

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met for a special meeting and budget workshop on Monday, April 29, 2019, at Pierce Downer School.

1. TOUR OF PIERCE DOWNER SCHOOL

The Board met with Pierce Downer Principal Christine Collins for a tour of the school at 6:00 p.m. 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 Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent, and Kevin Russell, incoming superintendent.

2. STAFF MEET & GREET

The Board met informally with District 58 staff at 6:15 p.m. in the Pierce Downer LRC.

3. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The President called the special meeting/budget workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. 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 Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent; Jayne Yudzentis, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Jessica Stewart, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Justin Sisul, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Todd Drafall, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Catherine Hannigan, Manager of Business Services; Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; James Eichmiller, Director of Innovative Technology and Learning; Megan Hewitt, Coordinator of Community Relations; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary. Attending this meeting was at least one visitor. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO Todd Drafall gave a presentation on the final 2018-2019 budget and the tentative 2019-2020 budget. Mr. Drafall reported that the 2018-19 budget is projected to be balanced, with \$68.2 million in revenues and \$68.9 million in expenditures. While expenditures are on budget at this point in the year, the District is experiencing low cash flow while it awaits revenue from property tax payments in June. It is possible that a tax anticipation warrant, a low interest loan, will be necessary to cover the very short period until the June property tax payments are received.

Mr. Drafall next outlined the 2019-20 tentative budget, which was developed in alignment with District 58's strategic plan. James Eichmiller, Director of Innovative Technology and Learning, reported on the technology expenditures, which contain an overall decrease of about \$100,000 from the previous budget.

Highlights include the second year of the iPad lease, a decrease in the cost for network services, minimal network hardware purchases, and postponing updates to faculty laptops and middle school Chromebooks until fiscal year 2021.

Justin Sisul reported on budgeted curriculum expenditures, which include the third year of English-Language Arts resource purchase, the adoption of the new science curriculum, a potential purchase of pilot materials for math curriculum, resources to support the development of a dual-language program, and any costs associated with exploring a social-emotional learning competency assessment tool.

Mr. Sisul also reported on the impact of professional learning on the budget. The newly adopted Monday early dismissal plan will result in an increase in student transportation costs, but a decrease in substitute teacher costs for some meetings.

Jayne Yudzentis outlined the staffing projections that have been budgeted, including small increases to classroom, special education, art, music, physical education and gifted teaching staff. Also recommended are increases to nursing, psychology and speech pathologist staffing, as well as administrative curriculum coordinator positions and an additional part-time assistant principal.

Mr. Drafall stated that the tentative budget assumes increases in revenue from title and grant funds, state funding and state transportation reimbursements, interest income, registration fees, and property taxes. Expenditures will also increase due to health insurance costs, transportation costs, an increase in the IMRF rate, and an increase in SASSED costs for added services. However, there is a projected decrease in costs for private special education placements, and some supply accounts have been reduced to bring the budget to current expenditure levels.

Items not in this year's budget, but that must be addressed in future budget years include upgrades to aging faculty laptops and network hardware, increasing the fund balance to maintain cash reserves, and funding of capital upgrades and equipment replacements.

5. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no comments or questions from members of the audience at this time.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hughes announced the following dates:

Policy Committee	Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 a.m. ASC
Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony	Tuesday, April 30, 3:45 p.m. Ashyana Banquets
Celebrate 58 Retirement Dinner	Friday, May 3, 6:00 p.m.

Select 58 Award Ceremony	Carlisle Banquets Monday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. Herrick
Building Tour/PTA Meeting	Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. Indian Trail
Financial Advisory Committee	Friday, May 10, 7:00 a.m. ASC
Regular Board Meeting	Monday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. Village Hall

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Darren Hughes, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary