administrators. The majority of changes were a result of recent legislative updates as well as the periodic review of existing policies.

Member Weiner moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to approve for first reading the draft policies in PRESS Issue 108 as presented.

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

E. Legislative Committee

Member Ellis reported on the Legislative Forum held on January 28th at O'Neill Middle School. A full panel of legislators attended. The event began with a question on student mental health for all the legislators on the panel, followed by small breakout groups in which a variety of topics were discussed.

F. Financial Advisory Committee

The Financial Advisory Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

G. District Leadership Team

Member Weiner reported on the February 7, 2022 District Leadership Team meeting. The committee convened for an additional meeting to review the draft key performance indicators (KPIs) proposed by consultant ECRA. The draft KPIs capture a variety of skills, not just academic achievement.

H. Health and Wellness Committee

Vice President Harris reported on the January 13, 2022 Health and Wellness Committee meeting. The committee did not have new claims data to review, but noted that the District's Medical Reserve Fund has a modest surplus since November since the threshold for stop-loss insurance coverage has been met. The committee discussed ideas for promoting the employee wellness plan to encourage participation, and whether the current Employee Assistance Program provider meets the District's needs.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2022

Member Weiner moved and Member Hanus seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Ellis, Hanus, Harris, Hughes, Olczyk and Weiner

NAYS: None

Motion carried

8. 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), as presented in the packet materials. Member Olczyk moved and Member Weiner seconded the motion to approve the following items:

A. Personnel

- The assignment of four support staff employees and one custodial/maintenance employee.
- The family medical leaves of one certified staff employee.
- The resignation of one administrator, one certified staff employee, four support staff employees, and one custodial/maintenance employee.
- The retirement of one certified staff employee, two support staff employees, and one custodial/maintenance employee.

B. Financial Reports

The list of bills and obligations prepared for payment on February 14, 2022, as well as the revolving and imprest issued in January 2022 as shown on the list submitted under the date of February 14, 2022 in the total amount of \$1,747,041.15 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 FEBRUARY 14, 2022
LIST OF BILLS & EXPENDITURES

EDUCATION FUND

List of Bills – February 14, 2022	\$830,262.05
Revolving Fund - January 2022	\$160,535.75
Imprest Checks - January 2022	\$29,347.67

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND

List of Bills - February 14, 2022	\$334,239.40
Revolving Fund - January 2022	\$4,212.83
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	
List of Bills - February 14, 2022	\$0.00
Revolving Fund - January 2022	\$0.00
<u>TRANSPORTATION FUND</u>	
List of Bills - February 14, 2022	\$294,765.36
Revolving Fund - January 2022	\$0.00
Imprest Checks - January 2022	\$1,479.34
<u>IMRE</u>	
List of Bills - February 14, 2022	\$0.00
<u>FICA/MEDICARE</u>	
List of Bills - February 14, 2022	\$0.00
Revolving Fund - January 2022	\$0.00
<u>SITE & CONSTRUCTION FUND</u>	
List of Bills - February 14, 2022	\$92,198.75
Revolving Fund - January 2022	\$0.00
<u>WORKING CASH FUND</u>	
List of Bills - February 14, 2022	\$0.00
<u>FIRE & LIFE SAFETY FUNDS</u>	
List of Bills - February 14, 2022	\$0.00
<u>MEDICAL INSURANCE RESERVE FUND</u>	
List of Bills - February 14, 2022	\$0.00
<u>SINKING FUND</u>	
List of Bills - February 14, 2022	\$0.00
Revolving Fund - January 2022	\$0.00
Total	\$1,747,041.15

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

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

9. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

A. Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Monies from Working Cash Fund to

Education Fund

Member Olczyk moved and Member Weiner seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund.

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

B. iPad Purchase

Member Weiner moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to approve the purchase of 3760 9th Generation iPads with cases and 3-year AppleCare+ for schools for a purchase price of \$1,561,492.

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

C. Inspec Engineering Services Proposal for Masonry Improvements

Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to enter agreement with Inspec Engineering to provide building envelope consulting services for the masonry remediation projects at a total cost of 6.25% of the lowest responsible construction bid.

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

D. BID: Masonry Improvements

Member Weiner moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to award the masonry remediation base bids #2 and #3 to A.L.L. Masonry of Cicero, IL for a total cost of \$1,142,000.

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

E. School Fees 2022-23

Member Doshi moved and Member Weiner seconded the motion to approve the 2022-2023 school fees as presented.

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

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hughes announced the following dates:

Wednesday, February 23, 3:45 p.m.	Legislative Committee Meeting
Monday, February 28, 3:45 p.m.	District Leadership Team Meeting
Monday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.	Curriculum Workshop
Friday, March 11, 7 a.m.	Financial Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, March 14, 7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting

11. CLOSED SESSION

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

- the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1);
- collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2);
- the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10);
- litigation...when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11);
- 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).

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

Member Olczyk moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to reconvene in open session.

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

The Board convened to closed session at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 11:28 p.m.

12. ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

- A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes – January 10, 2022

Member Weiner moved and Member Doshi seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 closed session meeting and keep them permanently closed due to the confidential nature of the contents.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Darren Hughes, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary