

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held at 6:00 p.m.
July 7, 2014
Hendee Educational Service Center
164 S. Prospect Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068**

Board President Anthony Borrelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and requested that Board member John Heyde act as secretary *pro tempore* for the meeting, which was approved by consensus. Other Board members in attendance were Dan Collins, Dathan Paterno, Scott Zimmerman, and Vicki Lee. Also present were Superintendent Laurie Heinz, Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm, and six members of the public.

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Board President Borrelli briefly reviewed the timeline and procedure followed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Board member Terry Cameron, who also served as Board Secretary. He noted that 12 applications had been submitted by the deadline, and that the Board at its June 30 meeting had agreed that all candidates should be asked to submit written responses to three questions by July 5 in preparation for interviews to be conducted at tonight's meeting. The questions were: What is the most pressing or vexing challenge District 64 faces and what ideas or strengths might you have that you could bring to the Board if you are elected; What do you feel is a particular strength of the District and why; and, How have you or will you prepare for the Board member position.

Board President Borrelli announced that eight candidates had fulfilled the requirement to provide the short essays and were available in person for the interview this evening. He also announced that the Superintendent's office had verified that all candidates had met several of the minimum qualifications for office as provided in Board Policy 2:40, and that he would ask each candidate this evening additional questions to verify that each met the remaining qualifications.

Board President Borrelli noted that the Board would deliberate in a closed session following the interviews this evening, but that the Board would vote publicly on the appointment at a special meeting on July 11. The newly appointed member will serve until the new Board is seated following the April 2015 municipal elections.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Borrelli invited public comments; none were received.

Public
Comments

REVIEW CANDIDATES FOR BOARD VACANCY

Review
Candidates for
Board Vacancy

The Board then began its interviews with the eight candidates; each interview was allocated 20 minutes. Board President Borrelli began every interview by asking each individual whether he or she holds a public office, has any interest in any contract with District 64, is a school trustee, or works for the state or federal government. All eight candidates answered “no” to all items.

Following this question regarding qualifications, Board member Zimmerman then asked the candidate to tell the Board more about themselves and why he or she would want to volunteer to become part of the Board of Education at this time, and the specific background or skills that they would bring to the position. Other Board members then asked follow-up questions inviting each candidate to elaborate on his or her original application letter and on the responses to the additional written questions they had provided the Board. Each candidate was given an opportunity to identify what he or she perceived to be areas of strength or improvement for the District. Each was also questioned about his or her knowledge of current issues facing the Board and their preparation for joining the Board at short notice to fill the vacancy.

The Board interviewed the following individuals in succession: Vicki Loise; Kristin Gruss; Jennifer Kuzminski; and, Kimberly Miller.

At 7:15 p.m., Board President Borrelli called for a brief recess. The Board returned from recess at 7:38 p.m.

The Board then interviewed the following individuals in succession: Patrick Moon; Holly Schneider; Katherine Ranalli; and Robert Johnson.

Board President Borrelli thanked each candidate in turn on behalf of the Board for stepping forward for consideration to be appointed, and encouraged their continued interest and support for District 64.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

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Closed Session

At 8:42 p.m., it was moved by Board member Heyde and seconded by Board member Paterno to adjourn to closed session for the selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the District is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the District is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)].

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Collins, Paterno, Zimmerman, Borrelli, Heyde, Lee

NAYS: None.

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PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting adjourned from closed session at 9:30 p.m.

President

Secretary