

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting held at 7:30 p.m.
May 24, 2010
Emerson Middle School
8101 N. Cumberland Avenue, Niles**

John Heyde called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other Board members present were Genie Taddeo, Ted Smart, Eric Uhlig, Sharon Lawson and Russ Gentile. Also present was Superintendent Sally Pryor, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Stringer and Ms. Betts, Rebecca Allard, Dr. Kathy Nelson, Dr. Lynne Farmer, Larry Sorensen and Roy Jensen.

The Board of Education President convened a Committee of the Whole at 6:31 p.m. Board member Pat Fioretto joined the Committee of the Whole: Finance at 7:20 p.m.

The Board adjourned from the Committee of the Whole: Finance at 7:25 p.m. and resumed as a regular Board meeting at 7:35 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT AWARDS

Recognition of Student
Awards

Kathleen Ross, Curriculum Specialist for Gifted Education, recognized five students for their performance on the Midwest Talent Search. This is the thirteenth year that District 64 has participated in the Midwest Talent Search. Forty percent of District 64 students in grades 6-8 were eligible to participate, based on an ISAT score of 90 percent or above. Of the eligible students, 168 did participate by taking either the ACT or SAT college level entrance exams. The five students that were recognized scored in the top five percent of students in Illinois at their grade level. They will be honored in June at a ceremony sponsored by the Illinois Math and Science Academy.

Brian Jacobi, Curriculum Specialist for Instrumental Music, recognized students who participated in Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) instrumental music groups this year. Fifty schools in our region participated in a music festival in November 2009. Mr. Jacobi recognized students from Emerson and Lincoln Middle Schools who participated in band, orchestra and jazz band. In addition, one student received special recognition for her extraordinary musical accomplishments.

Joani Heavey, Curriculum Specialist for General Music, recognized seven students from Lincoln Middle School who participated in choral music groups at the IMEA Festival in November.

Diane Betts, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning, recognized the District-level winners from each grade level of the annual Young Authors competition. These students wrote and illustrated an original manuscript; all their work was done independently at home.

Finally, Ms. Betts acknowledged the winner and runner-up in the District 64 Spelling Bee. A record number of 165 students in grades 3-8 participated this year.

Students were congratulated by Board of Education members and Dr. Pryor, and also had their pictures taken.

RECOGNITION OF TENURE TEACHERS

Recognition of Tenure Teachers

Dr. Stringer, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and Erin Breen, President of the Park Ridge Education Association, congratulated eight teachers who will achieve tenure at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. These high-quality teachers have been instructors in District 64 for four consecutive years, demonstrate both dedication and passion for their work, and have met rigorous evaluations.

ELF GRANT AWARDS

ELF Grant Awards

Kendra Griffin, Chairperson of the Elementary Learning Foundation (ELF), announced six ELF grants totaling \$36,700 to District 64 staff for their innovative ideas that will supplement the regular curriculum for students. Money was raised for the grants primarily through the third annual Casino Night, sponsored and organized by ELF.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT GOALS AT EMERSON

Update on Implementation of District Goals at Emerson

Dr. Vicki Mogil, principal of Emerson Middle School, presented information on how the middle schools have begun to implement Response to Intervention (RtI) and the new reading framework. She asked the Board to participate in a brief, written quiz on assessments and strategy terminology.

The middle school Quality Improvement Teams visited a middle school in Kildeer to see RtI in action. Teachers were able to observe students using RtI in the general curriculum. As a result of that on-site visit, teachers in each department chose one unit of study per grade level and collaborated to determine key learning objectives for the unit, which the "Great Eight Learning Strategies" could be integrated into, and developed a common assessment for the unit. This work was completed on early release Wednesdays from February through May. Dr. Mogil likened the experience to the Strategic Planning process and said it provided rich, professional discussion among the staff. Their work will continue next year.

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FACILITY USE FEES

Recommendation Regarding Facility Use Fees

At a previous Board meeting, the Washington School Playmakers asked the Board to consider eliminating the fees assessed to all PTO/PTA's for utilities and "wear and tear" of District facilities. Those fees have been in place since 2005.

The Facilities Committee convened, discussed the history of the fees, and recommended that the Board eliminate the utilities and wear and tear fees for PTO/PTA's only. Other users of District 64 facilities will continue being assessed these fees.

Roy Jensen, Director of Buildings and Grounds, estimated the loss of revenue from the PTO/PTA's to be approximately \$880.00 annually. The Board will be asked to approve the Facilities Committee's recommendation at the next Board of Education meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

A. PERSONNEL REPORT

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

B. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills

10 - Education Fund-----	\$ 276,335.73
20 - Operation, Building and Maintenance Fund -----	<u>187,846.18</u>
30 - Bond and Interest Fund -----	-
40 - Transportation Fund -----	<u>129,527.47</u>
60 - Site and Construction Fund -----	-
80 - Tort Immunity Fund -----	<u>773.79</u>
90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund -----	<u>-</u>

Checks Numbered: 276449 - 276591

Total: \$ 594,483.17

C. APPROVAL OF FINAL CALENDAR FOR 2009-2010

D. APPROVAL OF POLICY ISSUE 71, FEBRUARY 2010 AND POLICY 1:30

E. APPROVAL OF BID AWARD: SUMMER PAINTING PROJECT

D. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION CHECK

E. DESTRUCTION OF AUDIO CLOSED MINUTES (NONE)

ACTION ITEM – 10-05-6

It was moved by Board member Taddeo and seconded by Board member Lawson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda of May 24, 2010, which includes the Personnel Report, Bills,

Approval of Final Calendar for 2009-2010, Approval of Policy Issue 71, February 2010 and Policy 1:30, Approval of Bid Award: Summer Painting Project, Acceptance of Donation Check and Destruction of Audio Closed Minutes (none).

Moved by: Taddeo Seconded by: Smart

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

ACTION ITEM 10-05-7

It was moved by Board member Lawson and seconded by Board member Uhlig that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the open and closed minutes of May 24, 2010 and Committee of the Whole: Finance minutes of May 24, 2010. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None The motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Other Items of
Information

Dr. Pryor noted a slight change in language in the request by the City of Park Ridge regarding the TIF agreement.

Dr. Pryor announced that Andrea Hetzke, LRC Director at Franklin School, was awarded the 2010 Raymond E. Hendee Rotary Scholarship. Ms. Hetzke will use the \$1000 award to travel to Kenya to study and work. Raymond Hendee was a former superintendent in School District 64.

The Board retreat with the new superintendent, Dr. Philip Bender, will take place July 16 and 17, 2010.

Mr. Gentile acknowledged the importance of staff's tenure in continuing the legacy of excellence in the District, which ultimately drives sustainable property values in the Park Ridge-Niles area.

Board members will attend promotion ceremonies for 8th grade students from Emerson and Lincoln Middle Schools on June 9th. Emerson's ceremony will be held at Maine East High School; Lincoln's will be held at Maine South High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

At 8:43 p.m. it was moved by Board Member Fioretto and seconded by Board Member Taddeo to adjourn the regular Board meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m. and convene to a closed session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the Board and one group of employees with no action to be taken. It was later moved by Board Member Taddeo and seconded by Board Member Uhlig to adjourn from the closed session.

President

Secretary