

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting held at 7:30 p.m.
January 24, 2011
Field Elementary School
707 N. Wisner Avenue**

John Heyde called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Other Board members present were Pat Fioretto, Ted Smart, Sharon Lawson, Genie Taddeo, and Scott Zimmerman. Eric Uhlig arrived during the tour (at 6:43 p.m.). Also present were Superintendent Philip Bender, Becky Allard, Bernadette Tramm, Scott Mackall, Kathy Creely and Katie Kelly.

The facility tour was led by Field School Principal Kathy Creely and Director of Facility Management Scott Mackall, who commented on instructional furnishings and physical plant considerations along the way. Departing from the Learning Resource Center, the tour included observation of several third floor classrooms before descending to visit classrooms in the second floor north addition. The group then moved to the main floor north gym and visited several classrooms along the main corridor before entering the boiler room, auditorium, small gym and a kindergarten room. The group returned to the Learning Resource Center at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was briefly recessed prior to reconvening for the regular meeting agenda at 7:35 p.m.

Assistant Superintendents Diane Betts and Sandra Stringer, Dr. Lynne Farmer, Dr. Kathy Nelson and Terri Bresnahan were also present for the regular meeting, along with additional members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION ON SUMMER PROJECTS

Discussion on Summer Projects

Mr. Mackall, Director of Facility Management, gave a brief overview of the sewer and drainage issues at Emerson and Jefferson. He said that this project could be put off for one year as the projects at Franklin and Carpenter are a higher priority.

Mr. Mackall explained the details of the proposed plan for Carpenter including the installation of an underground detention system in two areas, which will help slow the flow of water to the sewer, storm drains and storm sewer, replacing and expanding the west playground and parking lot, moving the black top area, resurfacing the north lot to allow for a drop-off area, and providing exterior drainage by the auditorium to keep water away from the building.

Mr. Mackall said that the design of the project is approximately 30% complete. Design costs will be approximately 10% of the total project cost.

There was discussion about drop-off areas and traffic flow as well as possible solutions for relieving the congestion. Mr. Mackall said that as the project progresses they will be looking further at this issue.

Mr. Mackall then gave an overview of the proposed plan for Franklin including the installation of an underground detention system and storm sewer, replacing the west playgrounds and replacing and expanding the west parking lot, relocating one ball court and wood chip play area and replacing playground equipment lost from parking lot expansion. He explained that the new drop-off area proposal is for future consideration.

Ms. Lawson asked about why Carpenter is a priority over Franklin. Mr. Mackall explained that there are supervision issues at Carpenter with the two separate playground areas. The new configuration would bring the playgrounds closer together making supervision easier and get the children farther away from traffic. He also feels that the addition of the drop-off area will increase safety. Ms. Allard added that it is also important to keep water out of the building. Dr. Bender said he feels this project takes priority because the auditorium is unusable space.

Ms. Allard suggested that we bid on Carpenter as the base bid and bid Franklin as an option and if the bids come in attractive enough we could accept both but that Carpenter should take priority.

There was discussion about how to spend the 1.6 million dollar budget for annual improvements. Ms. Allard said that if both projects were done there would be no other improvement projects for the year. She said that if neither project were done the 1.6 million would be used for painting, roofing, carpeting, T-12 fluorescent light replacement at a cost of 1.4 million, A/C and boiler work, etc.

Dr. Bender said he thinks it is important in terms of priorities to address how we portray our buildings to the community and the value of space and having a building with unusable space.

Mr. Zimmerman said that he thinks there should to be a study of what our funding options are and the costs involved. Mr. Fioretto said he prefers staying within our annual budget and not increasing taxes but is not opposed to having a study done. Mr. Smart suggested a town hall meeting to educate the public on what the problems are and what the options are for addressing them. Ms. Lawson said these projects were not planned for when the referendum was passed and that it may be necessary to educate taxpayers as to why additional funding is needed. Mr. Heyde suggested that we need a prioritized list of projects and to know what our financial options are. Ms. Allard suggested asking Elizabeth Hennessey to educate the Board on what the bonding capabilities are in Illinois and what we have access to.

