

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 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; Todd Drafal, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; 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

Pierce Downer principal Leland Wagner noted some of this year's highlights, including the weekly awarding of the Pierce Downer Cup from one staff member to another as a way to implement positive psychology training; Panther of the Month awards to students who demonstrate positive behavior; and the addition of the RISE program to Pierce Downer. Pierce Downer Student Council members Allie Harrison, Aleks Palubinskas, Addelynn Amidei, Priya Fisher and Ella Cho led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and then reported on the activities and fundraisers they planned for this year. These included spirit days, Red Ribbon Week, a Winter Wonderland event, creating Valentine cards for seniors, and a Pie in the Face fundraiser for the new playground.

PTA Co-Presidents Melissa Odenbach and Melissa Poirier reported that the PTA has sponsored more in person events year, including family events such as a back to school party, Fall Fest, and Sweetheart Dance. The PTA provides staff support, including teacher appreciation events and funding teacher grants. Student support includes providing Fun Lunch once a month, exciting assemblies, and year-end events such as the Fun Run and Artcot.

Play at Pierce representatives Kelsey Wendell and Mackenzie Gapastione reported that the group has met 54% of its fundraising goal for a new playground. It has created a survey for the community to gather input on the playground, and planned fundraisers such as a golf event with silent auction and a trike parade.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Written Communications

1. Email from Barb Allen regarding social studies curriculum ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
2. Email from Adam Young regarding incident report ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
3. Email from Annie Perveneckis regarding feedback ~ *response from Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell.*
4. Email from Sam Scala regarding nominations ~ *response from Board Secretary Melissa Jerves.*

4. SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SCHOOLS

A. School Environment Survey

Coordinator of Community Relations Megan Hewitt reported on the School Environment Survey that was administered between February 15 and March 11, 2022. Ms. Hewitt noted that the District had just switched to a mask optional policy and canceled school two days due to snow, topics on which the community had strong opinions. The survey had the highest response rate ever, and overall the District received high scores. It asked two open-ended questions regarding one thing the District or school does well and one thing that could be improved upon. Responses fell within the general themes of COVID-related topics, student behavior, curriculum, communication, and facilities. Principals and building leadership teams have received the school results and will use them to inform school improvement plans and the goal-setting process for administrators. District administrators will review the data to inform district-wide or departmental improvements. The survey data will be posted on the website.

5. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Superintendent

Dr. Russell thanked the Pierce Downer staff, students and PTA for their presentation. State Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala visited Belle Aire and Hillcrest Schools on May 6. She toured the buildings and read a book to students at each school. Dr. Russell also reported on the following:

- **Curriculum:** The spring benchmarking session has begun. The Illinois School Report Card has been released to the public. District 58's data still has some minor discrepancies, but for the most part is accurate.
- **Finance:** The District received the highest recognition from the state for finances for the 20th year in a row.
- **Personnel:** Attached to the Board agenda is a spreadsheet that shares current enrollment projections for elementary sections. The spreadsheet is tentative and will continue to be updated as families continue to register.

- **Technology:** The new iPads have arrived. Delivery of the pallets was much more efficient than in the past due to the new garage door loading loading dock at the DSC.
- **Student Services:** ESY registration is closed; the District will welcome almost 80 students for the summer and is working to fill all staff positions.
- **Community Relations:** The Education Foundation honored 53 staff members nominated for the Distinguished Service Award. 2022 winners were Todd Cherney (technology staff) and Cheryl Lyons (Whittier fifth grade teacher). The Foundation also honored 58 eighth graders at the Select 58 awards ceremony.
- **Facilities:** Buildings and Grounds staff are working diligently to prepare for summer work across the District. Pre-construction meetings are scheduled for the end of the month.

B. Monthly Business

The Board received business reports and the investment report for the month ending April 30, 2022. Assistant Superintendent for Business Todd Drafall reported that although the spring is typically the low cash point of the fiscal year, this year the District's fund balance policy ensures sufficient funds on hand. There have been some costly facility repairs this winter that were expensive to accomplish during nights and weekends to ensure that the buildings could open for students.

C. Treasurer's Report

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

D. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

E. Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

F. Financial Advisory Committee

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

G. District Leadership Team

The District Leadership Team has not met since the last Board meeting.

H. Health and Wellness Committee

The Health and Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

6. DISCUSSION

A. Key Performance Indicators

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Justin Sisul

presented sample data and reports resulting from the District's partnership with ECRA, an education strategic planning firm, that will be shared with the Board and reviewed at the building level three times a year. These include MAP and AimsWeb data, growth updates, growth and proficiency projections, and Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) data.

