

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting held at 7:30 p.m.
October 12, 2010
Raymond Hendee Educational Service Center
164 S. Prospect Avenue**

Board President John Heyde called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Other Board members present were Ted Smart, Pat Fioretto, Sharon Lawson, Genie Taddeo, Eric Uhlig and Scott Zimmerman. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Philip Bender, Assistant Superintendent Diane Betts, Rebecca Allard, Dr. Kathy Nelson, Dr. Lynne Farmer, Terry Bresnahan and Bernadette Tramm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PARK RIDGE
MURAL RESTORATION PROJECT**

Dr. Anthony Borrelli and Pat Lofthouse, representing the Park Ridge Public Library Board, gave a Power Point presentation on the Park Ridge mural restoration project. The mural "Indians Cede the Land" originally hung in the Hendee ESC when it was the Park Ridge Post Office building, beginning in 1940. When District 64 acquired the building in 1970, the mural was removed by Paul Carlson, long-time history teacher at Maine East High School and Park Ridge resident, in order to save it during building renovations. Mr. Carlson stored the mural in his home's basement for 38 years before passing away in 2008. The mural was turned over to the Park Ridge Library by the estate of Mr. Carlson, but is in need of extensive repairs.

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Dr. Borrelli and Ms. Lofthouse said the Mural Restoration Project is a community project, not only a Library project. Their intention is to raise awareness about the mural and raise funds to restore it, which was bid at \$38,000 by Parma Conservation. They invited Board members to participate on the restoration committee and also asked the Board to consider donating toward the project once a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization has been created to accept donations.

When the mural restoration is completed, the original, painted by artist George Melville Smith, will be hung at the Park Ridge Library, and a smaller version will be available to travel among area schools and in the community so others can learn about the history and significance of it. Dr. Borrelli gave the history behind the mural, noting that it provides insight into Native Americans, as well as the beginning of Park Ridge and its artist colony.

The Board offered suggestions for other organizations in the community that might be willing to donate toward the restoration, in addition to grants for which the Library Board has already applied. The Board looks forward to hearing when the non-profit organization is created and how the District can help the organization accomplish its goal to have the mural restored.

SUPERINTENDENT'S FIRST NINETY DAYS

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Dr. Bender discussed his first ninety days as superintendent. There was no "honeymoon" period, as he was initiated into the District with major construction issues involving four building sites, flooding at Washington and Lincoln Middle Schools, and the resignation of Board member Russ Gentile.

However, other highlights of the first 90 days included a flawless start to the school year and securing employee insurance benefits at a zero percent increase. Implementation of the Strategic Plan has begun.

Dr. Bender's primary goal is to do what's best for the children. He is trying to establish both a school and community presence. He hopes to visit at least one District building weekly, and has made contact with several organizations and community leaders to introduce himself and learn more about the Park Ridge-Niles community.

Dr. Bender is familiar with the Traffic Safety Committee and will establish a relationship with the Community Finance Committee. A posting has gone out for a new Director of Buildings and Grounds, following Roy Jensen's resignation. During the transition period until a replacement is hired, Dr. Bender, Dr. Stringer and Ms. Allard will handle facility and custodial issues. Dr. Bender will also begin work on an ESC organization plan to determine how to handle retirements. He will keep the Board apprised of the plan.

Dr. Bender credited his success during the first 90 days to the great support he has received from administrators, staff and teachers. Mr. Heyde said it is important that the Board and superintendent stay in close contact. The Board will complete feedback forms, which will be compiled and reviewed with Dr. Bender. Dr. Bender will update the Board quarterly.

SUMMER 2011 CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Business Manager Rebecca Allard presented a list of capital projects for summer 2011. Bid documents must be prepared as early as possible. Bid estimates were received from Green Associates for four proposed projects.

Because a new Director of Buildings and Grounds will be in place next summer, Ms. Allard recommended the capital projects be managed by a general contractor. The projects involve drainage/flooding issues and parking lot re-surfacing at Emerson Middle School, Jefferson School and Franklin School, totaling \$1,015,000.

