

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole on Smart Boards & 2nd Quarter Report
held at 6:30 p.m. January 25, 2010
Field School
707 N. Wisner Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068

President John Heyde convened the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:35 p.m. Other Board members present were Genie Taddeo, Eric Uhlig, Pat Fioretto, Russell J. Gentile, Sharon Lawson and Ted Smart. Also present were Superintendent Sally Pryor, Assistant Superintendents Sandra Stringer and Diane Betts, Business Manager Becky Allard, Director of EIS / RtI Lynne Farmer, Director of Technology Planning & Assessments Larry Sorensen, Director of Pupil Services Kathy Nelson, Director of Buildings & Grounds Roy Jensen, Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm, and nine members of the public.

Mr. Heyde called upon Mr. Sorensen and Ms. Caroline Schaab, a fifth grade teacher, to present information and a demonstration of smart boards. Mr. Sorensen said that 33 boards have been installed in District 64 classrooms this year and were distributed based on applications from teacher teams. He described the ongoing training provided to teachers on the operation of the equipment and its integration in their instructional practices. Ms. Schaab then demonstrated the smart board in her classroom, which was installed mid-fall. She stated the board is activated about half of each day and is already consistently used in math instruction and, increasingly, in other subject areas. She pointed out features of the smart board technology, such as various ways to write on it, different screen views, sound system, and built-in software. She presented a math lesson as an example of how she utilizes it for instruction. Ms. Schaab described how she is collaborating with other teachers to prepare lessons using the smart board technology. She also linked to the District's new reading series to show its interactive features. Ms. Schaab stated the smart board technology was a very powerful addition to her classroom and that she was looking forward to expanding her knowledge of its capabilities through additional training and hands-on use. Mr. Sorensen concluded by noting that the smart boards installed throughout the District thus far have added an important interactive element that is very engaging and exciting to students. The boards are having a very positive impact on the instructional environment in District 64. In response to Board member questions, he outlined the training and support provided by the manufacturer and noted that the Glenview school district already has 100 installed. He stated that the District 64 budget for 2010-11 would include a request for additional boards. He noted that boards are in place at all schools and curricular areas.

Dr. Pryor thanked Ms. Schaab for her presentation and noted that she is the co-leader of the District's Strategic Plan Action Team on accelerating the advanced use of technology. Mr. Heyde then briefly recessed the meeting to move from Mrs. Schaab's classroom to the Learning Resource Center.

Business Manager Becky Allard presented the 2nd quarter financial update through December 31, 2009. Reviewing the District's Statement of Position report, she noted that

at this point in the fiscal year, revenues typically exceed expenditures because of the timing of tax collections. She stated that the 2007 referendum had positioned District 64 from a cash-flow perspective to fulfill all financial obligations without short-term borrowing. The District's all funds balance is \$34,716,347 as of December 31. Moving to a Quarterly Financial Update report, she commented upon each line item and noted that overall, total operating funds revenue collections are \$31,898,625, which is about 45.85% pacing year-to-date compared to a slightly higher pacing of 51.76% last year. She then commented on expenditures, and noted that total operating funds expenses through the 2nd quarter of \$26,297,379 were pacing slightly above last year. Ms. Allard also presented a new Investment Summary Report as of December 31, 2009 prepared by the Maine Township School Treasurer. The report notes a grand total of about \$17.9 million of District 64 funds invested by the treasurer with a yield of almost 3%. She stated that the District's financial position was on budget as planned through the 2nd quarter. Ms. Allard then responded to Board member questions about expected timing of receipt of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, timing of revenues from semi-annual property tax collections, continuing lag of receipt of state aid payments due to the State of Illinois' continuing cash flow problems, and the budget impact of the transportation claim adjustments for two prior years.

Based on a request from the Board, Ms. Allard will change on the next Quarterly Financial Updates the pacing comparison for the prior year from "prior year budget" to "prior year actual" figures.

Following further Board discussion, Ms. Allard was requested to obtain additional detail on the investment descriptions provided by the treasurer.

Mr. Heyde concluded the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:24 p.m., which was followed by a brief break before resuming the regular Board of Education meeting.

President

Secretary