

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting held at 7:30 p.m.
February 14, 2011
Raymond Hendee Educational Service Center
164 S. Prospect Avenue**

President John Heyde called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Other Board members present were Genie Taddeo (arrived in progress), Eric Uhlig, Sharon Lawson, Ted Smart, and Scott Zimmerman. Board member Pat Fioretto was not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Philip Bender, Assistant Superintendents Diane Betts and Sandra Stringer (arrived in progress), Business Manager Becky Allard, Director of EIS/RtI Lynne Farmer, Director of Pupil Services Kathleen Nelson, Director of Technology Terri Bresnahan, Director of Facility Management Scott Mackall (arrived in progress), Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm, and four members of the public.

The Board convened a Committee of the Whole: Finance at 6:35 p.m.

The Board adjourned from the Committee of the Whole: Finance at 7:20 p.m. and resumed as a Regular Board meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Those present at the regular meeting were Superintendent Philip Bender, Assistant Superintendents Diane Betts and Sandra Stringer, Becky Allard, Dr. Kathy Nelson, Dr. Lynne Farmer, Scott Mackall, Terri Bresnahan and Bernadette Tramm.

PARENT PATROL

Parent Patrol

Park Ridge Police Chief Frank Kaminski and Margaret Polovchak, Director of the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation (MCYAF), addressed the Board. The Parent Patrol was a pilot program created as a means to address the issue of substance use among youth in Park Ridge. Alcohol is the most used substance, followed by marijuana and prescription drugs. Among middle school and high school students, 68 percent do not use, but 32 percent are regular users.

This issue is not just a school, parent or police problem. It is a community problem and it is important to send a consistent message to our children.

Research shows that the brain is not fully developed until a person's mid-20's, so any use of alcohol or drugs during the school years can alter the developing brain. Those who start to use substances before the age of 15 are five times more likely to have problems as adults. Delaying the age of onset is best.

MCYAF partners with the middle schools and high schools and also looks at policies and perceptions in the community, i.e., if the community accepts or sees substance use as normal or inevitable. There is a strong correlation between teen perceptions and alcohol and drug use rates.

The Parent Patrol lets kids in our community know that adults care about them and that underage drinking is unhealthy, dangerous and illegal. It was operated as a pilot program for 10 weekends in 2010. Police and parents patrol neighborhoods, parks, etc. on Friday and Saturday nights between 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Very few parties were discovered during the pilot period.

Chief Kaminski said he would like to take the Parent Patrol to the next level by covering all 52 weekends of the year. In order to do that, up to 52 parent volunteers are needed to either be on patrol with police or on call for one (or more) weekend in 2011. Volunteers will be trained, but will not make arrests.

The Parent Patrol is a good example of police and the community working together. It is a proactive approach that could prevent a tragedy related to alcohol use by youth. Anyone interested in being a part of the Parent Patrol who is unable to attend the training session can observe a videotape about the program and the role of volunteers. Chief Kaminski encouraged Board members to volunteer for the Parent Patrol and/or to let their friends and neighbors know about it.

Dr. Bender applauded Chief Kaminski and Ms. Polovchak on the program. He has signed up to be a volunteer for Parent Patrol. He also noted that children as early as the elementary grades observe and notice things such as alcohol and drugs. When they do, parents can use these instances as teachable moments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

RECOGNITION OF ILLINOIS 2010 HONOR ROLL SCHOOLS

Recognition of Illinois 2010 Honor Roll Schools

Dr. Bender recognized five District 64 schools that earned Academic Excellence Awards from the Illinois State Board of Education. The schools are Carpenter, Roosevelt and Washington Elementary Schools as well as Lincoln and Emerson Middle Schools. These schools met the following criteria:

- They made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2009 and 2010.
- Ninety percent (90%) of students met or exceeded state standards in both math and reading for the past three years.

Dr. Bender thanked and acknowledged the principals of all five schools who were in attendance. Mr. Heyde asked the principals to convey the gratitude of the Board to their staff.

DISCUSSION OF CALENDAR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion of Calendar Committee Recommendations

Diane Betts, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning, presented a recommendation to the Board from the Calendar Committee for the 2011-12 school year. The Committee was

convened following discussion at the January 10, 2011 Board of Education meeting when the Board discussed whether to change the start or end dates of the school year.

The Calendar Committee looked at many options that would meet Illinois School Code and considered warm temperature days and non-air conditioned schools, holidays, staff development days, coordination of our calendar with High School District 207, summer school and park district programs.

