

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting held at 7:30 p.m.
April 5, 2010
Raymond Hendee Educational Service Center
164 S. Prospect Avenue**

John Heyde called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other Board members present were Genie Taddeo, Ted Smart, Eric Uhlig, Pat Fioretto, Sharon Lawson and Russell Gentile. Also present were Superintendent Sally Pryor.

A motion was made by Pat Fioretto and seconded by Eric Uhlig to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing the employment of specific individuals. The superintendent left the closed session at 6:37 p.m. At approximately 7:12 p.m., Superintendent Sally Pryor and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Sandra Stringer joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Ted Smart and seconded by Genie Taddeo to adjourn from closed session at 7:27 p.m. The Board resumed its regular meeting at 7:32 p.m.

The Board President suggested we alter the order of the items on the agenda as reflected below.

**RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT NURSE-
HEALTHY SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN**

**Recognition of District Nurse-
Healthy Schools Campaign**

Dr. Pryor recognized Margaret Petkofski, Facilitator of Health Services for District 64. Ms. Petkofski has worked for the District for seven years as a Nurse and the past two years as Facilitator. Mr. Heyde presented a certificate to Ms. Petkofski for completion of School Nurse Leadership Training.

**APPOINTMENT OF LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL**

**Appointment of Lincoln
Middle School Principal**

Dr. Pryor announced that Joel Martin has been selected as the new principal for Lincoln Middle School, effective July 1, 2010. He has experience as a middle school educator and principal. Mr. Martin was selected from over 90 applicants for the position. Dr. Pryor and Dr. Stringer conducted a site visit to Mr. Martin's current school in Tinley Park, Illinois, and were impressed with his passion for working with young adolescents.

Mr. Martin has worked in the middle school environment for 14 years, and said he enjoys it more each year. He described working for District 64 as a dream come true, and looks forward to advancing the social, emotional and academic development of students at Lincoln. He will be introduced to the Lincoln staff on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

ACTION ITEM 10-04-1

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It was moved by Board member Pat Fioretto and seconded by Board member Russ Gentile that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois approve the appointment of Joel Martin as the new Principal at Lincoln Middle School beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The vote was cast as follows:

AYES: Fioretto, Uhlig, Taddeo, Heyde, Smart, Gentile, Lawson

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

Several Field School parents addressed the Board about the resignation of a Field School teacher. They commended her teaching skills and asked the Board to revisit the circumstances surrounding her decision to resign in hopes of her being reinstated.

Mr. Heyde said the Board is unable to comment publicly about any personnel matters due to personnel privacy issues. If the issue is revisited, it would be in closed session. Staffing decisions are generally left up to the administration.

**DISCUSSION ON TIF PAYMENT PROPOSAL AND
STATUS OF THE CROSSING GUARDS
(PARK RIDGE AND NILES)**

Discussion on TIF Proposal
and Status of the Crossing
Guards (Park Ridge and
Niles)

Dr. Pryor presented a proposal that District 64 received from James Hock, Park Ridge City Manager. The proposal asks the Board to consider deferral of a \$90,000 payment due to the District as part of the TIF agreement from 2003 between the two entities. The City made its request due to a shortfall of revenue within the Uptown TIF district.

Dr. Pryor reported that she had met with Mr. Hock and Ms. Maller from the City, and Mr. Krone, District 64's legal counsel. A similar proposal was also presented to District 207.

Dr. Pryor recommended the Board consider this proposal in conjunction with the City's proposed elimination and/or reduction of school zone crossing guards for the 2010-11 school year. She considers eliminating or reducing crossing guards a serious safety issue for students. The Village of Niles is also considering the elimination of crossing guards at three locations that will impact District 64 students.

The Board discussed both issues at length. Board members voiced concerns about the City's ability to pay the District \$180,000 (\$90,000 for this year and next) in 2011. Alternative ideas were presented by some Board members. After evaluating the situation, the Board directed Dr. Pryor to request more information on the City's plans for the crossing guards before making a final decision. The matter will be included on the April 26th Board meeting agenda for further discussion.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS
REGARDING C OF C IDENTIFICATION AND
MEETING THE NEEDS OF HIGH ACHIEVING
STUDENTS**

Administrative Recommendations
Regarding C of C Identification
and Meeting the Needs of High
Achieving Students

Diane Betts, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning, presented three recommendations regarding the Channels of Challenge (C of C) program instead of conducting a full curriculum review.

Those recommendations involve:

1. Identifying and meeting the needs of high achieving students who do not currently qualify for C of C
2. Improving the current identification and placement process in the C of C program
3. Providing background information for the Board on gifted education in general and how District 64 meets students' needs.

Ms. Betts said analysis of MAP scores and the RtI problem-solving process will be used to identify and plan for high achieving students who are not currently in C of C. Criteria and procedures that all teachers can use as part of RtI will be developed.

In addition, the District will continue to analyze the learning growth of all students, especially those who do not meet growth targets on the MAP and DIBELS assessments, and use actions resulting from Strategic Plan Strategy #4 to improve differentiated instruction in order to meet students' academic needs.

The Board can decide if it wants a further review after background information is presented.

The Board will be asked to approve the recommendations at the April 26th Board of Education meeting.

RECOMMENDATION OF STUDENT FEES

Recommendation of
Student Fees

Ms. Allard outlined recommendations for student fees for 2010-11. There will be no increase in grades K-8 required fees, bus fees, lunch supervision fees or before school fees. Administration did recommend some increases as well as decreases in participatory fees for sports and instrumental

music, and modest increases in the plate lunch fee and extended day care hourly fee.

**DISCUSSION ON EXPANDING
COMMUNICATIONS WITH TEACHERS**

Discussion on Expanding
Communications with Teachers

The Board initiated a preliminary discussion on ways to improve communications with District staff. Options included lunch in the schools with Board members, and book discussions were presented as one means to improve communications. The lunches would be intended as a way for the Board to learn more about the schools and staff. The intention is not for the lunches to be used as complaint sessions. The Board will discuss this option with the PREA President and develop a more concrete plan.

**APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT
RENEWAL**

Approval of Food Service
Contract Renewal

Ms. Allard recommended renewal of the contract with Arbor Management for food service at the two middle schools based on its performance this year. Although they got off to a rocky start, improvements were implemented by Arbor Management, which was selected in June 2009 as the new food service provider for District 64.

Since they began, Arbor has improved food quality, expanded fresh fruit, vegetable and salad bars, provided more variety, and posted nutritional information visibly for students. They reported a 17 percent increase in food sales since those changes went into effect.

Arbor Management is asking to reduce its payment to the District for 2010-11 by \$55,082 due to labor costs and increased costs for fresh foods. Some minor increases to a la carte menu items and a moderate increase from \$2.30 to \$2.40 for the daily plate lunch are projected.

At the request of District 64 parents, a debit card system will be implemented in Fall 2010. Parents will be able to monitor their children's purchases. In addition, the debit card system will streamline cash payments during the lunch period at the schools. The cost for the system is \$23,000 and will be paid for over a period of four years.

ACTION ITEM 10-04-2

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It was moved by Board member Sharon Lawson and seconded by Board member Eric Uhlig that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Food Service Contract with Arbor Management for another year, commencing on July 1, 2010. The vote was cast as follows:

AYES: Lawson, Gentile, smart, Heyde, Taddeo, Uhlig, Fioretto

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NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ROOSEVELT SOUND
INSULATION**

Approval of Roosevelt
Sound Insulation

This project is reimbursable by the FAA; however, the District has not received confirmation from the FAA that funding for the project is approved. The order deadline for the mechanical systems and windows is April 23, 2010. The Board discussed its options for the sound insulation project.

