

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Special Meeting held at 6:30 p.m.
December 19, 2011
Hendee Educational Service Center
164 S. Prospect Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068**

Board President John Heyde called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Other Board members present were Anthony Borrelli, Eric Uhlig, Scott Zimmerman, Pat Fioretto, Sharon Lawson and Dan Collins. Also present were Superintendent Philip Bender, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Sandra Stringer and Diane Betts, Business Manager Becky Allard, James Even, Terri Bresnahan, Scott Mackall and Bernadette Tramm.

Board of Education meetings now are being videotaped and may be viewed in their full length from the District's website at:
<http://www.d64.org/subsite/dist/page/board-education-meetings-984>.

Mr. Heyde thanked the middle school orchestra students for providing a brief holiday concert prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public
Comments

There were no public comments.

**ADOPTION OF FINAL 2011 LEVY RESOLUTION
#1077 AND RESOLUTION #1078 FOR THE
REDUCTION OF CERTAIN FUND LEVIES**

Adoption of Final 2011 Levy
Resolution #1077 for the
Reduction of Certain Fund Levies

Business Manager, Becky Allard, said that as presented at the Public Hearing on the Tax Levy on December 12, 2011 the District is asking for a 4.99 percent increase in the tax levy for the coming year. She noted that we are limited under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) and will only receive what the formula will allow. The District asks for more than it anticipates getting because the information that it is based on will not be known until next fall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public
Comments

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEM 11-12-3

Action Item
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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 the attached Resolution #1077 Providing For

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A Levy Of Taxes For The Year 2011 and Resolution #1078 Authorizing Reduction Of Certain Fund Levies For The 2011 Levy Year. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF DISTRICT MAINTENANCE PLAN

Acceptance of
District
Maintenance

Dr. Bender said this is an action item for the Board to accept the information presented at the December 12, 2011 meeting by Fanning Howey. It would become a part of the facility master plan for consideration now or in the future.

Keri VanSant from Fanning Howey said based on Board member Collins' request an additional memo was sent to the Board.

Board member Borrelli asked if replacing buildings rather than maintaining them had been looked at. Ms. VanSant said that when the facility cost index is 66.5% or higher they would recommend replacing rather than maintaining a building. An educational adequacy study needs to be conducted before making a final recommendation on this.

Mr. Borrelli also asked if all the buildings are up to code and if there are any hidden costs that could inflate the costs. Ms. VanSant explained that based on a 2006 Life Safety Study, there are still some upgrades needed but that the maintenance plan includes those items as well as additional items that need to be addressed.

ACTION ITEM 11-12-4

Action Item
11-12-4

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 accept the District Maintenance Plan dated December 12, 2011 in generality. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed

**APPROVAL TO DESIGN AND BID 2012 CAPITAL
PROJECTS**

Approval to Design and
Bid 2012 Capital
Projects

Mr. Heyde clarified that the goal is for the Board to approve a motion giving direction to design and bid one or more projects for the summer of 2012.

Mr. Fioretto asked about the timetable for design and construction. Ms. VanSant would like to have the design complete and ready for bid by March or April at the latest. Projects will be completed over the summer.

Ms. VanSant explained that the work to be completed at Carpenter will need to be staged in order to complete the project during the summer. Mr. Partington explained what is involved with repairing the existing ventilation air-handling units and duct systems. Ms. VanSant explained that at this time it isn't known what the magnitude of the asbestos removal work will be and that the quality of the air in the building will be improved somewhat by bringing outside air into the building but the humidity problem would not change. Mr. Mackall explained the difference in the original Tier 2 proposal and the recommendations from Fanning Howey as stated in the December 19th memo.

Ms. VanSant clarified how the revised recommendations in the December 19th memo differ from the original recommendations presented to the Board on December 12th. Mr. Partington explained that it would be more efficient to do the HVAC work at Field in conjunction with the boiler replacement.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that he feels we are close to 50% cost to maintain Carpenter and that the Board should think about the cost to maintain it versus replace it.

Dr. Bender clarified that in order for work to be completed this summer of 2012, the Board needs to decide which projects it wants to pursue so that the design can begin.

Ms. VanSant said the projects can be designed now but if the work is not completed until a later date, the design would not have to be re-done unless changes were made to the project but due to fluctuating costs, the design would need to be re-bid.

