

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

**Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held at 7:30 p.m.  
April 19, 2010**

**Hendee Educational Service Center  
164 S. Prospect Avenue**

President John Heyde called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 Pupil Services Kathy Nelson, Director of EIS/Rtl Lynne Farmer, Director of Buildings & Grounds Roy Jensen, Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm and 60 members of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Heyde reviewed the steps in the extensive search process conducted over much of the past year with assistance from Dr. Sam Mikaelian and Dr. Alan Leis of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to identify an outstanding new leader for District 64 upon the retirement of Dr. Sally Pryor on June 30. He introduced Philip V. Bender, Ph.D., as the Board's choice to lead the District; Dr. Bender is currently superintendent of New Prairie United School Corp. in Indiana. Mr. Heyde offered highlights of Dr. Bender's educational career and professional accomplishments, and commented on the positive impressions formed during a site visit with Mr. Fioretto to his district as well as during Dr. Bender's reciprocal visit here. Mr. Fioretto confirmed the favorable findings of the site visit. Mr. Heyde stated that Board members believed Dr. Bender meets the demanding criteria identified in the leadership profile, which all members of the community had been invited to help formulate. He then expressed the Board's appreciation to Dr. Pryor for her service to District 64 and noted that she is leaving the District in enviable position, both financially and academically.

**ACTION ITEM 10-04-9**

It was moved by Board member Gentile and seconded by Board member Smart that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois approve the appointment of Philip V. Bender, Ph.D., as the new Superintendent for School District 64 beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: No one.                      The motion carried.

Mr. Heyde invited Dr. Bender to address the Board. Dr. Bender stated his appreciation for the opportunity to lead District 64 and that he is looking forward to joining the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:46 p.m., it was moved by Board member Taddeo and seconded by Board member Lawson to adjourn. The motion passed by consensus.

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President

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Secretary