

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held at 7:00 p.m.
April 8, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO COVID-19
Alternate Remote Attendance at Washington School (MPR)**

Board President Rick Biagi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members in attendance via remote participation were Carol Sales, Dr. Denise Pearl, Rebecca Little, Larry Ryles, and Fred Sanchez. Board member Tom Sotos was absent. Director of Student Services, Dr. Lea Anne Frost attended in-person at Washington School. Also attending remotely were: Superintendent Dr. Eric Olson; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Joel T. Martin; Director of Innovation and Instructional Technology Mary Jane Warden; and Board Legal Counsel Tony Loizzi.

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BOARD RECESSES & ADJOURNS TO CLOSED MEETING

At 6:31 p.m. it was moved by Board member Ryles and seconded by Board member Sanchez to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]; and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees [5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)].

The votes to adjourn to the closed meeting were cast as follows:

Ayes: Little, Sales, Sanchez, Ryles, Pearl, Biagi

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Sotos

The motion carried.

BOARD ADJOURNS FROM CLOSED MEETING & RESUMES REGULAR MEETING

The Board adjourned from the closed meeting and resumed the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to those listed above, also attending remotely were: Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning Dr. Lori Lopez; Chief School Business Official Luann Kolstad; Director of Facility Management Jason Borst; Public Information Coordinator Peter Gill (attending but not participating); and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Natasha Nedeljkovic. No member of the public was physically present at the alternate remote location, and approximately 25 people attended virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board member Larry Ryles led the pledge of allegiance.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

President Biagi had no remarks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were invited through a posted email address on the District’s website and in the Board report; none were received. No member of the public was present at the alternate remote location to submit comments.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Dr. Frost introduced Michael Lupo, a third-grader at Roosevelt Elementary School who had been selected to receive a 2021 Outstanding Student Technology Award from the Infinetec Assistive Technology Coalition. Michael will be presented the honor at a virtual awards ceremony on Thursday, April 22. Dr. Frost said that Michael had been using his Ipad-based system for a year and a half and had really taken to this new technology as it allows him to use pictures to communicate and build sentences. It has helped to bring out Michael’s personality and to show his teachers the type of student and person that he is. Michael and his parents were on the Zoom call and his dad thanked Michael’s educational team for all they do for him. Dr. Frost noted that District 64 is a member of Infinetec, an assistive technology coalition that works to advance independence and promote inclusive opportunities for children and adults with disabilities through technology.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Superintendent Olson noted that students were back in school full-time following spring break and that the District also continued to focus on those students who chose to remain in remote learning. He stated that the metrics had been higher of late and numbers continued to climb but were still in the safety zone. The District would continue to monitor the metrics but Dr. Olson did not anticipate having to close schools again this year. He stressed the importance of following guidelines and safety protocols in place in order to remain open. He mentioned that the State was now talking about what form remote learning could take for the next school year if still offered; the District was already committed to offering remote learning next year, with

dedicated teachers assigned to those students. Dr. Olson said that plans were underway for end-of-year activities and discussions were ongoing to ensure that arrangements followed safety protocols. Board member Ryles noted that more students were now testing positive for the virus and asked if this was the case in other districts. Dr. Olson confirmed that was the case and noted that though students had tested positive in our District, the transfers had occurred outside of schools.

APPROVAL OF FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Superintendent Olson announced that Kristin Williams, the current assistant principal, had been chosen to become the next principal at Franklin School. Dr. Olson had hired Mrs. Williams in his former district and noted that she always seemed destined to become a principal. Mrs. Williams served in both capacities as assistant principal and principal this past year while Dr. DeLamar, the current principal, had been sidelined by COVID and a subsequent injury. Dr. Olson said he had received numerous emails from parents and staff members who were excited about the prospect of Mrs. Williams stepping into the principal position.

ACTION ITEM 20-04-8

It was moved by Board member Ryles and seconded by Board member Little that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the appointment of Kristin Williams as Franklin Elementary School Principal effective July 1, 2021, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent and not upon the Board’s direct knowledge regarding the individual selected for appointment.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Ryles, Sanchez, Sales, Little, Pearl, Biagi

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Sotos

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Chief School Business Official (CSBO) Kolstad noted that the Board was apprised at the last regular meeting on March 11 of the 7.40% increase the bus company was asking for and had agreed and instructed Mrs. Kolstad to proceed with the amendments. Mrs. Kolstad was bringing the amendments to the Board for formal approval.

ACTION ITEM 21-04-9

It was moved by Board member Pearl and seconded by Board member Sanchez that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Fifth Amendment to the Regular Education Transportation Services Contract to Lakeview Bus Lines, Inc. at a 7.40% increase in the current rates for regular transportation.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Biagi, Little, Pearl, Sanchez, Ryles, Sales

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Sotos

The motion carried.

ACTION ITEM 21-04-10

It was moved by Board member Sanchez and seconded by Board member Ryles that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Third Amendment to the Special Education Transportation Services Contract to Lakeview Bus Lines, Inc. at a 7.40% increase in the current rates for special transportation.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Biagi, Ryles, Sales, Little, Sanchez, Pearl

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Sotos

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE OF CARPENTER FLOORING

CBSO Kolstad explained that the District was not required to go through a formal bid process for regular purchases below \$25,000 and construction purchases below \$50,000. She noted that the District had gone to a supplier they were familiar with for the purchase of this flooring and secured the material ahead of time because it was being discontinued. Studio GC Architects had advised Mrs. Kolstad to pre-purchase the material to ensure it would be available for the project. A Board member asked if this was the sole vendor of the flooring material, Mrs. Kolstad responded in the negative but noted that this particular supplier had reasonable prices and was known to the District. Board member Ryles asked if the District had procured extra materials since it was being discontinued. Mrs. Kolstad and Director of Facility Management Jason Borst confirmed that future needs had been taken into account and additional flooring tiles purchased for future replacement needs.

ACTION ITEM 21-04-11

It was moved by Board member Little and seconded by Board member Pearl that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, ratify the purchase of flooring materials in the amount of \$43,613 for the Carpenter School Summer 2021 Flooring Project from Michael Kautz Carpets & Designs, Inc.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Sanchez, Pearl, Little, Ryles, Sales

Nays: Biagi

Present: None

Absent: Sotos

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL REPORT

It was noted that the Board is relying upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and administration in their professional judgment as to the hiring of these individuals per Policy 2:130.

Kristin Williams - Employ as Franklin Elementary School Principal effective July 1, 2021 - \$105,000

Kathleen Loftus - *Correction:* Retire as Library Information Specialist at Carpenter School effective April 2, 2021.

ACTION ITEM 21-04-12

It was moved by Board member Pearl and seconded by Board member Sanchez that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Personnel Report dated April 8, 2021, noting that the Personnel Report is based on the recommendation of the Superintendent and not upon the Board’s direct knowledge regarding any of the specific individuals selected for employment.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Biagi, Sales, Sanchez, Pearl, Little, Ryles

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Sotos

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Bills, Payroll, and Benefits

Bills

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Total</u>
10 - Education Fund	\$ 982,309.24
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 267,916.72
30 - Debt Services	\$ 12,859.05
40 - Transportation Fund	\$ 308,338.22
50 - Retirement (IMRF/SS/MEDICARE)	\$ -
60 - Capital Projects	\$ 442,673.77
61 - Capital Projects-2017 Debt Certificates	\$ -
80 - Tort Immunity Fund	\$ -
90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund	\$ -

Total: \$ 2,014,097.00

Payroll & Benefits

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Total</u>
10 - Education Fund	\$41,778,669.05
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,675,286.49
30 - Debt Services Fund	\$ 2,366,168.24
40 - Transportation Fund	\$ 1,178,095.33
50 - IMRF/FICA Fund	\$ 715,864.51
51 - SS/Medicare	\$ 803,844.52
60 - Capital Projects Fund	\$ 4,782,857.36
61 - Cap Projects Fund - 2017 Debt Certs	\$ 0.00
70 - Working Cash Fund	\$ 0.00
80 - Tort Immunity Fund	\$ 501,780.50
	<u>Total: \$56,802,566.00</u>

The Accounts Payable detailed list can be viewed on the District 64 website's business services page at www.d64.org.

- Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending February 28, 2021
- Approval of 2021-22 Student-Parent Handbook
- Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Vision/O&M Services
- Destruction of Audio Closed Recordings (none)

ACTION ITEM 21-04-13

It was moved by Board member Sanchez and seconded by Board member Little that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda for April 8, 2021, which includes: Bills, Payroll and Benefits; Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending February 28, 2021; Approval of 2021-22 Student-Parent Handbook; Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Vision/O&M Services; and the Destruction of Audio Closed Recordings (none).

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Sales, Pearl, Ryles, Sanchez, Biagi, Little

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Sotos

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION ITEM 21-04-14

It was moved by Board member Little and seconded by Board member Pearl that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the minutes from the Closed Meeting on March 11, 2021; and the Regular Meeting on March 11, 2021.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Pearl, Little, Sales, Biagi, Ryles, Sanchez

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Sotos

The motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSION & ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Dr. Olson stated the Board would next gather for a special meeting on April 29 of the outgoing Board to wrap up matters and say goodbye to the members exiting the Board. An organizational meeting of the new Board will be held immediately following that special meeting. The Board would next meet for a regular meeting on May 13 and Dr. Olson stated that a June 3 Committee of the Whole would also take place, with a possible discussion of full-day Kindergarten that could stretch over two meetings. The District was also planning to bring the next five-year facility plan to the Board at the May 13 meeting. President Biagi stated that he and Dr. Olson had talked at length about the April 29 meeting and decided on a hybrid format, allowing Board members to choose whether they would attend remotely or in person. Members attending in person would social-distance and wear masks at all times.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:34 p.m. it was moved by Board member Sanchez and seconded by Board member Little to adjourn.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Biagi, Little, Sanchez, Ryles, Pearl, Sales

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Sotos

The motion carried.

Signed Date: April 29, 2021.

President

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Secretary