

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held at 7:00 p.m.
February 6, 2017
Jefferson School-Multipurpose Room
8200 Greendale Avenue
Niles, IL 60714**

Board President Anthony Borrelli called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Other Board members in attendance were Vicki Lee, Mark Eggemann, Bob Johnson, and Tom Sotos. Board member Scott Zimmerman was absent. Also present were Superintendent Laurie Heinz, Assistant Superintendent Joel Martin, Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm, and one member of the public.

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BOARD RECESSES AND ADJOURNS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 6:08 p.m., it was moved by Board President Borrelli and seconded by Board member Eggemann to adjourn to closed session to discuss 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)]; collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees [5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)]; and the selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the District is 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)].

Board Recesses
and Adjourns to
Closed Session

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Sotos, Borrelli, Lee, Johnson, Eggemann

NAYS: None.

PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: Zimmerman

The motion carried.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 6:52 p.m. and took a short recess before resuming the special Board meeting at 7:05 p.m.

In addition to those mentioned above, also present were: Assistant Superintendent Lori Lopez, Chief School Business Official Luann Kolstad, Director of Student Services Jane Boyd, Director of Innovation & Instructional Technology Mary Jane Warden, Director of Facility Management Ron DeGeorge, and about 20 additional members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Borrelli invited public comments on items not on the agenda; none were received.

Public
Comments

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1178 AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL TAX LEVY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE DISTRICT’S OUTSTANDING LIMITED BONDS

Approval of Resolution 1178 Authorizing a Supplemental Tax Levy to Pay the Principal of and Interest on the District’s Outstanding Limited Bonds

CSBO Kolstad reported that as discussed at the January 23, 2017 meeting, the Board was being requested to issue a supplemental tax levy to pay a small part of the principal of and interest on the 2014 Working Cash bonds. She pointed out that this amount represents the difference between the assume 1.5% CPI that was used when the bonds were issued in March 2014, and the actual CPI for tax levy years 2015 and 2016; the rates for those years were .7% and .8% respectively. She noted that the District’s financing consultants, Elizabeth Hennessy from William Blair, had confirmed the amount of the supplemental tax levy to be \$29,394 for the tax levy years 2016-2019.

ACTION ITEM 17-02-1

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It was moved by Board member Johnson and seconded by Board member Lee that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve Resolution 1178 Authorizing a Supplemental Tax Levy to Pay the Principal of and Interest on the District’s Outstanding Limited Bonds.

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Eggemann, Johnson, Lee, Borrelli, Sotos

NAYS: None.

PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: Zimmerman

The motion carried.

FIRST READING OF POLICIES 2:80, 2:81, 2:100, 2:110, 2:140, 2:230

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Board President Borrelli noted that all but 2:100 *Board Member Conflict of Interest* would be addressed tonight. He noted that the policy revisions were being brought forward in response to concerns raised by members of the Board and community members regarding expectations for Board member conduct, communications to and from the Board, Board member use of electronic communications, public participation at Board meetings, and Board self-governance in the aftermath of the resignation of a Board member announced at the January 23, 2017 meeting. Board President Borrelli noted that the revisions suggested

this evening were intended to clarify expectations and provide more explicit guidelines, and that the revisions had been reviewed by the District's legal counsel.

Board members then discussed each policy in turn. Regarding 2:80 *School Board Member Oath of Conduct*, Board President Borrelli noted that the revision adds the full text of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) code into the policy itself, rather than making reference to it. Board members discussed a potential wording change to item #4 of the IASB Code. Dr. Heinz was asked to determine whether such a change could be made. Regarding 2:140 *Communications to and from the Board*, Board President Borrelli announced that the recommended changes were primarily added to bring District 64 into alignment with the most current revision from PRESS. During discussion, an additional change suggesting that Board members may respond to email by forwarding to the Board President and/or administration was added by consensus. Revisions to Policy 2:230 *Public Participation at Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board*, Board President Borrelli noted the suggested revisions helped clarify that the Board meeting is in public but it is not a public meeting, and also provided more specific guidance on time to be allotted for public comments and how responses to those concerns would be made. Board members reached consensus on adding several small clarifications. Board President Borrelli then noted that revisions to 2:110 *Qualifications, Terms and Duties of Board Officers* were being offered solely to coincide with a suggested new policy, 2:81 *Board Self-Governance*. He then reviewed the new, multi-step process that would afford an opportunity for Board members to collectively govern and potentially sanction a member's conduct. Board members discussed the implications of their responsibilities to act under the policy. Dr. Heinz was asked to have legal counsel review whether the proposed second step could be addressed in closed session. Board members also asked that instructions on how special meetings may be called be inserted into the policy language. Board President Borrelli noted that the policies would return for adoption at the next regular meeting.

BOARD VACANCY UPDATE

Board Vacancy
Update

Dr. Heinz reported that board is required to appoint an interim replacement by March 9, as verified by the director of the North Cook Intermediate Service Center. She noted that at the January 23, 2017 meeting, the Board had reached consensus on a timeline to receive applications for the vacancy. Dr. Heinz said that the public call for applicants had gone out on January 24, and that 11 candidates had submitted their required materials by the February 3, 2017 noon deadline. The consensus of the Board was to invite all the applicants to be interviewed at the February 13, 2017 special meeting, with a closed session immediately following for the Board to deliberate. Dr. Heinz was directed to schedule 10-minute interviews for the February 13 meeting, and announce the schedule publicly. The Board consensus was that a candidate would be voted upon and be sworn in at the February 21, 2017 regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT TO COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE:
FINANCE**

Adjournment to
Committee-of-the-Whole:
Finance

At 8:18 p.m., it was moved by Board President Borrelli and seconded by Board member Sotos to adjourn to a Committee-of-the-Whole: Finance, which was approved by consensus.

President

Secretary