He also reviewed draft Key Performance Indicators 1, Academic Proficiency, and 2, Academic Growth. Academic Proficiency would be measured by the percentage of students that have demonstrated grade-level proficiency on the IAR and NWEA MAP assessments. The District's benchmark is the state 75th percentile. Annual targets will be established for buildings, grade levels and identified subgroups based upon the projections for each student, with the goal being that each building, grade level and subgroup exceeds its projection. The Academic Growth indicator would be measured by the percentage of students demonstrating expected or higher than expected growth. The District's benchmark is 85%. Annual targets would be established each year based on projections for that year.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2022

Member Weiner moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

9. 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 Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to approve the following items:

A. Personnel

- The assignment of 18 certified staff employees.
- The resignation of two certified staff employees, one support staff employee, and one custodial/maintenance employee.
- The Family Medical Leave of Absence of one certified staff employee.
- The recommendations for tenure for the following staff:
 - Claire Armbrust, Fairmount, Grade 2
 - Erin Contreras, Pierce Downer, Grade 2

- Courtney Evans, Lester, Kindergarten
- Colleen Feinberg, Henry Puffer, Speech Therapist
- Katherine Gallagher, Kingsley, Grade 2
- Maxwell Gilbert, Hillcrest, P.E.
- Nicole Gorman, Kingsley, BEST
- Jennifer Lehotsky, District Office, Instructional Coach
- Megan Linker, Indian Trail, Grade 4
- Colleen McBrien, Indian Trail, Grade 2
- Natalie Notardonato, Fairmount, EL
- Robyn Panico, O'Neill, Language Arts
- Joseph Perillo, Kingsley, P.E.
- Christine Reynolds, Henry Puffer, Grade 3
- Michelle Sosa, Henry Puffer, Preschool DLP

B. Financial Reports

The list of bills and obligations prepared for payment on May 9, 2022, as well as the revolving and imprest issued in April 2022 as shown on the list submitted under the date of May 9, 2022 in the total amount of \$1,311,657.73 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 MAY 9, 2022
LIST OF BILLS & EXPENDITURES

EDUCATION FUND

List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$675,808.82
Revolving Fund - April 2022	\$23,355.95
Imprest Checks - April 2022	\$6,157.28

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND

List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$114,921.69
Revolving Fund - April 2022	\$607.10
Imprest Checks - April 2022	\$190.47

DEBT SERVICE

List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$0.00
Revolving Fund - April 2022	\$0.00

TRANSPORTATION FUND

List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$428,013.99
Revolving Fund - April 2022	\$0.00
Imprest Checks - April 2022	\$0.00

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List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$0.00
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FICA/MEDICARE

List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$0.00
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Revolving Fund - April 2022	\$0.00
<u>SITE & CONSTRUCTION FUND</u>	
List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$62,602.43
Revolving Fund - April 2022	\$0.00
<u>WORKING CASH FUND</u>	
List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$0.00
<u>FIRE & LIFE SAFETY FUNDS</u>	
List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$0.00
<u>MEDICAL INSURANCE RESERVE FUND</u>	
List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$0.00
<u>SINKING FUND</u>	
List of Bills - May 9, 2022	\$0.00
Revolving Fund - April 2022	\$0.00
Total	\$1,311,657.73

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)

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

A. Indian Trail Playground Fundraising
 Member Olczyk moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to approve the fundraising plan by the Indian Trail community for improving the playground areas at their school.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

B. Switch and Firewall Purchase
 Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to approve the purchase of 36 Cisco switches, the associated Cisco accessories and licenses, a SonicWall security appliance, and the associated high availability security appliance for a cost of \$164,060.00 from Sentinel.

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

C. JamfSchool Licences

Member Weiner moved and Member Doshi seconded the motion to approve the purchase of 3760 perpetual Jamf School licenses from Jamf for a cost of \$65,800.00.

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

D. Seesaw for Schools Contract Renewal

Member Weiner moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to approve a three-year contract for Seesaw for Schools for a total cost of \$60,750.00.

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

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hughes announced the following dates:

Tuesday, May 10, 3:30 p.m.	Parent Teacher Advisory Committee Google Meet
Monday, May 16, 3:45 p.m.	District Leadership Team O'Neill Middle School
Tuesday, May 17, 7 a.m.	Policy Committee Herrick Middle School
Friday, June 10, 7 a.m.	Financial Advisory Committee O'Neill Middle School
Monday, June 13, 7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting Village Hall

12. CLOSED SESSION

Member Doshi moved and Member Harris 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);

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Member Harris moved and Member Weiner 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 8:40 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 10:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Darren Hughes, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary