



## **Meeting of the Board of Education Park Ridge – Niles CCSD 64**

**Special Board Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, May 11, 2023  
Jefferson School - Hendee Rooms  
8200 W Greendale Ave, Niles**

*On some occasions, the order of business may be adjusted as the meeting progresses to accommodate Board members' schedules, the length of sessions, breaks, and other needs.*

### **Organizational Meeting to Follow Special Meeting**

**6:30 p.m. Meeting of the Board Convenes**  
Roll Call

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Opening Remarks from the President of the Board**

#### **Public Comments**

This is the point of the meeting where we welcome public comments. Each speaker is given three minutes to address the Board. Comments may be made on almost any matter related to the operation of schools, but we ask that you refrain from making comments concerning individual students or staff members. The Board uses this time to listen to community questions and concerns but will not respond immediately to requests for information. Additionally, the Board cannot take formal action on non-agenda items. Contact the Board president by email if you wish to discuss your topic further. Please come forward to the microphone and state your name and, if comfortable, your address for the minutes.

#### **A-1 Approval of Meeting Agenda**

--Board President

The Board reserves the right to review the agenda at the beginning of each meeting and request additions, amendments, or deletions prior to approval.

#### **A-2 Acceptance of Canvass of Votes for Election of Board Members for April 4, 2023**

--Board President

***Action Item 23-05-3***

#### **A-3 Approval of Minutes**

--Board President

***Action Item 23-05-4***

- April 18, 2023 - Closed Meeting
- April 19, 2023 - Closed Meeting
- April 20, 2023 - Closed Meeting
- April 20, 2023 - Regular Meeting
- May 3, 2023 - Special Meeting

#### **A-4 Recognition of Retiring Board Members**

#### **Adjournment sine die**

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### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

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**Acceptance of Canvass of Votes for Election of Board Members on April 4, 2023**

ACTION ITEM 23-05-3

I move that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park-Ridge-Niles, Illinois accept the results of the canvass for the election on April 4, 2023 of Board Members from the Cook County Clerk in the form provided to the Board of Education, and that the canvassing results be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

The votes were cast as follows:

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

AYES:

NAYS:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:



Suburban Cook County Election Results  
April 04, 2023 Consolidated Election

Voter Turnout

13.81%



Ballots Cast 228,962

Registered Voters 1,657,359

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★ School B.M., Community Consolidated 64, 2yr. - Vote For 1

100% 32 of 32 Precincts Reported

Candidate Name		Votes	%
 Bryan Mercado (Nonpartisan)		2,565	40.19%
 Denise Pearl (Nonpartisan)		3,817	59.81%

Precinct Results

Precinct	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Bryan Mercado	Denise Pearl	Total Votes
Leyden 23	1,559	300	126	165	291
Leyden Township Results	1,559	300	126	165	291

Precinct Results

Precinct	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Bryan Mercado	Denise Pearl	Total Votes
Maine 18	873	0	0	0	0
Maine 20	596	112	28	82	110
Maine 21	1,160	249	96	149	245
Maine 22	1,181	268	75	190	265
Maine 24	1,266	343	154	178	332
Maine 25	1,586	502	161	325	486
Maine 29	1,473	265	128	135	263
Maine 30	2,085	586	221	353	574

Maine 36	856	156	57	94	151
Maine 37	981	180	77	101	178
Maine 39	1,109	85	38	37	75
Maine 42	1,313	328	115	200	315
Maine 43	767	185	74	109	183
Maine 46	1,300	5	0	5	5
Maine 50	901	171	54	111	165
Maine 54	888	250	76	158	234
Maine 58	1,267	151	67	70	137
Maine 59	1,048	179	74	74	148
Maine 60	1,693	257	111	141	252
Maine 65	739	87	34	50	84
Maine 67	1,339	257	110	141	251
Maine 72	1,512	288	141	137	278
Maine 80	796	106	56	47	103
Maine 82	890	116	37	76	113
Maine 83	723	116	53	60	113
Maine 85	521	61	24	37	61
Maine 87	578	103	33	68	101
Maine 91	1,505	193	72	117	189
Maine Township Results	30,946	5,599	2,166	3,245	5,411

Precinct Results

Precinct	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Bryan Mercado	Denise Pearl	Total Votes
Norwood Park 3	1,080	259	102	142	244
Norwood Park 11	1,268	297	112	173	285
Norwood Park 14	760	163	59	92	151
Norwood Park Township Results	3,108	719	273	407	680



Suburban Cook County Election Results  
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★ School B.M., Community Consolidated 64, 4yr - Vote For 3

100% 32 of 32 Precincts Reported

Candidate Name		Votes	%
	Carolina Y. Sales (Nonpartisan)	2,681	14.68%
	Rachel Georgakis (Nonpartisan)	3,769	20.64%
	Monica Milligan (Nonpartisan)	3,750	20.53%
	Monika Penksa Rossi (Nonpartisan)	2,090	11.44%
	Matthew Doubleday (Nonpartisan)	3,673	20.11%
	Francine D'Amico (Nonpartisan)	2,299	12.59%

Precinct Results

Precinct	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Carolina Y. Sales	Rachel Georgakis	Monica Milligan	Monika Penksa Rossi	Matthew Doubleday	Francine D'Amico	Total Votes
Leyden 23	1,559	300	148	159	152	113	151	111	834
Leyden Township Results	1,559	300	148	159	152	113	151	111	834

Precinct Results

Precinct	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Carolina Y. Sales	Rachel Georgakis	Monica Milligan	Monika Penksa Rossi	Matthew Doubleday	Francine D'Amico	Total Votes
Maine 18	873	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Maine 20	596	112	41	81	79	28	63	25	317
Maine 21	1,160	249	90	150	152	70	152	75	689
Maine 22	1,181	268	71	190	191	61	181	68	762
Maine 24	1,266	343	147	188	177	110	195	131	948
Maine 25	1,586	502	169	326	335	106	346	118	1,400
Maine 29	1,473	265	131	134	126	108	133	112	744
Maine 30	2,085	586	240	353	329	175	369	195	1,661
Maine 36	856	156	64	98	96	49	87	51	445
Maine 37	981	180	82	97	102	64	98	74	517
Maine 39	1,109	85	32	34	40	21	34	37	198
Maine 42	1,313	328	125	202	198	101	184	101	911
Maine 43	767	185	79	105	105	61	101	68	519
Maine 46	1,300	5	2	2	3	1	0	4	12
Maine 50	901	171	58	107	101	53	109	53	481
Maine 54	888	250	97	152	154	70	144	71	688
Maine 58	1,267	151	65	72	76	52	58	63	386
Maine 59	1,048	179	71	81	82	48	72	66	420
Maine 60	1,693	257	116	132	142	102	131	107	730
Maine 65	739	87	30	51	52	32	42	31	238
Maine 67	1,339	257	106	143	140	96	125	105	715
Maine 72	1,512	288	148	139	133	105	129	131	785
Maine 80	796	106	49	47	50	41	41	52	280
Maine 82	890	116	49	65	65	32	70	36	317
Maine 83	723	116	65	49	53	49	49	59	324
Maine 85	521	61	23	26	34	30	30	25	168
Maine 87	578	103	36	70	65	33	65	32	301
Maine 91	1,505	193	62	120	121	51	117	60	531
Maine Township Results	30,946	5,599	2,248	3,214	3,201	1,749	3,125	1,950	15,487

Precinct Results

Precinct	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Carolina Y. Sales	Rachel Georgakis	Monica Milligan	Monika Penksa Rossi	Matthew Doubleday	Francine D'Amico	Total Votes
Norwood Park 3	1,080	259	99	132	144	87	137	89	688
Norwood Park 11	1,268	297	116	171	174	88	177	89	815
Norwood Park 14	760	163	70	93	79	53	83	60	438
Norwood Park Township Results	3,108	719	285	396	397	228	397	238	1,941

**Approval of Minutes**

ACTION ITEM 23-05-4

I move that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois approve the minutes from the closed meeting on April 18, 2023; the closed meeting on April 19, 2023; the closed meeting on April 20, 2023; the regular meeting on April 20 2023; and the special meeting on May 3, 2023.

The votes were cast as follows:

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

AYES:

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64  
Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held at 7 p.m.  
April 20, 2023  
Jefferson School - Hendee Rooms  
8200 Greendale Ave, Niles, IL 60714**

Board president Pearl called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Other Board members in attendance were Carol Sales, Phyllis Lubinski, Tom Sotos, Gareth Kennedy, Larry Ryles, and Demetri Touzios. Also attending were: Superintendent Dr. Eric Olson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Joel T. Martin, and Board legal counsel Tony Loizzi.

Board of Education meetings are videotaped and may be viewed in their full length from the district's website at <http://www.d64.org>. The agenda and reports for this meeting are also available on the website or through the District's Office at 8182 W Greendale Ave, Niles, IL 60714.

**BOARD RECESSES & ADJOURNS TO CLOSED MEETING**

At 6:02 p.m. it was moved by board member Kennedy and seconded by board member Sales to recess from the regular board meeting and adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss the following: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]; collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary scheduled for one or more classes of employees [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)]; and student disciplinary cases [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)].

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

Ayes: Pearl, Touzios, Ryles, Lubinski, Sales, Sotos, Kennedy

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

**BOARD ADJOURNS FROM CLOSED MEETING & RESUMES REGULAR MEETING**

The Board adjourned the closed meeting and resumed the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m. Also joining the meeting were: Chief School Business Official (CSBO) Dr. Adam Parisi; Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning Dr. Lori Lopez; Director of Student Services Alicia Schmeisser; Director of Facility Management Anthony Bersani; Director of Technology Mary Jane Warden; Communications Specialist Christopher Lilly; and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Natasha Nedeljkovic. Approximately 20 members of the public were present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

President Pearl stated this was the last regular meeting of the current Board before the organizational meeting of the new Board on May 11.

**STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION**

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Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Lori Lopez recognized the teachers that were bestowed the “Those Who Excel” awards by the Illinois School Board of Education (ISBE): Natalie Briggs, Georgette Demarinis, and Alex Teater.

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON JEFFERSON SCHOOL**

Principal Lisa Halverson presented and talked about the renovations of Jefferson School that had taken place last year, highlighting all the improvements made. She showed a video of daily activities at the now renamed “Early Childhood Center”, and recognized the amazing staff she works with on a daily basis. As she is retiring at the end of the school year, Mrs. Halverson said it had been an honor to be Jefferson school's principal.

#### **UPDATE ON SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS**

Board vice president Carol Sales summarized the process of the search and thanked Dr. Martin for his tireless work. She said the candidates-elect had been part of the interview process the past couple of weeks, and all ten members present for the interviews had unanimously agreed on the selected candidate. The Board planned to host a special meeting on May 3 to announce the new superintendent.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments were invited through a posted email address on the district's website and in the board report; no public comments were received via email; no comments were received from those present in the meeting room.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

No changes were made to the agenda.

#### **APPROVAL OF JEFFERSON SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Dr. Olson said this announcement was special in a couple of ways, as it was a celebration of the new principal, but also a celebration of everything Mrs. Halverson had accomplished. He stated that Michele Barkley, the new principal, would bring a wealth of experience to the role.

#### ACTION ITEM 23-04-1

It was moved by board member Sales and seconded by board member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the appointment of Michele Barkley as Jefferson School Principal effective July 1, 2023, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent and not upon the Board's direct knowledge regarding the individual selected for appointment.

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

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

Nays: None

Present: Touzios

Absent: None

The motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Dr. Olson said that, just like Ms. Barkley, Mrs. Adams had a lot of previous experience that will be very helpful in her new role. She already had great interactions with the Washington School staff and the current principal Mrs. Brito.

#### ACTION ITEM 23-04-2

It was moved by board member Sales and seconded by board member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the appointment of Jennifer Adams as Washington School Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2023, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent and not upon the Board's direct knowledge regarding the individual selected for appointment.

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

Ayes: Kennedy, Ryles, Sotos, Sales, Lubinski, Touzios, Pearl

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE FOR 1:1 DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM FOR 2023-24**

Director of Technology Mary Jane Warden stated this was the annual refresh of devices for second and sixth graders. The second graders keep their devices through 6th grade, the 6th graders keep theirs through 8th grade. The department had reviewed the needs for the new chromebooks, required specific features, checked on pricing, and were recommending to continue with the devices currently used. The department had obtained quotes and had looked at the newer model, but determined that the bump in cost was not warranted for an upgrade at this time. Member Ryles inquired about delivery time, and Mrs. Warden confirmed they were assured of timely delivery. Responding to a question from member Kennedy, she stated the devices were a little cheaper this year in comparison to last year, by 10 or 15 dollars per unit. She also explained that devices that were returned, were turned over to a reseller that disposes of them properly. The technology department does keep a stock of parts they might need for future repairs.

#### **ACTION ITEM 23-04-3**

It was moved by board member Ryles and seconded by board member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the purchase of Chromebook devices from ITSavvy for the annual refresh cycle of the 1:1 Digital Learning Program in the amount of \$492,700.00.

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

Ayes: Pearl, Sales, Lubinski, Ryles, Touzios, Kennedy, Sotos

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

#### **UPDATE FROM THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE**

Board policy committee member Kennedy explained that policy 2:210 deals with the organizational meeting of the new Board. The policy states that the Board should organize no later than 40 days following elections, after the canvassing of the votes. At the organizational meeting, the newly elected board members will take their oath, the new board will then elect officers, and will establish regular meeting dates for next year.

#### **APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT & GENERAL RELEASE**

This was part of the closed session discussion preceding the open meeting; nothing further was discussed.

#### **ACTION ITEM 23-04-4**

It was moved by board member Kennedy and seconded by board member Sales that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the Settlement and General Release between the Board of Education, the PREA, and Denise Reeder.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Ryles, Sotos, Touzios, Kennedy, Pearl, Lubinski, Sales

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

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The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING PREA VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

This was also part of the closed session discussion preceding the open meeting; nothing further was discussed.

**ACTION ITEM 23-04-5**

It was moved by board member Sales and seconded by board member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the memorandum of understanding regarding PREA voluntary early retirement incentive plan eligibility requirements.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Touzios, Ryles, Pearl, Lubinski, Sotos, Sales, Kennedy

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL REPORT**

Jennifer Adams - Employ as Assistant Principal at Washington School effective July 1, 2023 - \$92,000.

Michele Barkley - Employ as Principal at Jefferson School effective July 1, 2023 - \$111,500.

Cipriano Garcia - Employ as Night Custodian at Washington School effective March 20, 2023 - \$19.60 hourly.

Aaron Korpus - Employ as Skilled Maintenance Worker for the District effective April 4, 2023 - \$31.07 hourly.

Raymond Ortiz - Employ as Night Custodian at Field School effective April 10, 2023.

Miranda Conley - Resign as Special Education Teacher at Lincoln Middle School effective June 12, 2023.

Lori Lopez - Resign as Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning effective June 30, 2023.

Elmin Pittges - Resign as Special Education Teaching Assistant at Jefferson School effective April 6, 2023.

Mary Jane Warden - Resign as Director of Innovation and Technology effective June 30, 2023.

Jeffery Calloway - Retire as Head Custodian at Emerson Middle School effective June 12, 2023.

Ellen Dishneau - Retire as Educational Support Personnel effective at Lincoln Middle School at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Jon Brett Verdun - Retire as Math Teacher at Lincoln Middle School effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Kathy Wipf - Retire as Technologist at Franklin School effective June 27, 2023.

Jose Ramirez - Terminate as Probationary Night Custodian at Washington School effective April 20, 2023.

**ACTION ITEM 23-04-6**

It was moved by board member Kennedy and seconded by board member Sales that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Personnel Report dated April 20, 2023, 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: Sales, Ryles, Sotos, Kennedy, Lubinski, Touzios, Pearl

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

PRESS 110 was pulled from the vote on the consent agenda, to be discussed and voted on separately.

- Bills, Payroll, and Benefits

### Bills

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Total</u>
10 - Education Fund	\$ 1,992,315.40
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 346,897.36
30 - Debt Services	\$ 25,806.02
40 - Transportation Fund	\$ 143,073.25
50 - Retirement (IMRF/SS/MEDICARE)	\$ -
60 - Capital Projects	\$ 593,674.73
61 - Capital Projects-2017 Debt Certificates	\$ -
80 - Tort Immunity Fund	\$ 2,500.00
90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund	\$ -
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,104,266.76</b>

### Payroll & Benefits

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Total</u>
10 - Education Fund	\$ 4,605,193.47
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 364,735.98
40 - Transportation Fund	\$ 2,460.77
50 - IMRF/FICA Fund	\$ 120,729.74
51 - SS/Medicare	\$ 139,941.70
80 - Tort Immunity Fund	\$ -
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,233,061.66</b>

The Accounts Payable detailed list can be viewed on the District 64 website's business services page at [www.d64.org](http://www.d64.org).

- Bills, Payroll & Benefits
- Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending February 28, 2023
- ~~Second Reading & Approval of Policies from PRESS 110~~
- Destruction of Audio Closed Recordings (none)

### ACTION ITEM 23-04-7

It was moved by board member Sales and seconded by board member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda for April 20, 2023, which includes: Bills, Payroll & Benefits; Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending February 28, 2023; and Destruction of Audio Closed Recordings (none).