Six alternative plans were included in the Board packet, along with the merits and concerns about each plan. The Committee believed that any of the possible alternatives would have a significant impact on student learning, staff development, parents' schedules, and possibly employee contracts. Therefore, the Committee recommended keeping the 2011-12 calendar as it was proposed at the January 10th Board meeting and using the next year to study alternative calendars using more extensive analysis.

The Board discussed possible solutions at length, including delaying the start date for all District 64 schools or only the two non-air conditioned buildings (Carpenter and Field Schools), holding school on days that are allowed for legal holidays (such as Columbus Day and Presidents' Day), and exchanging one day of student attendance for an additional staff development day, among others.

The Board directed Ms. Betts to reconvene the Calendar Committee again and come back to the Board with recommendations for an alternate calendar that delays the start date by 2 – 3 days, exchanging those days with the possible solutions discussed. Ms. Betts agreed to have an alternative calendar for the March 14, 2011 Board meeting.

BOARD AUTHORIZES 2011-12 STAFFING PLAN

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Staffing Plan

Rebecca Allard, Business Manager, reviewed class size and section projections with the Board. Developing a staffing plan is one of the first steps in budget planning for 2011-12. Based on anticipated student enrollment, Ms. Allard asked the Board to authorize hiring 7.30 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff if needed. The contingency plan is driven by both class size guidelines and enrollment. Enrollment will be looked at weekly and up until the first day of school.

ACTION ITEM 11-02-01

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It was moved by Board member Taddeo and seconded by Board member Lawson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District #64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois approve the 2011-12 staffing report as presented. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Fioretto

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF REMAINING TECHNOLOGY
INFRASTRUCTURE HARDWARE**

Approval of Remaining
Technology Infrastructure
Hardware

Terri Bresnahan, Director of Technology, updated the Board on infrastructure work within the District. Upgrades to switches and wireless access points are now completed at Emerson, Lincoln, Field, and Jefferson Schools. In addition, Carpenter had its switches upgraded and the ESC has its wireless access points upgraded. The total cost of the completed work is \$260,000. A portion of the costs was covered by an insurance claim from Emerson's flooding.

Ms. Bresnahan asked the Board to approve the release of funds for the remaining infrastructure work at Franklin, Roosevelt, Washington and switches at the ESC for a total of \$200,700. Hardware will be purchased before the end of the 2010-11 school year and installation will be done during the summer. Ms. Bresnahan said upgrading switches provides greater reliability and is preventive in nature also.

ACTION ITEM 11-02-2

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It was moved by Board member Zimmerman and seconded by Board member Uhlig that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District #64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois release funds for completion of network infrastructure work. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Fioretto

The motion passed.

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 AND PAYROLL

Bills

10 - Education Fund-----	\$ 823,695.26
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund-----	336,421.17
30 - Debt Services-----	-
40 - Transportation Fund -----	43,365.03
60 - Site and Construction Fund -----	-

80 –Tort Immunity Fund -----	<u>17,725.87</u>
90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund -----	<u>-</u>

Checks Numbered: 102518 - 102724

Total: \$1,221,207.33

Payroll for Month of January, 2011

10 - Education Fund -----	<u>\$ 2,979,921.17</u>
20 – Operations and Maintenance Fund -----	<u>183,481.31</u>
40 - Transportation Fund -----	<u>-</u>
50 - IMRF/FICA Fund -----	<u>146,880.99</u>
80 - Tort Immunity -----	<u>-</u>

Checks Numbered: 123019 – 123455

Direct Deposit: 154502 - 155608

Total \$3,310,283.47

C. ~~ADOPTION OF FINAL CALENDAR 2011-12~~

D. DESTRUCTION OF AUDIO CLOSED MINUTES

ACTION ITEM 11-02-3

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It was moved by Board member Lawson and seconded by Board member Taddeo that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the amended Consent Agenda of February 14, 2011, which includes the Personnel Report, Bills and Payroll, and Destruction of Audio Closed Minutes. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Fioretto

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

ACTION ITEM 11-02-4

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It was moved by Board member Uhlig and seconded by Board member Zimmerman that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District #64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois approve the Open and Closed Minutes of January 24, 2011. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Fioretto

The motion passed.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Other Items of
Information

Dr. Bender received a FOIA request and noted the art and general supply bids included in the Board packet.

In addition, Dr. Bender recognized Tim Benka, Assistant Principal at Emerson Middle School, who was named the Illinois Assistant Principal of the Year for 2011-12 by the Illinois Principals Association. Formal recognition will take place at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

At 9:05 p.m., it was moved by Board member Lawson and seconded by Board member Taddeo to adjourn the meeting to closed session for the purpose of discussing:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
2. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6). 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). The motion passed by consensus.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

President

Secretary