

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held at 7:00 p.m.
December 16, 2021
Lincoln School - LRC
200 S Lincoln Ave, Park Ridge, IL**

Board President Pearl called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other Board members in attendance were Carol Sales (via phone), Phyllis Lubinski, Tom Sotos, Gareth Kennedy, and Dr. Nicole Woitowich. Board member Rebecca Little was absent from the meeting. Also attending were: Superintendent Dr. Eric Olson; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Joel T. Martin; and Hodges Loizzi Legal Counsel Tony Loizzi.

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BOARD RECESSES & ADJOURNS TO CLOSED MEETING

At 6:35 p.m. it was moved by Board member Sotos and seconded by Board member Kennedy to recess from the regular Board meeting and adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss the following: litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the District has been filed 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 minutes of the closed meeting [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)]

The votes to adjourn to the closed meeting were cast as follows:

Ayes: Sotos, Woitowich, Pearl, Kennedy, Sales, Lubinski

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

BOARD ADJOURNS FROM CLOSED MEETING & RESUMES REGULAR MEETING

The Board adjourned from the closed meeting and resumed the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m. In addition to those listed above, also present were: Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning Dr. Lori Lopez; Chief School Business Official Adam Parisi; Director of Student Services Dr. Lea Anne Frost; Director of Technology Mary Jane Warden; and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Natasha Nedeljkovic. Approximately 35 members of the public were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Dr. Pearl stated that public comments would take place after the student recognition and COVID-19 update from the Superintendent. The Board would continue with the system implemented at the last meeting, going around the table to let every member have an opportunity to comment or ask a question at least once.

BOARD ADJOURNS FROM REGULAR MEETING & CONVENES TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021 TAX LEVY

It was moved by Board member Lubinski and seconded by Board member Woitowich to adjourn from the regular meeting and convene to a public hearing on the 2021 tax levy.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Sotos, Kennedy, Lubinski, Woitowich, Sales, Pearl

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

Mr. Parisi summarized the 2021 tax levy, as discussed at the last Board meeting, and asked for comments from the administration; none were received. He then asked the Board members for comments. Board member Sotos asked for confirmation that the District was not required to hold this hearing but it had been its policy to do so; Mr. Parisi confirmed this was the case. Mr. Parisi then asked for comments or questions from the public; none were received. Seeing no further comments or questions from the Board or administration, Mr. Parisi stated the hearing could be adjourned.

It was moved by Board member Woitowich and seconded by Board member Sotos to adjourn the public hearing on the 2021 tax levy and resume the regular meeting.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Woitowich, Lubinski, Sotos, Pearl, Sales, Kennedy

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

BOARD ADJOURNS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021 TAX LEVY & RESUMES REGULAR MEETING

Dr. Olson noted that tonight's agenda included the approval of temporary mobile classrooms at Jefferson School to facilitate the full-day kindergarten construction. He stated that the administration had decided not to install mobile classrooms at Field School due to deadlines and requirements set by the City of Park

Ridge, which would cause delays in construction. He said the administration will make it work by moving more classrooms than originally planned, putting art on the cart, and other measures. The disruption would last from spring break to the end of school in June.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION & WELCOME TO LINCOLN SCHOOL

Principal David Szwed introduced the Lincoln School Chamber Orchestra, directed by Mr. Max Hellerman. The Orchestra performed a selection of holiday songs. Principal Szwed and Assistant Principal Gleason then gave a presentation about Lincoln School and what makes it special, including a video presentation of their trip to Washington, DC this past November to receive the Blue Ribbon award.

COVID-19 & PREVENTION STRATEGIES UPDATE

Dr. Olson noted that the numbers were climbing in the country and our local area was on the upswing as well, albeit slowly. He stated that he didn't have any immediate concerns. He also said that he had shared some detailed data with the Board of current cases and quarantines throughout the District. He noted that few cases came from the school environment still, more incidents happened outside the schools. Changes to the lunch had made a difference in quarantine numbers in elementary schools. Superintendent Olson also stated that while some members had expressed concern about a discrimination of unvaccinated students, administrators had not seen any such incidents. He said that should guidelines change quickly, the District will be ready, but it was not expecting any immediate changes. Board member Kennedy asked for the data provided to the Board to be posted on the website or shared with the community. He also asked if the administration was being mindful of the mental issues exacerbated by the pandemic and doing all that was necessary to provide students with the needed support. Dr. Olson confirmed that schools had a communication system in place to address these concerns and that talks and visits with the mental health teams at the buildings were happening regularly.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were invited through a posted email address on the District's website and in the Board report. Members of the public who were present in person were also invited to submit comments, they were received as follows:

- Robert Prieto: Field parent, addressed the Board on the issue of safety at school and advocated for armed officers, metal detectors, and bullet-proof doors and windows.
- Danielle Powers: Park Ridge resident, thanked the Board for full-day kindergarten and the courage to keep going to implement it.

Board secretary Lubinski read the public comments received via email:

- Ralph Shelovistky: addressed the Board on the issue of lunch logistics.
- Elizabeth Juris: addressed the Board on the issues of masks, mitigation measures in place, and the need for an exit strategy.
- Alla Bagryanskaya: addressed the Board on the issue of lunch logistics.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

ADOPTION OF FINAL 2021 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION #1278, RESOLUTION #1279 TO INSTRUCT THE COUNTY CLERK HOW TO APPORTION 2021 TAX LEVY EXTENSION REDUCTIONS, RESOLUTION #1280 AUTHORIZING TAX FOR ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT PURPOSES

Chief School Business Official (CSBO) Parisi summarized the presentations made at the last board meeting noting that the tax levy was set beyond the 1.40% CPI to encompass any new construction.

ACTION ITEM 21-12-1

It was moved by Board member Lubinski and seconded by Board member Voitowich that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, adopt the attached Resolution #1278 Providing for the Levy of Taxes For the Year 2021, Resolution #1279 to Instruct the County Clerk How to Apportion 2021 Tax Levy Extension Reductions, Resolution #1280 Authorizing Tax For Illinois Municipal Retirement Purposes. These resolutions and supporting documentation will be filed with the Cook County Clerk's Office.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Voitowich, Sotos, Pearl, Sales, Lubinski, Kennedy

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH MIDWEST MECHANICAL FOR DEMOLITION OF INTERIOR SPACES, RENOVATION FOR MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, & PLUMBING WORK & PRE-PURCHASING OF ROOFING MATERIALS FOR JEFFERSON SCHOOL - SUMMER 2022

CSBO Parisi noted that the administration was moving along with the full-day kindergarten construction and Midwest Mechanical would begin their work in January. Board member Sotos inquired about the necessity to prepurchase roofing materials this early in the process. A representative from Midwest Mechanical stated that the current supply chain issues might cause prices to go up and materials might be difficult to obtain later when needed. Board member Kennedy inquired about the prevailing wage impact on the contract, Mr. Parisi stated he would research it and inform the Board.

ACTION ITEM 22-12-2

It was moved by Board member Kennedy and seconded by Board member Voitowich that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the contract

with Midwest Mechanical Group LLC in the amount of \$6,462,114.00 for demolition of interior spaces; renovation for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work; and pre-purchasing of roofing materials for Jefferson School.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Sotos, Sales, Kennedy, Lubinski, Pearl, Woitowich

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

**APPROVE THE AWARDING OF CONTRACT TO PURCHASE MECHANICAL UNITS -
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR SUMMER 2022 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

CSBO Parisi noted that once again the supply chain issues made it imperative to secure materials in a timely manner to ensure the completion of construction before the start of school in August. He noted that a one-year maintenance agreement was included in this purchase contract. Board member Sotos asked if the project would cost the District more because of the timing and current circumstances. Mr. Parisi confirmed that there were definitely supply chain issues, inflation concerns, and higher prices due to the pandemic. He also confirmed that storage of purchased materials was not an issue.

ACTION ITEM 21-12-3

It was moved by Board member Woitowich and seconded by Board member Sotos that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the contracts with TEC Distribution LLC in the amount of \$15,500 for ventilators, and \$138,500 for rooftop units; and Imbert International in the amount of \$31,985 for heat pump units; for the Summer 2022 Construction Projects at the elementary schools.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Woitowich, Pearl, Lubinski, Sotos, Kennedy, Sales

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion failed.

**APPROVAL OF OPERATING LEASE & INSTALLATION COSTS FOR TEMPORARY MOBILE
CLASSROOMS AT JEFFERSON SCHOOL**

CSBO Parisi stated that a single unit with four classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms would be installed at Jefferson. The District will inform neighbors, secure fencing will be installed around the area, and staff possibly stationed as well depending on the student population that will be housed in the mobile classrooms. The unit will be set back thirty feet from the main school building and at the opposite side of residences,

with little to no disruption to surrounding residential properties. Board member Sales inquired about the issues raised by the Park Ridge City Council for the modular classrooms at Field and whether the administration would have been able to satisfy the council and move forward with the modular units there as well. Dr. Olson explained that timing was a concern, the District would have had to wait until the January 18 council meeting to bring back the matter again, with no guarantee that the City would approve the modular units then. Some members had requested that surrounding neighbors be notified, other members had requested that the District ask the neighbors for permission to install the units. Dr. Olson stated that it would have required a lot more time and it was a risk to take should the City then deny the request. In the end, the District decided to proceed with the other measure mentioned earlier to avoid a time delay that would have been too disruptive to the project.

ACTION ITEM 21-12-4

It was moved by Board member Lubinski and seconded by Board member Woitowich that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the contract with Vesta Modular, Inc. in the amount of \$144,933 for delivery and installation, and \$31,824 for a six-month operating lease.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Sales, Pearl, Kennedy, Woitowich, Sotos, Lubinski

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE FOR 1:1 DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM FOR 2022-23

Director of Technology Mary Jane Warden said that in past years the administration came to the Board with this purchase sometime in March, but due to the delays brought on by the pandemic, it was necessary to approve these purchases earlier to ensure that supplies would be available before the start of the 2022-23 school year. The purchases are part of the refresh cycle for the 1:1 digital learning program. Students are assigned new devices in second grade, which they keep through 5th grade; then again in 6th grade, until they leave the District in 8th grade. Efficacy reviews of the devices used by students had been conducted and recommendations were made to upgrade to models that could support higher processes needs. Students were increasingly doing more work with their Chromebooks and using them for various creative venues, so the move was deemed necessary from a 4GB model to an 8GB one. The price increase was also explained by the manufacturing and labor costs increases, as well as the rise in shipping costs. The District was also decommissioning and not replacing shared carts of laptops previously available at schools that are no longer needed with the 1:1 program. This would save approximately \$210,000 and offset the cost increases of the new purchases totaling \$78,000, ultimately saving the District \$132,000.

ACTION ITEM 21-12-5

It was moved by Board member Kennedy and seconded by Board member Lubinski that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge –Niles, Illinois, approve the purchase of Chromebook devices from TRA for the annual implementation of the 1:1 Digital Learning Program in the amount of \$488,400.00.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Sales, Woitowich, Lubinski, Pearl, Kennedy, Sotos

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

SUMMER INTERIM SESSION 2021 REPORT & PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF SUMMER INTERIM SESSION 2022

Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning Dr. Lori Lopez noted that the 2021 summer session saw enrollment return to pre-COVID numbers, with 805 students attending. She said the 2022 summer school will have two sessions but a reduced number of enrichment classes; all remedial classes will be offered, but enrichment classes will be reduced by half. All of summer school will be housed at Lincoln Middle School due to construction planned at the elementary schools over summer break; only one principal will be needed to oversee the program. The tuition will therefore be reduced by \$5, with an early bird discount offer as in the past. Registration will open in March and run through May. The administration will see how this summer works out and possibly continue to house the program at only one middle school building in the future. After some discussion on the enrollment process and fees charged, the Board came to an agreement and Dr. Olson clarified that tuition would be the same for District 64 residents and students attending our schools and those attending private or parochial schools but District residents nonetheless. Non-residents, students who are residing outside of the District boundaries, would not be included in the program. District 64 students would have priority to register for classes, with a delayed registration for those students who reside within the District but attend other schools.

ACTION ITEM 21-12-6

It was moved by Board member Tom Sotos and seconded by Board member Nicole Woitowich that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the recommendations of dates and fees for the 2022 Summer Interim Session, *as amended by Dr. Olson*.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Sales, Lubinski, Kennedy, Woitowich, Sotos, Pearl

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL REPORT

It was noted that the Board is relying upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and administration in their professional judgment as to the hiring of these individuals per Policy 2:130.

