

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Minutes of the Board Retreat
held at 6:00 p.m. July 16, 2010
The Glen Club
2901 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60026

President John Heyde convened the meeting at 6:15 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 Philip Bender, Assistant Superintendents Sandra Stringer and Diane Betts, Business Manager Becky Allard, Director of EIS/RtI Lynne Farmer, Director of Technology Terri Bresnahan, Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm, and Dr. Ted Blaesing.

Mr. Heyde welcomed everyone to the session and briefly introduced Dr. Blaesing, facilitator for the two-day retreat. Following dinner, Dr. Bender shared his perspectives on beginning work as District 64's new superintendent on July 1. He reviewed his background and experiences that have shaped his educational vision as a classroom teacher, principal and superintendent. He expressed his enthusiasm for taking the lead of a high-achieving district and working with all members of the school community to continue this tradition of excellence. He noted that implementing the District's new strategic plan would be a priority for his work in coming years.

Dr. Blaesing then facilitated a round-table exchange of information, which offered each person an opportunity to share personal and professional experiences that would offer insight about their background. Following the exercise, Dr. Blaesing noted that the exchange provided a basis for genuine communication among all present, which will help build trust among Board members and between the Board and District administrators during this transition in leadership. He indicated that it was evident from the discussion that all present shared a great commitment of purpose for improving District 64 and for focusing on what is best for students. Dr. Blaesing said the Board would continue focusing on improving the effectiveness of the working relationship between the Board and administration in its session tomorrow and that he would distribute resource materials for further discussion at that time.

Upon motion of Mr. Fioretto and second of Ms. Lawson, the Board adjourned the meeting by consensus at 9:12 p.m.

President

Secretary