In conclusion, Ms. Allard said that Carpenter is the top priority on the list of capital projects to be paid for with the 1.6 million dollar budget. She would like to bid Franklin along with Carpenter so that she can make a recommendation to the Board in April based on the total for both projects.

At the next agenda planning meeting it will be determined which future Board meeting would be best for Ms. Hennessey to attend.

**DISCUSSION ON TENTATIVE BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING DATES FOR 2011-12**

Discussion on Tentative
Board of Education
Meeting Dates for 2011-12

Dr. Bender presented a draft of a calendar of Board of Education meetings for the 2011-2012 year that moves from two Board of Education Meetings per month to one meeting per month. He said that surrounding districts were asked about the length of their meetings and that most of their meeting were 2 – 2.5 hours. This calendar allows for more flexibility, more opportunity for work sessions and Committee-of-the-Whole meetings. Board members suggested that in the next draft Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring breaks be highlighted, adding Committee-of-the-Whole meetings on January 9th and April 9, and changing the Tuesday, May 29th to a Monday in May.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #1065 DESIGNATING
THE SUPERINTENDENT TO BEGIN PREPARATION
OF A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL
YEAR**

Adoption of Resolution
#1065 Designating the
Superintendent to Begin
Preparation of a Tentative
Budget for the 2011-2012
Fiscal Year

Ms. Allard explained that school code requires the Board to authorize the Superintendent or his designee to begin preparation of the 2011-2012 budget. Mr. Heyde said he would like an opportunity to discuss the philosophy of budgeting and how the Strategic Plan budget implications fit into this philosophy. It was agreed that this discussion would take place when the financial projections are discussed at a future meeting.

ACTION ITEM 11-01-03

Action Item 11-01-03

It was moved by Board member Lawson and seconded by Board member Uhlig that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, adopt Resolution #1065, designating the Superintendent or his designee, to begin preparation of the Tentative Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel Report

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

B. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills

10 - Education Fund-----	\$ 218,048.67
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund-----	250,646.21
30 - Debt Services-----	200.00
40 - Transportation Fund -----	15,325.40
60 - Site and Construction Fund -----	-
80 -Tort Immunity Fund -----	30,559.66
90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund -----	-

Checks Numbered: 102387 - 102517

Total: \$ 514,779.94

C. Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending December 31, 2010

D. Destruction of Audio Closed Minutes

ACTION ITEM 11-01-04

Action Item 11-01-04

It was moved by Board member Smart 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 January 24, 2011, which included the Personnel Report, Bills, Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending December 31, 2010 and Destruction of Audio Closed Minutes (none). The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION ITEM 11-01-05

Action Item 11-01-05

It was moved by Board member Fioretto and seconded by Board member Taddeo that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois approve the Open and Closed Minutes of January 10, 2011.

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

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Other Items of Information

Dr. Bender pointed out the Memo of Information from Diane Betts, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning and Dr. Lynne Farmer, Director of Early Intervening Services/Response to Intervention updating the Board on EIS/RTI, and meeting minutes from the Wellness Council and Traffic Safety Committee. Mr. Heyde thanked Ms. Betts and Dr. Farmer for their comprehensive report. He highlighted the recent tour of Field School that he and Board member Zimmerman took. They were both impressed and pleased with what they observed during their visit.

Dr. Bender said that Saturday evening he and his wife, Alissa Jelke and her husband, Bernadette Tramm and her husband, and Dr. Pryor attended an event honoring ELF as it was one of several organizations that received a "Community Star" award from the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce. He was sorry Board member, Pat Fioretto, who has been instrumental in the success of ELF over the years was unable to attend. He said that the annual ELF fundraiser will take place on Saturday, January 28 at Café LaCave.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m., it was moved by Board member Uhlig and seconded by Board member Lawson to move to adjourn the meeting to closed session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District and to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District. The motion passed by consensus 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)..

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

President

Secretary