

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole on Superintendent Search
held at 3:15 p.m. April 8, 2010
Emerson Middle School
8101 N. Cumberland, Niles, IL 60714

President John Heyde convened the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 3:15 p.m. Other Board members present were Genie Taddeo, Pat Fioretto and Sharon Lawson. Also present were Assistant Superintendent Sandra Stringer and about 80 members of the public.

President Heyde stated the purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Board's preferred candidate for a new superintendent to the District 64 community. He reviewed the steps completed in an extensive national search process with the assistance of consultants from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) to identify a new leader for District 64 upon the retirement of Dr. Sally Pryor on June 30. He noted that in recent weeks, the Board had conducted rounds of interviews with five candidates recommended by HYA from an initial pool of 76 applications received; no applications had been submitted from within District 64. Mr. Heyde stated that he and Mr. Fioretto had favorable impressions from a site visit made to the preferred candidate's district and that the Board had invited him for a reciprocal visit. He then introduced Philip V. Bender, Ph.D., as the preferred candidate; Dr. Bender currently is superintendent of New Prairie United School Corp. in Indiana. Mr. Heyde offered brief highlights of Dr. Bender's educational career and professional accomplishments. Dr. Bender then talked about his vision for District 64 and his eagerness to work with staff, parents, community members and students to implement the new strategic plan and carry forward a tradition of excellence.

Following these introductory remarks, members of the community were invited to talk informally with Board members and the preferred candidate.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:35 p.m.

President

Secretary