BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole on Superintendent Search held at 7:00 p.m. April 8, 2010 Washington School 1500 Stewart Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068

President John Heyde convened the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:00 p.m. Other Board members present were Genie Taddeo, Pat Fioretto, Sharon Lawson and Ted Smart. Also present were Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm, Principal Kim Nasshan, Assistant Principal Dan Ophus, and about 50 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 gave brief introductory remarks about the steps completed over the past months to identify a new leader for District 64 upon the retirement of Dr. Sally Pryor on June 30. He stated the Board had conducted an extensive national search with the assistance of consultants from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates. Mr. Heyde described the process the Board had used to narrow the field of applicants to a preferred candidate. He reported on the positive impressions he and Mr. Fioretto had developed from a site visit made to the preferred candidate's district. 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 highlights of Dr. Bender's educational career and professional accomplishments. Dr. Bender then spoke briefly about his eagerness to work with staff, parents, community members and students to bring District 64 to a new level of excellence by implementing the District's new strategic plan.

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

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The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:10 p.m.