

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held at 6:00 p.m.
May 30, 2017
Jefferson School - Multipurpose Room
8200 N. Greendale Avenue, Niles, IL 60714**

Board President Anthony Borrelli called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Other Board members in attendance were Fred Sanchez, Rick Biagi and Eastman Tiu. Board member Mark Eggemann arrived during the closed session. Board members Larry Ryles and Tom Sotos were absent. Also present were Superintendent Laurie Heinz, Assistant Superintendent Joel T. Martin, Chief School Business Official Luann Kolstad, Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm, and three members of the public.

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BOARD RECESSES AND ADJOURNS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 5:04 p.m., it was moved by Board President Borrelli and seconded by Board member Tiu 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)]; student disciplinary cases [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)]; and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes [5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)].

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Tiu, Biagi, Borrelli, Sanchez

NAYS: None.

PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: Eggemann, Sotos, Ryles

The motion carried.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 6:50 p.m. and took a short recess before resuming the special Board meeting at 6:57 p.m.

In addition to those mentioned above, also present were four members of the public. Board President Borrelli provided a short overview of the upcoming meeting schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPOINTMENT OF FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dr. Heinz recommended the appointment of Jason Bednar as the new Field School principal, and noted that he had been selected after a rigorous application and interview process from an original pool of 55 applicants. She noted that a 14-person committee of Field staff and parents, District 64 Board member Tom Sotos, as well as central and building administrators had participated, and that Field staff and parents had been invited to offer their perspectives via an online survey. Dr. Heinz reported that she had conducted site visits of two finalists and that reference checks had been completed prior to her selection of Mr. Bednar.

Dr. Heinz praised Mr. Bednar as a veteran educational leader with impressive knowledge of elementary curriculum and instructional best practices as well as experience as an administrator at both the high school and elementary school levels. She noted that he has two master’s degrees, and is expected to finish his doctorate shortly. Dr. Heinz said that Mr. Bednar comes to District 64 most recently from Butler School District 53 in Oak Brook, where he served as principal of Brook Forest Elementary School. Previously, he was with Indian Prairie District 204 in Naperville for 20 years. Describing him as a warm and personable leader, Dr. Heinz noted that Mr. Bednar’s leadership experience in a community similar to Park Ridge, his focus on students’ social emotional as well as academic learning, his commitment to communications, and his belief in excellence among many other traits will make him a good fit for Field as well as District 64. Dr. Heinz announced that Mr. Bednar would meet Field staff before school closes, and that the Field School PTO will coordinate a “meet and greet” in August before the new school year begins to introduce him to students, families, staff, and the community.

Board President Borrelli invited Board member comments on the appointment; none were offered. He then invited public comments on the appointment; none were received.

ACTION ITEM 17-05-12

It was moved by Board member Biagi and seconded by Board member Tiu that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with regard to the hiring of the principal at Field School with a salary in the amount \$129,000 annually, employment to commence on July 1, 2017.

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Tiu, Eggemann, Biagi, Borrelli, Sanchez

NAYS: None.

PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: Sotos, Ryles

The motion carried.

Board President Borrelli and Dr. Heinz congratulated Mr. Bednar and welcomed him to District 64 on behalf of the Board and the District 64 community.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. PERSONNEL REPORT

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| Jason Bednar | Employ as Principal at Field School effective July 1, 2017 - \$129,000. |
| Julia Egan | Employ as 1st Grade Teacher at Franklin School effective August 15, 2017 – BA, Step 1, \$50,050.00. |
| Sean Masterton | Resign as Special Education Teacher at Washington School effective June 2, 2017. |

B. APPROVAL OF POLICY 2:200

ACTION ITEM 17-05-13

It was moved by Board member Tiu and seconded by Board member Eggemann that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda of May 30, 2017, which includes the Personnel Report and Approval of Policy 2:200.

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Sanchez, Borrelli, Biagi, Eggemann, Tiu

NAYS: None.

PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: Ryles, Sotos

The motion carried.

IASB BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOP

Because the planned Illinois Association of School Boards workshop requires the participation of all Board members, Board President Borrelli announced that it would be rescheduled to a later date.

OTHER

Dr. Heinz announced that District 64 was in the final week of the regular school year and that the final day for students would be Thursday, June 1 with teachers having a records day on June 2. She noted that the year-end was an exciting time for students and that many culminating projects and activities are underway. Dr. Heinz reported that many teachers would be engaged in curriculum projects over the summer, and that planned facilities work scheduled for the short summer construction window would be underway immediately after schools close.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 p.m., it was moved by Board member Eggemann and seconded by Board member Sanchez to adjourn, which was approved by voice vote.

President

Secretary