Action Item 10-4-3

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It was moved by Board member Eric Uhlig and seconded by Board member Genie Taddeo that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District #64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, delegate authority to the Superintendent to award the contracts for the Roosevelt Sound Insulation Bids as presented if FAA funding is made available on or before April 21, 2010. That authority will expire on April 22, 2010.

6.1 General Trades and Demolition	L.J. Morse Construction Co.	Contract Amount:	\$629,700.00
6.5 Casework	Lowery McDonnell Co.	Contract Amount:	\$220,096.00
8.0 Windows	3F Corporation	Contract Amount	\$411,000.00
9.5 Acoustical Ceilings	Just Rite Acoustics, Inc.	Contract Amount:	\$85,640.00
15.0 Mechanical	Premier Mechanical, Inc.	Contract Amount:	\$2,137,300.00
15.9 Temperature Controls	Johnson Controls, Inc.	Contract Amount:	\$312,185.00
16.1 Electrical and Fire Alarm	Senate Electrical Construction	Contract Amount:	\$498,710.00
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		Total Award	\$4,294,631.00
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The vote was cast as follows:

AYES: Fioretto, Uhlig, Taddeo, Heyde, Smart, Gentile, Lawson

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ROOSEVELT ASBESTOS
ABATEMENT WORK**

Approval of Roosevelt
Asbestos Abatement Work

This project is also contingent upon FAA funding approval.
Ms. Allard noted that she did not recommend the lowest bidder due to quality and timeliness issues of that bidding company. Instead, she recommended approval of the second lowest responsible bidder.

Action Item 10-04-4

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It was moved by Board member Pat Fioretto and seconded by Board member Sharon Lawson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District #64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, delegate authority to the Superintendent to award the contracts for the Roosevelt Asbestos Abatement Work (FAA Funding) as presented if FAA funding is made available on or before April 21, 2010. That authority will expire on April 22, 2010.

Asbestos Abatement	Colfax Corporation	Contract Amount:	\$77,800.00
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The vote was cast as follows:

AYES: Lawson, Gentile, Smart, Heyde, Taddeo, Uhlig, Fioretto

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF LINCOLN LOCKER ROOM
RENOVATION**

Approval of Lincoln Locker
Room Renovation

Action Item 10-04-5

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It was moved by Board member Genie Taddeo and seconded by Board member Eric Uhlig that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District # 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, to award the Lincoln School Room Renovation Project Bids as presented:

4.1 Masonry	Piazza Masonry, Inc.	Contract Amount:	\$15,500.00
6.1 General Trades	Boller Construction	Contract Amount:	\$84,700.00
16.1 Electrical & Fire Alarm	Genesis Electric	Contract Amount:	\$9,580.00
Lockers	Carroll Seating Company	Contract Amount:	\$17,500.00
		Total Award:	\$127,280.00

The vote was cast as follows:

AYES: Fioretto, Uhlig, Taddeo, Heyde, Smart, Gentile, Lawson

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JEFFERSON ARRA FUNDED PROJECTS

Approval of Jefferson
ARRA Funded Projects

The work at Jefferson School includes flooring, heating and air conditioning, lockers, expansion of the lunchroom and courtyard modifications. One hundred percent of this project is reimbursable by the federal government. Ms. Allard recommended the second lowest responsible bidder. The Board requested to see renderings for this project.

Action Item 10-04-6

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It was moved by Board member Eric Uhlig and seconded by Board member Sharon Lawson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District #64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, award the Jefferson ARRA Funded Project Bid as presented:

General Trades	Expedia Construction Company	Contract Amount:	\$297,200.00
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The vote was cast as follows:

AYES: Lawson, Gentile, Smart, Heyde, Taddeo, Uhlig, Fioretto

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

A. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Personnel Report contains private information. Please contact Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Sandra Stringer if more information is needed

B. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Bills

10 - Education Fund-----	\$ 736,176.86
20 - Operation, Building and Maintenance Fund -----	<u>189,833.36</u>
30 - Bond and Interest Fund -----	-
40 - Transportation Fund -----	<u>150,714.30</u>
60 - Site and Construction Fund -----	-
80 - Tort Immunity Fund -----	<u>484.26</u>
90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund -----	<u>-</u>

