

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting held at 7:30 p.m.
September 27, 2010
Jefferson School
8200 N. Greendale, Niles**

Board President John Heyde called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Other Board members present were Eric Uhlig, Genie Taddeo, Pat Fioretto, Ted Smart, Scott Zimmerman and Sharon Lawson. Also present were Superintendent Philip Bender, Assistant Superintendents Diane Betts and Sandra Stringer, Rebecca Allard, Kathy Nelson, Lynne Farmer, Terry Bresnahan and Roy Jensen.

The meeting began with a tour of the Jefferson School Facility. Following the tour, the Board convened as a Public Hearing on the Budget at 7:21 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

There were no public comments at the Public Hearing.

Rebecca Allard, Business Manager, presented the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. During the past four months, the Board has reviewed the budget numerous times. A budget must be approved by the end of September. It represents a summary of the programs offered to students in District 64.

The final calculation of the tax levy is not completed yet by the County Clerk. The Board may readopt a modified budget later if there are significant changes once the tax levy has been determined.

The total revenue budget of \$78,901,905 exceeds the expenditure budget of \$75,790,555 by \$3,111,350. The 2010-11 fiscal year budget will again exceed the District's fund balance policy by maintaining an operating fund balance of approximately 51.13% of its operating expenses.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The regular meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – REGULAR MEETING

Public Comments -
Regular Board Meeting

There were no public comments during the regular meeting.

ADOPTION OF FY11 BUDGET

Adoption of FY11 Budget

The budget numbers presented in the FY11 Budget are the same as those presented at the September 13, 2010 Board of Education meeting. The Board said its role is to be frugal and diligent in its challenge to cut costs and make the money from the 2007 referendum last in order to delay another referendum as long as possible. The Board gave credit to staff, administrators, the Community Finance Committee and previous Boards of Education for their decisions, work and policies that helped preserve funds. Work on the budget is a year-round process. District 64 is in better shape than many other districts and in spite of the unstable economy.

ACTION ITEM 10-09-3

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It was moved by Board Member Lawson and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, as presented. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

REVIEW OF REVISED FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN DOCUMENT

Review of Revised Flexible Benefit Plan Document

Ms. Allard explained there have been many changes in federal requirements for healthcare expenses. She presented a list of both mandated and staff requested changes in the 2011 Flexible Benefits Plan for employees. Mandated changes include coverage for children under age 27 and a change in terminology for over-the-counter medicines. Staff requested changes involve eligibility, a grace period, allowable expenses upon termination, and scheduling of payroll deductions over the calendar year.

There are no direct costs to the District for the changes as Flexible Benefits are paid by employees on a pre-tax basis and deducted from their paychecks. There are some cost risks should an employee retire or resign mid-year, but Ms. Allard expected the costs to the District would be a wash.

Ms. Allard will ask the District's legal counsel to review the changes before they are brought back to the Board for approval, no later than the second meeting in October.

**RESOLUTION #1057 TO TRANSFER INTEREST
FROM THE STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT
TO THE EDUCATION FUND**

Resolution #1057 to Transfer
Interest from the Student
Activity Account to the
Education Fund

Ms. Allard explained that this is a transfer of multiple years of interest income accumulation to the Education Fund. In future years, it should only amount to approximately \$1000 per year of interest.

ACTION ITEM 10-09-4

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It was moved by Board Member Fioretto and seconded by Board Member Uhlig that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, adopt Resolution # 1057, authorizing the transfer of interest earned through August 31, 2010 in the amount of \$19,274.90 from the Student Activity Account to the Education Fund on or before September 30, 2010. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION # 1058 TO TRANSFER
ACCUMULATED FUNDS IN THE MIDDLE
SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND TO
THE EDUCATION FUND**

Resolution #1058 to Transfer
Accumulated Funds in the
Middle School After School
Activity Fund to the Education
Fund

ACTION ITEM 10-09-5

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It was moved by Board Member Uhlig and seconded by Board Member Taddeo that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, adopt Resolution #1058, authorizing the transfer of accumulated funds in the Middle School After School Activity Fund as of June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$138,554.30 to the Education Fund on or before September 30, 2010. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL ENDS

Update on Educational Ends

Diane Betts, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning, presented information on the 2009-10 Score Card for Educational Ends. Educational Ends reflect the District's philosophy of educating the whole child. Ends exist for both academic skills as well as non-academic areas of educating our children, such as social and emotional development, and the ways to measure them. The Score Card is a visual way to summarize assessment data on the Ends.

