

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Regular Meeting held at 7:30 p.m.
July 11, 2011
Raymond Hendee Educational Service Center
164 S. Prospect Avenue**

Board Vice President Scott Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other Board members in attendance were Eric, Uhlig, Pat Fioretto, Dan Collins, Sharon Lawson, and Anthony Borrelli. Board member John Heyde was not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Bender and Business Manager Rebecca Allard.

The Board convened a Committee-of-the-Whole: Finance at 6:31 p.m.

The Board adjourned from the Committee of the Whole: Finance at 7:25 p.m. and resumed as a Regular Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present at the regular meeting were Superintendent Philip Bender, Assistant Superintendent Diane Betts, Business Manager Becky Allard, James Evan, Scott Mackall and Bernadette Tramm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

Several residents addressed the Board about the former optional attendance area policy that involves Carpenter and Washington Elementary Schools and Lincoln and Emerson Middle Schools. The Board of Education ended the optional attendance area in February 2008.

Mr. Matthew May of 7 N. Western Avenue, Park Ridge, said he reviewed District 64's policy and compared it with similar policies in other districts. He asked Superintendent Bender to have compassion and flexibility and do the right thing for students and their families when making decisions about which school they may attend. He urged Dr. Bender to clarify what the policy means when it comes to defining how a student is better accommodated at another school.

Mr. Tim Scully of 1340 S. Western Avenue, Park Ridge, inquired why it took six months to process his request for the optional attendance school only to have it denied. He asked that current students be grandfathered in so they don't have to change schools and that the Board set a new policy going forward.

Mr. Marty Torres of 204 Western Avenue, Park Ridge, voiced his support for others who spoke about the optional attendance area. He also asked the Board to take action on the interrupted day policy and cooling options for Carpenter and Field Schools before the start of the 2011-12 school year, while waiting for the Master Facility Plan to be presented and acted upon.

Mr. Marshall Warren of 119 W. Kathleen Drive, Park Ridge, asked if the Board will allow video recording of meetings so residents can be more informed about what's happening with the schools. At no cost to the District, Mr. Warren said

meetings can be recorded and posted on the District 64 web site or another non-partisan web site. He volunteered to provide this service at no cost to the district. He also questioned the Board's approval of 2.5 percent salary increases for non-union employees when the District's buildings are in disrepair.

Ms. Charlene Foss of 1117 Harrison St., Park Ridge, also questioned the rationale for and approval of administrative raises.

Ms. Kristen Wening of 21 N. Western Avenue, Park Ridge, said her request for the optional attendance area was denied. She cited the correlation between academics and social stability as an important factor when making decisions about which school is best for students to attend.

Ms. Kristi Ryken of 502 S. Western Avenue, Park Ridge, spoke in support of other parents regarding the optional attendance policy. She asked that Dr. Bender focus on the children, make decisions on a case-by-case basis, grandfather in current students and set a new policy going forward.

Dr. Bender said if the Board wishes to adjust the optional attendance area policy or its policy about salary increases for administrative staff, he would be open to discussing these issues. The Board agreed to place the optional attendance policy on the special meeting agenda for August 8, 2011. Of 50 requests received for optional school attendance, Dr. Bender approved requests for 20 regular education students and 9 students with IEP's, leaving 18 others to be reviewed and possibly grandfathered in. No decision was made on videotaping Board of Education meetings until the matter can be discussed with legal counsel and placed on a future meeting agenda for discussion and Board action.

APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER

Appointment of
Hearing Officer

Dr. Bender recommended a third party be appointed as Hearing Officer, although the District has not had to use these services for any regular education students. There is no cost to the District to retain a Hearing Officer; however, he/she would be compensated when services are needed.

ACTION ITEM 11-07-1

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It was moved by Board member Uhlig and seconded by Board member Borrelli that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, appoint Richard P. Majka as the Hearing Officer for School District 64. The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Collins, Lawson, Fioretto, Zimmerman, Uhlig, Borrelli

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Heyde

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2011-2012 TENTATIVE
BUDGET AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC
HEARING DATE ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

Approval of the 2011-2012
Tentative Budget and
Establishment of Public Hearing
Date on September 26, 2011

Ms. Allard asked the Board to approve the tentative budget for 2011-12 as presented and set September 26, 2011 as the Public Hearing date. She invited Board members or residents to contact her with questions about the budget. The tentative budget will be on public display for 30 days. This is not the final budget; in fact, the budget process is continual.

ACTION ITEM 11-07-2

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It was moved by Board member Fioretto and seconded by Board member Borrelli that the 2011-2012 Tentative Budget be approved and that the public hearing for the Final Budget for Community Consolidated School District 64 for the 2011-2012 school year be held on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:20 p.m. at the Franklin School, 2401 Manor Lane, Park Ridge, Illinois. The notice of the Public Hearing shall be placed in a Park Ridge and Niles Newspaper. The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Borrelli, Uhlig, Zimmerman, Fioretto, Lawson, Collins

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Heyde

The motion passed.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON
MASTER FACILITY PLANNING AND
TIMELINE**

Background Information on
Master Facility Planning and
Timeline

Becky Allard presented the first year timeline and agreement with Fanning/Howey Architects. It will include an assessment of Carpenter, Field, Franklin Elementary Schools as well as Emerson Middle School and adjacent Jefferson School, with a report of the findings and finance options expected at the August 22, 2011 Board meeting.