Checks Numbered: 275753 - 275991

Total: \$ 1,077,208.78

Payroll for Month of March, 2010

10 - Education Fund -----	\$2,947,902.74
20 - Operation, Building and Maintenance Fund -----	<u>170,811.27</u>
40 - Transportation Fund -----	<u>3,007.44</u>
50 - IMRF/FICA Fund -----	<u>142,692.16</u>

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11 - Tort Immunity -----	<u>-</u>
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Total	<u>\$3,264,413.61</u>
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Checks Numbered: 117779 – 118320

Direct Deposit: 141975 – 143165

C. APPROVAL OF DIRECT PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS

Mr. Heyde said legal counsel reviewed the contract for natural gas to ensure the District will get what is stated in the bid.

D. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FLES REVIEW COMMITTEE

E. APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING PERMITS FOR LINCOLN, JEFFERSON AND ROOSEVELT SCHOOLS

F. DESTRUCTION OF AUDIO CLOSED MINUTES

Action Item 10-04-7

Action Item 10-04-7

It was moved by Board member Genie Taddeo and seconded by Board member Sharon Lawson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda of April 5, 2010, which includes the Personnel Report, Bills and Payroll, Approval of Direct Purchase of Natural Gas, Approval of Recommendations From the FLES Review Committee, Approval of Applications for Buildings Permits for Lincoln, Jefferson and Roosevelt Schools and Destruction of Audio Closed Minutes.

AYES: Fioretto, Uhlig, Taddeo, Heyde, Smart, Gentile, Lawson

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

ACTION ITEM 10-04-8

Action Item 10-04-8

It was moved by Board member Sharon Lawson and seconded by Board member Genie Taddeo that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the open minutes of March 8, 2010 as amended and the closed minutes of March 8, 2010 and approve the closed minutes of March 15, 16, 17 and 31, 2010.
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The Board discussed the comments from Mr. Fioretto that were omitted from the March 8, 2010 minutes. The Board approved the March 8, 2010 Board minutes as amended with the following addition. (See underlined section below.)

Approval of Lincoln Middle School Life Safety Bids

Rebecca Allard, District 64 Business Manager, presented the life safety bids for work at Lincoln Middle School scheduled for summer 2010 on masonry, general trades, roofing, electrical and fire alarm system. The total bid amount is approximately \$600,000 under the projected budget for the work at Lincoln. Ms. Allard committed to keeping the Board apprised if that changes. Most of the expenses will be covered in the 2010-11 budget. The Board inquired about a few items on the bid sheets **including whether or not the lowest responsible bidder is currently signatory to the applicable building trades unions for the identified work to be performed.**

The vote was cast as follows:

AYES: Lawson, Gentile, Smart, Heyde, Taddeo, Uhlig, Fioretto

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Other Items of Information

Dr. Pryor highlighted the memo on financial implications to District 64 from recent legislation. Because of the Board's actions, including passage of the 2007 referendum and commitment to a fund balance policy, District 64 is on sound financial footing. Administrators will continue to monitor legislation.

Park Ridge-Niles residents are concerned about the impact of local and state finances on the community. Dr. Pryor believes the Board can take pride in what the District has done to be fiscally responsible and can use information provided in the memo when speaking with the community.

There was a brief discussion about changes in the fifth grade Outdoor Education experience from White Pines Ranch to Camp Duncan. Dr. Pryor said Administration will provide the Board with feedback on Camp Duncan following next year's education program at that location.

Dr. Pryor also noted the recommendation to change the number of Board of Education meetings next year, by eliminating the second meeting in November, which normally takes place the week of Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:46 p.m. the Board reconvened in closed session to discuss the appointment of a specific individual.

Adjournment

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At 10:25 p.m. it was moved by Sharon Lawson and seconded by Genie Taddeo to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by consensus.

President

Secretary