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Ryles, Kennedy, Lubinski, Sotos, Touzios, Sales, Pearl

Nays: None

Present: Touzios

Absent: None

The motion carried.

### DISCUSSION OF PRESS 110 & OTHER POLICIES LEFT OVER FROM PRESS 109

Members Sales and Kennedy stated that further revisions were needed for policies 4:165 and 6:60 that were not highlighted in tonight's report. These two policies would be further annotated and brought back for approval at the next meeting. All other policies could proceed for second reading and approval as presented tonight.

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ACTION ITEM 23-04-7 (a)

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 second reading and approval of policies from PRESS 110 and other policies from PRESS 109 with the exception of policies 4:165 and 6:60.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Touzios, Ryles, Pearl, Sales, Sotos, Kennedy, Lubinski

Nays: None

Present: Touzios

Absent: None

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION ITEM 23-04-8

It was moved by board member Lubinski and seconded by board member Sotos that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the minutes from the closed meeting on March 16, 2023; the regular meeting on March 16, 2023; the special meeting on April 11, 2023; the closed meeting on April 11, 2023; the closed meeting on April 12, 2023; and the closed meeting on April 13, 2023.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Lubinski, Kennedy, Sotos, Ryles, Pearl, Sales, Touzios

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

**OTHER DISCUSSIONS & ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Dr. Olson noted the Board would hold an organizational meeting on May 11. The new Board will have its first regular meeting on May 18.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Member Sales asked members to confirm that they would be able to attend the May 3 special meeting to welcome the new superintendent, once contract negotiations had concluded. Members agreed on the date and a 6 p.m. start time.

**BOARD RECESSES & ADJOURNS TO CLOSED MEETING**

At 7:58 p.m. it was moved by board member Sotos and seconded by board member Sales to recess from the regular board meeting and adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss the following: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)].

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

Ayes: Sales, Kennedy, Lubinski, Pearl, Sotos, Touzios, Ryles

Nays: None

Present: None

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Absent: None

The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:36 p.m., the Board returned from closed session; it was moved by board member Kennedy and seconded by board member Ryles to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Signed Date: May 11, 2023.

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President

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Secretary

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64  
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held at 6 p.m.  
May 3, 2023  
District Office - Plimpton Rooms  
8182 W Greendale Ave, Niles, IL**

Board President Pearl called the special meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board members in attendance were Carol Sales, Phyllis Lubinski, Gareth Kennedy, and Larry Ryles. Board member Tom Sotos joined at the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Board member Demetri Touzios was absent from the meeting. Also present were Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Joel T. Martin, Director of Student Services Alicia Schmeisser, Assistant Director of Facility Management Noel Mendoza, and Communications Specialist Chris Lilly. Approximately 45 members of the public were in attendance.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board member Ryles led the pledge.

**OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

President Pearl thanked everyone who was involved in the search for the new Superintendent, including BWP & Associates, member Carol Sales who led the search on the Board's behalf, Dr Martin who acted as liaison to the District, the community and the people who participated in the survey, the Board members newly elected, and the principals and administrators who were involved in the interview process.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

**APPROVAL OF NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

Before proceeding with the vote, Board members took a moment to express their gratitude for everyone involved in the search, and to congratulate Dr. Collins on his selection.

**ACTION ITEM 23-05-1**

It was moved by board member Sales and seconded by board member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the appointment of Dr. Ben Collins as the new superintendent beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Touzios

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

Member Ryles welcomed the Collins family to the District. Dr. Collins said it was an honor, that the process had felt right from the beginning, and he was going to work as hard as possible for the students and parents. He thanked the Board tonight's reception as well.

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ACTION ITEM 23-05-2

It was moved by board member Sales and seconded by board member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the compensation package for Dr. Ben Collins and that the Board of Education authorize the Board president to sign a three-year contract with said Dr. Collins..

The votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: Touzios

The motion carried.

At 6:19 p.m., it was moved by board member Kennedy and seconded by board member Sotos to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Signed Date: May 11, 2023.

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President

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### **Recognition of Retiring Board Members**

District 64 will recognize the following outgoing members for their service to the Board:

- Carol Sales
  - Board Secretary 2019-2021
  - Board Vice-President 2021-2023
- Tom Sotos
  - Board Member 2015-2023
  - Board Secretary 2017-2019
  - Board Vice-President 2019-2021
- Larry Ryles
  - Appointed Board Member 2022-2023
  - Previously served on the Board from 2017 to 2021