A Roles, Goals and Controls workshop will be held for the Board and community on September 12, 2011 to address the focus and goals as it relates to a Master Facility Plan. Community involvement will be vital.

Specific initial tasks will also include an assessment of a structural crack at Roosevelt School, a review of the District's lighting upgrade proposal, and evaluation of mechanical upgrade options at Carpenter and Field Schools. Additional steps will be a Capacity Study based on the existing demographic report and review of an Energy Benchmarking Analysis conducted by Johnson Controls.

Ms. Kelly Plaza of 210 Western Avenue, Park Ridge, asked the Board how the beginning of the school year will be handled at Carpenter School if there are excessive heat days since the Fanning/Howey report will not be presented until August 22nd. She also asked if there is money in the budget for a new HVAC system at Carpenter. Dr. Bender replied that water retention and auditorium projects are being worked on now, which were priorities of the Board.

Mr. Marty Torres inquired about budgeting for mechanical upgrades at Carpenter and Field Schools. Dr. Bender explained that once the Master Facility Plan is presented, the Board will then prioritize its options, determine costs and how to fund major capital projects. Funding options could involve cutting programs or doing a special referendum. All short-term and long-term options will be studied. This will be a public decision. There was a brief discussion about facility and educational inequities among the schools. Mr. Fioretto reminded the audience that some District schools have air conditioning because the FAA paid for it with O'Hare Airport noise abatement funds.

The Board also discussed the \$100,000 estimated fee for the Master Facility Plan by Fanning/Howey and whether it is reasonable. The contract with Fanning/Howey for architectural services was already signed.

ACTION ITEM 11-07-3

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It was moved by Board member Fioretto and seconded by Board member Lawson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the contract for professional services for a Facility Master Plan, Part 1, from Fanning/Howey. The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Collins, Lawson, Fioretto, Zimmerman, Borrelli

NAYS: Uhlig

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Heyde

The motion passed.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #1075
APPROVING DISSOLUTION OF MAINE
TOWNSHIP SPECIAL**

Adoption of Resolution #1075
Approving Dissolution of Maine
Township Special Education
Program (MTSEP)

EDUCATION PROGRAM (MTSEP)

Dr. Bender explained that MTSEP will be dissolved because one of the participating districts opted out. There will be no changes for student services with the dissolution. There will, however, be changes to how programs are administered.

Many of the services set up through MTSEP no longer exist because special needs students are mainstreamed into the regular education program. The proposed dissolution documents were reviewed by legal counsel and approved by other participating school district superintendents in the area. This action should be budget neutral.

ACTION ITEM 11-07-4

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It was moved by Board member Lawson and seconded by Board member Borrelli that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois Adopt Resolution #1075, approving the dissolution of Maine Township Special Education Program (MTSEP). The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Borrelli, Uhlig, Zimmerman, Fioretto, Lawson, Collins

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Heyde

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

Mr. Fioretto requested that the Personnel Report be separated from the Consent Agenda because of his concern regarding the salary range for new hire teachers. He asked for a Board discussion on establishing future hiring policies. This item will be added to the August 8, 2011 Board of Education meeting agenda. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Dr. Stringer, was on vacation so she was unable to comment.

ACTION ITEM 11-07-5

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It was moved by Board member Fioretto and seconded by Board member Lawson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the amended Consent Agenda of July 11, 2011, which excludes the Personnel Report and includes the Bills and Payroll, Approval of Student/Parent Handbook, Approval of Updated 457 Tax Deferred Plan Document, Approval of Physical Education Supply Bid, Recommendation to Reject Bid for Toilet Tissue & Dispensers, Approval of June Financials for the Period Ending June 30, 2011, and Destruction of Audio Closed Minutes (none).

PRESENT:

ABSENT: Heyde

The motion passed.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Personnel Report

The Personnel Report contains private information. If additional information is needed, please contact Dr. Sandra Stringer, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

ACTION ITEM 11-07-7

Action Item 11-07-7

It was moved by Board member Lawson and seconded by Board member Collins that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois approve the Personnel Report dated July 11, 2011. The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Collins, Lawson, Zimmerman

NAYS: Fioretto, Uhlig, Borrelli

PRESENT:

ABSENT: Heyde

The motion did not pass.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of
Minutes

ACTION ITEM 11-07-6

Action Item 11-07-6

It was moved by Board member Collins and seconded by Board member Lawson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2011 and Closed Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2011. The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Borrelli, Uhlig, Zimmerman, Fioretto, Lawson, Collins

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Heyde

The motion passed.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Dr. Bender noted the special Board meeting scheduled for August 8, 2011. Some additional items were added to that agenda tonight. He also highlighted the facility projects update, FOIA requests and an update on the upcoming Board retreat.

Ms. Lawson said she will not be present for the August 22nd or September 12th meetings, but will be available to listen to them.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:38 p.m., it was moved Board member Lawson and seconded by Board member Borrelli to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by consensus.

President

Secretary