In addition, a tentative storm water and retention project at Carpenter School was proposed. Ideally, the exterior and drainage project at Carpenter could be tied in with the FAA's noise abatement project at that site, if it is approved. If the FAA does not approve the noise abatement, the Board will give direction to the Business Office on how to proceed. The estimate for all four projects would be \$1,510,000. Ms. Allard will research if the funds for these capital projects overlap with monies left over from when Emerson Middle School was built.

If the Board approves the capital projects, bids would be brought back to the Board at the March 2011 Board meeting and work would begin as soon as school is out next summer. Summer school could be relocated to Washington School and Lincoln Middle School instead of Franklin and Emerson to accommodate construction.

The Board requested a report summarizing the 2009-10 summer construction projects.

The four items on the proposed list for 2011 summer projects are the most severe issues. Ms. Allard estimated that \$13-14 million would be required to address all projects needing attention, which includes interior as well as exterior work. It will be the task of the new Director of Buildings and Grounds to develop a master plan and bid out architectural services.

The Board discussed alternative funding ideas and the need to convene the Facilities Committee to discuss these issues. An appraisal of all District 64 facilities and land will be conducted toward the end of the calendar year. It has been approximately seven years since a system-wide appraisal was completed.

The Board will continue this discussion at the next regular meeting rather than simply including the vote on summer 2011 capital projects as part of the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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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-----	\$ 447,591.49
20 - Operation, Building and Maintenance Fund -----	1,577,440.87
30 - Debt Services -----	-
40 - Transportation Fund -----	8,776.91
60 - Site and Construction Fund -----	-
80 - Tort Immunity Fund -----	42,681.88
90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund -----	-

Checks Numbered: 101251 - 101442

Total: \$ 2,076,491.15

Payroll

10 - Education Fund -----	\$ 4,657,488.95
20 - Operation, Building and Maintenance Fund -----	302,439.00
40 - Transportation Fund -----	-
50 - IMRF/FICA Fund -----	219,516.44
80 - Tort Immunity -----	-

Checks Numbered: 120885 – 121473

Direct Deposit: 149374 - 1509757

Total \$ 5,179,444.39

C. APPROVAL OF TELEPHONE SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL

D. DESTRUCTION OF AUDIO CLOSED MINUTES (NONE)

ACTION ITEM – 10-10-1

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It was moved by Board member Taddeo and seconded by Board member Zimmerman that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, approve the Consent Agenda of October 12, 2010, which includes the Personnel Report, Bills and Payroll, Approval of Telephone Service Contract Renewal and Destruction of Audio Closed Minutes (none).

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Fioretto requested a change to the minutes of September 27, 2010, to include information brought forward by a Park Ridge resident that parking violations at Franklin School should be directed to the Park Ridge Police.

The Board discussed the comments from Mr. Fioretto that were omitted from the September 27, 2010 minutes. The Board approved the September 27, 2010 Board minutes as amended with the following addition:

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.

ACTION ITEM 10-10-2

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It was moved by Board member Uhlig and seconded by Board member Lawson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 approve the Open and Closed minutes of September 27, 2010, as modified.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

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Dr. Bender briefly noted items included in the Board packet, which included a FOIA request, memos regarding the Cook County levy process, a Strategic Plan update, and Board of Education candidate information.

An informational session is planned for October 28, 2010 for anyone interested in learning more about the Board of Education, what the Board does, and how to become a candidate for the Board. The term of four Board members will expire in the spring. The District 64 and 207 Caucus has not endorsed specific candidates at this time.

A revised calendar for the Board's school visits was distributed. The Board should contact building principals directly to confirm a date and time.

Board meeting agendas are planned approximately 10 days prior to regularly scheduled meetings. Board members should contact Dr. Bender, Mr. Heyde or Ms. Taddeo if they wish to add an item to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

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At 9:14 p.m., it was moved by Board Member Taddeo and seconded by Board member Uhlig to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by consensus.

President

Secretary