

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole on Strategic Planning
held at 6:00 p.m. February 22, 2010
Carpenter School
300 N. Hamlin Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068

President John Heyde convened the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:05 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, Director of EIS/RtI Lynne Farmer, Director of Technology Planning & Assessments Larry Sorensen, Director of Pupil Services Kathy Nelson, Business Manager Becky Allard, Director of Buildings & Grounds Roy Jensen, Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm, and about 70 members of the public.

President Heyde stated the purpose of the meeting was to receive the draft District 64 Strategic Plan including 26 action plans. Dr. Pryor noted that the presentation of the draft plan was the culmination of more than two years of work, and has its genesis in a prior Board's goals adopted in November 2007 to undertake a comprehensive strategic planning effort. She noted that no formal action was expected by the Board at this meeting, but rather it was an opportunity to understand the details of the plan being recommended by the Strategic Planning group. She noted that the Board would receive a specific recommendation on which of the action plans to be implemented and budgeted for 2010-11 at a meeting on April 26, and that final approval of the full plan and next year's implementation schedule and budget would be sought on May 10.

Dr. Pryor then briefly summarized the efforts that had been made to develop the plan, which included more than 120 volunteers working on either the Strategic Planning team or one of the five Action Teams. She noted that the plan was an exciting opportunity for a community to come together to create a vision for education for many years to come. Dr. Pryor reviewed the various milestones in the process, which had been facilitated by Cambridge Strategic Services consultant Dr. Howard Feddema.

Dr. Pryor then introduced five members of the Strategic Planning team to present the individual strategies in the plan. Ms. Erin Breen presented strategy one, which is accelerating the advanced use of technology. Ms. Breen described the planning group's thinking behind the strategy and commented on the eight action plans developed for its implementation. She noted that the action plans focus initially on staff development and training before addressing infrastructure, and that a strong base of community input is envisioned through two ongoing committees. Next, Ms. Carla Owen presented strategy two, which is focused on building a system for personally challenging student goals. She reviewed the three action plans divided by student grade levels needed for implementation, and explained how the strategy relates to the mission statement. She noted that students will gradually take more responsibility for the process over time and that the goals eventually encompass academics, civil behavior, talents, and interests. The third strategy was presented by Ms. Katie Kelly. This strategy focuses on collaboration within our vital partnership in order to achieve the District's mission. She noted that three plans were recommended to strengthen the partnership and provide new service

learning opportunities for students. Ms. Irene Kappos then reviewed 10 action plans brought forward for strategy four on expectations for student learning and instructional practices. She noted that the plans fall into three groups focused on establishing Power Standards, differentiating the core curriculum, and the use of data and communication about student progress. The final strategy was presented by Dr. Lynne Farmer, who reviewed the one action plan necessary to implement a strategy of providing support and tools for change. She noted that the Strategic Planning team had consolidated steps originally proposed by this Action Team into one plan, which will help guide the change that will take place when other plans are implemented. It was characterized as the ribbon that ties the entire strategic plan together. President Heyde then noted that he had served as a member of the Strategic Planning team along with Mses. Taddeo and Lawson, and recounted how carefully the planning group had deliberated throughout the process to bring forward a precisely worded document to accurately convey the intentions of the team.

President Heyde then led the Board through a lengthy discussion period to review the details of each strategy in turn. Board members had the opportunity to clarify the thinking behind the action plans and steps, and to discuss the cost/benefit implications of the recommended actions. Other members of the Strategic Planning team also in attendance as well as Action Team members and District administrators contributed responses. Following this discussion, President Heyde thanked all the volunteers for their dedication and diligence in completing this challenging work to deliver a draft strategic plan on time. He announced that all participants would be officially recognized by the Board with Certificates of Appreciation at the regular meeting immediately following.

Upon motion of Mr. Fioretto and second of Mr. Gentile, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:19 p.m., which was followed by a brief recess before resuming the regular Board of Education meeting.

President

Secretary