

**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.

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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

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.

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

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.

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	\$ -
Total:	<u>\$ 3,104,266.76</u>

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	\$ -
Total:	<u>\$ 5,233,061.66</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 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.

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

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.

President

Secretary