

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held at 7:00 p.m.
March 25, 2015
Jefferson School – Multipurpose Room
8200 Greendale
Niles, IL 60714**

Board President Anthony Borrelli called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Other Board members in attendance were Bob Johnson, John Heyde and Vicki Lee; Board members Dan Collins, Dathan Paterno, and Scott Zimmerman were absent. Also present were Superintendent Laurie Heinz, Chief School Business Official Becky Allard, Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm, and four members of the public.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Board President Borrelli invited public comments; none were received.

The consensus of the Board was to move forward the TIF presentation on the agenda.

DISCUSSION ON TIF

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District 64 legal counsel Ares Dalianis updated the Board on the Park Ridge City Council discussion at its meeting on March 23 regarding options for reaching a settlement on the TIF agreement with District 64 and two other taxing bodies. He noted that he had also discussed the matter with the City’s TIF attorney. Mr. Dalianis said the focus of the discussions was on reaching consensus on an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement, that would then pave the way for payment of the “new property” portion owed to District 64, which is now severely in arrears. Mr. Dalianis shared his calculations with the Board projecting the payment stream to District 64 that could be expected under the terms of the proposal being discussed; he noted the spreadsheet was for the Board’s decision-making purposes. He stated that Chief School Business Official Allard had also reviewed the calculations. Mr. Dalianis reported that the City Council conversations focused on finalizing an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with the three taxing bodies, so that all sides come out with a compromise. In response to Board member questions, Mr. Dalianis confirmed that the original agreement called for a new property calculation that was hard to derive; this amendment, however, utilizes well-defined public information from the Cook County Treasurer as the basis for the calculation. He further reported that the Council’s consensus is that this matter must be resolved soon. The Board and Mr. Dalianis discussed the likely schedule over the next several weeks for the agreement to be brought forward. The Board consensus was that these are productive ideas that are in the best

interests of both the City and District 64, and that a speedy resolution should be sought. Mr. Dalianis was asked to urge that the overdue payment from December 2014 be expedited as soon as possible. He responded to further questions about the structure of the revenue stream including a “hold harmless” threshold and the impact of new developments underway.

CSBO Allard reported that the District 207 Superintendent and CSBO had contacted District 64 today, and that they also are interested in bringing the matter to resolution soon. Dr. Heinz confirmed that District 207 is headed in the right direction. In responding to further Board member discussion about the timing, he noted that if District 64, District 207, the Park District and the City all pull in the same direction, the intergovernmental agreement could be amended and payment received by the close of the fiscal year on June 30. Board President Borrelli summarized that this is a positive development and a great step forward, but that all of the District’s options are still open until the process has been completed.

UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-15

Dr. Heinz reported that earlier this year, the District had initiated a new strategic planning process to create a 2020 Vision roadmap to guide our efforts over the next five years. She stated that at this juncture, it is important to review the existing strategic plan to determine what areas were completed, what goals we are still working to achieve, and what areas may be worthwhile to consider bringing forward. She also noted it would be valuable to share any “lessons learned” from the existing plan. Dr. Heinz noted that her written report goes deeply into analyzing all five strategy areas of the existing plan, which was developed beginning in 2009, adopted in 2010, and is now in its fifth and final year. She pointed out that her findings would be shared with the current Strategic Planning Steering Committee at its meeting tomorrow, and that by offering this “rear view” look it would help the group to focus on where we need to go forward.

Update on
Strategic Plan
2010-15

Dr. Heinz noted that while entering District 64 this year, she had spent significant time with the existing plan to see what the District valued and was putting its financial and human resources behind. She stated that the “Journey of Excellence” was a robust plan, which allowed the District to move forward in many ways, particularly in Strategy I focused on technology where the District moved ahead very quickly and deeply. Dr. Heinz then reviewed each action plan within the five strategy areas and referred to a chart summarizing the progress of the individual action plans over the five-year period. She responded to Board member questions as she moved through her presentation, and Board members offered their observations as well. Following this review, Dr. Heinz shared several overall perspectives about the plan that would be helpful to consider as the new plan is formulated, including: having a results-oriented instead of activity-based focus; having explicit finance and facilities goals rather than including as parameters; building in a check-point process to address changes in the environment that impact goals and allow for revision so the plan remains fresh; setting expectations for the District as a whole and what is expected to be addressed by each school to implement those

expectations with fidelity; and, charging the District’s administrative team to develop the implementation schedule and plan. Board President Borrelli thanked Dr. Heinz for the enlightening report and expressed enthusiasm for what the new plan now being developed may be able to build on and accomplish.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent
Agenda

Dr. Heinz and CSBO Allard responded to Board member follow up questions posed at the first reading of policies on March 23. Dr. Heinz pointed out that policy 5:330, which had originally been marked not applicable, was now being recommended for adoption and responded to Board member questions about employees in this group. Dr. Heinz noted that information about a reduced lunch option would be included in her weekly memo.

ACTION ITEM 15-03-5

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It was moved by Board member Heyde and seconded by Board member Johnson that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda of March 25, 2015, which includes the Approval of Policies from PRESS Issues 86 and 87.

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Johnson, Heyde, Lee, Borrelli

NAYS:

PRESENT:

ABSENT: Zimmerman, Paterno, Collins

The motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

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Dr. Heinz noted that the next Board meeting is April 13.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

At 8:56 p.m., it was moved by Board President Borrelli and seconded by Board member Lee to adjourn, which was approved by voice vote.

President

Secretary