Overall, the data shows very good progress and strong performance in all areas. Four years ago, 56 percent of students reached the target (green) level of performance; for 2009-10, 78 percent of students reached the target. There were nice gains in Reading, which Ms. Betts attributed to the RtI initiative. Writing also improved.

It is important to look at the Score Card over time, i.e., cumulative performance. While it may appear that Social Studies is an area needing improvement, it is the only core subject area with all District-created assessments. Social Studies is no longer included in the ISAT standardized test. Ms. Betts said she will ask the Social Studies department to analyze if students are indeed losing ground in that area and if the assessments measure students' true performance.

Going forward, Power Standards will be developed in core and non-core areas. Ms. Betts explained the difference between Educational Ends and Power Standards. Some Educational Ends statements may be modified or new Ends statements developed once the Power Standards are created. The overall goal of educating the whole child will not change, however. This year will be a period of transition.

The Board asked for a comparison of Educational Ends, Power Standards and Learner Objectives. There were also questions about teacher incentives to reach the targets and how the target goals were developed. Health, 8th grade Science, and Writing are areas to watch carefully.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

A. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Personnel Report contains private information. Please contact Sandra Stringer, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, if more information is needed.

B. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills

10 - Education Fund-----	\$ 848,803.81
20 - Operation, Building and Maintenance Fund -----	329,159.59
30 - Debt Services -----	-
40 - Transportation Fund -----	115,606.09
60 - Site and Construction Fund -----	-
80 - Tort Immunity Fund -----	64,675.61
90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund -----	-

Checks Numbered: 101040 - 101250

Total: \$ 1,358,245.10

C. ANNUAL APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

D. APPROVAL OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT WEDNESDAY CALENDAR 2010-11

E. DESTRUCTION OF AUDIO CLOSED MINUTES (NONE)

ACTION ITEM – 10-09-6

Action Item 10-09-1

It was moved by Board member Taddeo and seconded by Board member Zimmerman that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda of September 27, 2010, which includes the Personnel Report, Bills, Annual Application for Recognition of Schools, Approval of Staff Development Wednesday Calendar 2010-11 and Destruction of Audio Closed Minutes (none). The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

ACTION ITEM 10-09-7

Action Item 10-09-7

It was moved by Board member Uhlig and seconded by Board member Fioretto that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 approve the Open

and Closed minutes of September 13, 2010 and the Committee of the Whole: Finance minutes of September 13, 2010. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Other Items of Information

Dr. Bender will present information to the Board on a mural restoration project. A mural that was in the ESC (formerly the Park Ridge Post Office building) was removed and will be restored.

Dr. Bender will report to the Board on his first 90 days as superintendent at the October 12, 2010 Board of Education meeting. There has been a great response from staff to participate in various Strategic Planning committees. Recently, there were some food issues at the middle schools and water retention and related parking issues at Franklin School.

Mr. Heyde distributed a tentative schedule of Board members' visits to the schools. The Board was asked to identify which schools they wish to see, along with their availability and return to Mr. Heyde.

The Board discussed preliminary plans of how to publicize the Board of Education positions in the Spring 2011 elections. Board members' Taddeo, Heyde, Smart and Zimmerman terms will expire. The District may provide an information session for interested candidates, possibly as a joint session with High School District 207, about what a Board of Education does, how to get on the ballot, timelines, etc. While the Board must remain neutral on candidates, it is permissible to educate and publicize the election to the community.

The Board discussed a concern raised by a District 64 resident and parent about illegal parking at Franklin. Dr. Bender planned to look into the situation and discuss it with staff members. The Board also discussed the importance of community members contacting the Park Ridge-Niles Police if they observe violations outside the normal school hours.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

At 8:32 p.m., it was moved by Board Member Uhlig and seconded by Board member Taddeo to adjourn the meeting to closed session not to return to open session. The motion passed by consensus.

President

Secretary