Ms. Allard explained the two types of borrowing – one that is within the operating funds and one that are outside the operating funds. The debt certificates are not subject to a public hearing and there is no waiting period. The debt extension base is subject to the back door referendum and has a 30-day waiting period.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Colin Lennon from the Carpenter area encouraged the Board to think about the value of these investments and how to bring other costs down in order to free up money for investment.

Dale Seaberg, Carpenter School area resident, encouraged the Board to get input on the design from neighbors, parents and teachers.

Discussion continued regarding the priority of the projects, which projects or parts of projects to design, if it is cost effective and efficient to complete Tier 2 of a project now and Tier 3 at a later date, and budget implications. Scott Mackall addressed the issue of maintaining versus rebuilding Carpenter and said that at this time there isn't enough information to make that decision and that design estimates are needed before a decision can be made. Keri VanSant said Fanning Howey recommends the original list of projects as presented on December 12, 2011. Dr. Bender reminded the Board that this is a long-range facilities plan and it is important to not lose sight of the plan.

ACTION ITEM 11-12-5

Action Item
11-12-5

It was moved by Board member Zimmerman and seconded by Board member Lawson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois give approval to design and bid specs for the following 2012 capital projects in priority order with the understanding that these projects are listed in priority order and they are to be designed in that order so that the higher priority projects are never at risk as a result of designing the lower priority projects:

1. Carpenter Mechanical Project
2. Carpenter Water Retention Project
3. Franklin Mechanical Project
4. Lincoln Mechanical Project

Mr. Fioretto and Mr. Collins stated they would vote against the motion because of the air conditioning component on the Carpenter mechanical project.

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Borrelli, Uhlig, Zimmerman, Heyde, Lawson

NAYS: Fioretto, Collins

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed

MTSEP REVIEW

James Even, Director of Pupil Services reviewed the background of MTSEP and the agreement of the four member Districts to dissolve the program at the end of the current fiscal year at which time the responsibilities of MTSEP will become the responsibility of District 64.

Currently, District 64 is working with ISBE on the transition process and is preparing plans that will be presented to the ISBE’s Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities in April. Following this review and any revisions, ISBE is expected to approve the plan. The ISBE will schedule on-site visits to monitor the program during 2012-2013.

The priorities identified in the transition plan are student needs, continuity of programming, and efficiencies. Mr. Even reviewed the program and administrative services provided by MTSEP along with how District 64 will provide these services including purchasing services from the other Districts whenever possible. Additional staff will be needed as outlined in the report. The structure of the Pupil Services Department will be examined and possibly restructured to meet these additional responsibilities. The District is currently paying MTSEP for these services so there should be no additional cost to the District. Mr. Even reviewed what the District currently pays MTSEP and plans to run the program at cost or below.

Becky Allard noted that based on a quote attained in the fall for transportation, it is recommended that Septran continue to provide transportation for the first year.

Board member, Sharon Lawson, asked that the Board be kept current on the number of students who will be attending our schools from the Park Ridge Youth Campus. Dr. Bender said Administration will monitor the number of students that would attend Field school and will consider based on the numbers having some students attend Franklin school and will keep the Board informed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kristy Ricken, Park Ridge resident and parent is concerned about how the disillusionment of MTSEP will affect the special education services in the District. She praised the program and encouraged the Board to give priority to and retain the current Special Education staff.

Public
Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BILLS

Consent
Agenda

Bills

10 - Education Fund-----	\$ 108,718.60
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund -----	<u>103,776.20</u>

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40 - Transportation Fund -----	<u>113,873.84</u>
60 - Site and Construction Fund -----	<u>-</u>
80 - Tort Immunity Fund -----	<u>-</u>
90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund -----	<u>-</u>

Checks Numbered: 106723 - 106796

Total: \$ 326,368.64

ACTION ITEM 11-12-6

It was moved by Board member Fioretto and seconded by Board member Collins that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda of December 19, 2011, which includes the Accounts Payable Bills. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

At 10:10 p.m. it was moved by Board member Lawson and seconded by Board member Zimmerman to adjourn to closed session to discuss the performance of an employee, not to reconvene in open session. The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

The regular Board meeting adjourned from closed session at 11:10 p.m.

President

Secretary