

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of a Special Meeting held at 6:30 p.m.
May 1, 2017
Jefferson School
8200 Greendale Avenue
Niles, IL 60714**

Board President Anthony Borrelli called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Other Board members present were Vicki Lee, Mark Eggemann, Bob Johnson, Scott Zimmerman, Tom Sotos, and Terry Cameron. Also present were Superintendent Laurie Heinz, Assistant Superintendent Lori Lopez, Director of Student Services Jane Boyd, Director of Innovation & Instructional Technology Mary Jane Warden, Director of Facility Management Ron DeGeorge, Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm, and about 30 members of the public.

Board of Education meetings are videotaped and may be viewed in their full length from the District's website at: <http://www.d64.org>.

Board President Borrelli announced that this would be the final meeting of the current Board, and that the organization meeting of the new Board would follow.

He provided a short update on the status of negotiations with secretarial, custodial and maintenance employees represented by the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT). He announced that the Board had met with employees' representatives on April 27, 2017, and that the Board had continued to reach compromises on several working conditions issues, with much more yet to be done. He stated that financial issues have yet to be discussed, pending the seating of the new Board of Education members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Borrelli invited public comments; none were offered.

Public
Comments

**ACCEPTANCE OF CANVASS OF VOTES FOR ELECTION
OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR APRIL 4, 2017**

The Board reviewed the Official Certificate of Results from the Cook County Clerk's Office for the April 4, 2017 Consolidated General Election for Board of Education Members. The official canvass resulted in the election of the following for four-year terms: Larry Ryles 4,410 Votes; Eastman Tiu 3,154 Votes; Alfred Sanchez 3,843 Votes; and Richard Biagi 4,363 Votes.

Acceptance of Canvass of
Votes for Election of Board
Members for April 4, 2017

ACTION ITEM 17-05-1

It was moved by Board member Zimmerman and seconded by Board member Johnson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, accept the results of the canvass for the election of Board Members from the Cook County Clerk in the form provided to the Board of Education and that the canvassing results be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

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The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Cameron, Sotos, Zimmerman, Borrelli, Lee, Johnson, Eggemann

NAYS: None.

PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of
Minutes

ACTION ITEM 17-05-2

Action Item
17-05-2

It was moved by Board member Zimmerman and seconded by Board member Lee that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the minutes from the Regular Board and the Closed Session Meetings on April 24, 2017.

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Eggemann, Johnson, Lee, Borrelli, Zimmerman, Sotos, Cameron

NAYS: None.

PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Other Discussion and
Items of Information

Dr. Heinz reviewed the agendas for the upcoming Board meetings in May. She noted that the May 22 regular meeting is focused on the many culminating events for District staff and students, including recognition of various student achievements, presentation of Elementary Learning Foundation grants, and the award of tenure to teachers. Dr. Heinz reported that the first week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week, and that the school PTO/As had planned many special ways for students and families to show their appreciation to teachers for their hard work and dedication. Dr. Heinz noted that the Technology Department was conducting a Twitter challenge across the District to invite teachers to share ideas with each other and the world using the existing #engageD64 hashtag and a new #D64innovates hashtag. Dr. Heinz confirmed that the District would be honoring staff reaching 25 years of service to District 64 and those who are retiring at a reception later in May, and that the final day of attendance during the 2016-17 school year for students is June 1. Dr. Heinz announced that interviews will commence shortly for the Field principal position, and that she hopes to bring a recommendation to the Board for approval at the May 22 meeting.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Recognition of
Retiring Board
Members

Board President Borrelli invited comments from Board members, who each spoke in turn. Board member Johnson offered his congratulations to the newly elected members; shared reflections on his years of Board service; offered his appreciation to District 64 administrators, teachers and staff for their dedication in educating the children of this community; thanked his fellow Board members for their efforts; and acknowledged his family for allowing him time to undertake this work. Board member Sotos offered his thanks to these departing Board members and to former Dathan Paterno, who had resigned earlier in 2017, for their service to the Board and community. Board member Lee expressed her appreciation to the current and past Board members with which she served and to her family, and pointed out the achievements of the Board over the past four years that have improved the educational program for the District. She also congratulated the new Board and wished them success in continuing this progress. Board member Zimmerman welcomed the new Board members and thanked the community for giving him the opportunity to be of service. In reflecting on the work of the Board, he urged the new members to always bear in mind what is best for kids when making the

hard decisions that come before the Board. Board member Cameron expressed thanks for the unique opportunity given to him to serve as an appointed member this spring after his previous stint on the Board, and noted the many improvements that had been made in the intervening years under the District's new leadership. Board member Eggemann thanked the departing members for the tremendous way they had worked together to get things done, and expressed his hope that the new members would have this same outlook.

On behalf of the community and District 64, Board President Borrelli then thanked retiring Board members Zimmerman, Lee, Johnson and Cameron individually. He reviewed the years of their service on the Board, their leadership roles, and the unique contributions each had made. He pointed out the expertise they had contributed in diverse areas such as information technology, finance, business operations, and understanding of parent and family concerns that collectively helped guide the Board in making sound decisions on behalf of taxpayers as well as students. He particularly noted their work this past year in negotiating new collective bargaining agreements with teachers and teacher assistants, which helped to position the District's financial health on a sound basis for the future. He extended thanks for these efforts as well as the contributions of time away from their families, and for their care and devotion in having an open mind at the Board table and putting in many hours of preparation to study the issues that came before this Board. Board President Borrelli and Superintendent Heinz then presented a commemorative plaque to each of the four retiring members in recognition of their service.

There being no further business, Board President Borrelli announced that it was time to adjourn indefinitely.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

At 7:01 p.m., it was moved by Board member Zimmerman and seconded by Board member Lee that the meeting be adjourned sine die, which was approved by voice vote.

Adjournment
Sine Die

President

Secretary