

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met in special session on Monday, April 25, 2022, at O'Neill Middle School.

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

The President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and announced that it was a special meeting of the District 58 Board of Education. Present at the meeting: President Darren Hughes; Vice President Gregory Harris; 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 Drafall, 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**

President Hughes led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**A. Superintendent**

Dr. Russell thanked the Kingsley and Henry Puffer communities for the support in selecting new principals. This week the District celebrates Administrative Professionals' Day, and next week is Staff Appreciation Week.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Justin Sisul gave a brief update on next week's final release of the 2022 Illinois Report Card. This release should include test results from the fall 2021 administration of the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). However, the preview of data provided to administrators by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) contains incomplete and inaccurate data. The District has reported the issue to ISBE, but is waiting to see what data will be available in the public release. The District will prepare a communication for families to give context to the data released as necessary.

**4. FINANCIAL WORKSHOP**

Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO Todd Drafall reported that the 2023-2027 financial plan was reviewed in detail at the April 11 regular board meeting.

The only additions to the document are a capital timeline from the 2012 comprehensive facility assessment report to the bond issue in 2020, the list of projects approved by the Board for summer 2022 from the proceeds of the sale of Longfellow Center, and playground work planned for fiscal year 22-23 funded by a state Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

A. Five-Year Financial Plan

Member Doshi moved and Member Ellis seconded the motion to approve the 2023-2027 financial plan which will be used to develop the 2023 budget.

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

B. Personnel Report

Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

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

Dr. Russell noted that the approved Personnel Report contained the appointments of principals for Henry Puffer and Kingsley Schools. He thanked outgoing principals Mrs. Waszak and Mrs. Hackett for their service to the students of District 58, and welcomed new principals Mr. Mark Leipart and Mr. Charles Brewster.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Hughes announced the following dates:

Monday, May 9, 7 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

Member Weiner moved and Member Ellis 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);
- consideration of student disciplinary matters. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9);
- 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).

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

Member Harris moved and Member Hanus seconded the motion to reconvene in open session.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

The Board convened to closed session at 7:28 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:16 p.m.

## 9. ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

### A. FOIA Litigation Settlement Agreement

Member Weiner moved and Member Olczyk seconded the motion to approve the settlement agreement with PlanSmart 58 to resolved Case No. 2021-MR-1224 in the Circuit Court of DuPage County. President Hughes read the following statement:

“In the settlement agreement, the Parties agree that there is no admission of liability by the District. The District maintains that it complied with FOIA and has filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit that is currently pending. The parties agree that the settlement is only to avoid the cost and uncertainty of ongoing litigation. The District is not paying any money to PlanSmart. The District is simply agreeing to exercise its discretion to waive the exempt status of some, but not all, pages it withheld as exempt and to produce those pages to PlanSmart. In exchange, PlanSmart agrees to dismiss the lawsuit and release its FOIA claims against the District.”

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

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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Darren Hughes, President

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Melissa Jerves, Secretary