Melissa Arnos - Employ as Level IV Secretary at Emerson Middle School effective November 29, 2021 - \$18.65 hourly.

Anna Pawlik - Employ as Night Custodian for the District effective December 13, 2021 - \$17.03 hourly.

Alice Beauvais - Resign as Office Associate at Emerson Middle School effective December 17, 2021.

Alyssa DeBartolo - Resign as Teacher Assistant at Lincoln Middle School effective December 16, 2021.

Daniel Mabrito - Resign as Night Custodian at Carpenter School effective December 3, 2021.

ACTION ITEM 21-12-7

It was moved by Board member Voitowich and seconded by Board member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Personnel Report dated December 16, 2021, noting that the Personnel Report is based on the recommendation of the Superintendent and not upon the Board’s direct knowledge regarding any of the specific individuals selected for employment.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Sotos, Voitowich, Lubinski, Kennedy, Pearl, Sales

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Bills, Payroll, and Benefits

Bills

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Fund Total</u> |
|--|-------------------|
| 10 - Education Fund | \$ 407,345.39 |
| 20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund | \$ 195,338.17 |
| 30 - Debt Services | \$ 12,859.05 |
| 40 - Transportation Fund | \$ 498,601.30 |
| 50 - Retirement (IMRF/SS/MEDICARE) | \$ - |
| 60 - Capital Projects | \$ 161,615.57 |
| 61 - Capital Projects-2017 Debt Certificates | \$ - |
| 80 - Tort Immunity Fund | \$ - |

90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund \$ -
Total: \$ 1,275,759.48

Payroll & Benefits

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Fund Total</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 10 - Education Fund | \$22,896,095.97 |
| 20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund | \$ 2,667,877.27 |
| 30 - Debt Services Fund | \$ 545,607.75 |
| 40 - Transportation Fund | \$ 1,495,104.92 |
| 50 - IMRF/FICA Fund | \$ 412,710.28 |
| 51 - SS/Medicare | \$ 453,264.36 |
| 60 - Capital Projects Fund | \$ 1,604,766.25 |
| 61 - Cap Projects Fund - 2017 Debt Certs | \$ 0.00 |
| 70 - Working Cash Fund | \$ 0.00 |
| 80 - Tort Immunity Fund | \$ 537,019.25 |
| | <u>Total: \$30,612,446.05</u> |

The Accounts Payable detailed list can be viewed on the District 64 website's business services page at www.d64.org.

- Bills, Payroll & Benefits
- Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending October 31, 2021
- Approval of Resolution #1281 Authorizing and Directing the Permanent Transfer of Money from the Operations & Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund
- Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Facilities Use & Operation of a Before and After School Recreational Program
- Destruction of Audio Closed Recordings (none)

ACTION ITEM 21-12-8

It was moved by Board member Lubinski and seconded by Board member Voitowich that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda for December 16, 2021, which includes: Bills, Payroll, and Benefits; Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending October 31, 2021; Approval of Resolution #1281 Authorizing and Directing the Permanent Transfer of Money from the Operations & Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund; Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Facilities Use & Operation of a Before and After School Recreational Program; and Destruction of Audio Closed Recordings (None).

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Kennedy, Pearl, Sotos, Sales, Lubinski, Voitowich

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION ITEM 21-12-9

It was moved by Board member Sotos and seconded by Board member Lubinski that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on November 13, 2021; the Closed Meeting on November 18, 2021; and the Regular Meeting on November 18, 2021.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Sotos, Pearl, Lubinski, Sales, Kennedy

Nays: None

Present: Voitowich

Absent: Little

The motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSION & ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Dr. Olson said the next regular meeting will be on January 20, 2022. Board members Pearl, Sales, and Lubinski shared information about the Triple I conference they attended in November along with Dr. Olson.

NEW BUSINESS

Board member Kennedy stated the Board policy committee will meet soon to review the new PRESS packet and discuss possible upcoming changes to the sexual education curriculum.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 p.m. it was moved by Board member Voitowich and seconded by Board member Kennedy to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Signed Date: January 20, 2022.

President

Secretary