

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64**  
**Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education held at 7 p.m.**  
**May 11, 2023**  
**Jefferson School - Hendee Rooms**  
**8200 W Greendale Ave, Niles, IL**

It was decided at the beginning of the meeting that Hodges Loizzi legal counsel Steven Richart would act as president *pro tempore*. The meeting was convened at 7:03 p.m. Board members in attendance were Denise Pearl (newly re-elected), Phyllis Lubinski, Gareth Kennedy, Demetri Touzios; Board members-elect Matthew Doubleday, Monica Milligan, and Rachel Georgakis. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Eric Olson; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Joel T. Martin; Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning Dr. Lori Lopez; Chief School Business Official Dr. Adam Parisi; Director of Student Services Alicia Schmeisser; Director of Facility Management Anthony Bersani; Board Legal Counsel Steven Richart; Communications Specialist Chris Lilly; and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Natasha Nedeljkovic. Approximately 2 members of the public were in attendance. Also attending the organizational meeting was incoming superintendent Dr. Ben Collins.

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 64 District Office, 8182 W Greendale Ave, Niles, IL 60714.

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

Legal counsel Steven Richart administered the oath of office to members Pearl, Georgakis, Milligan, and Doubleday.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

**ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mr. Richart asked for nominations for board president.

ACTION ITEM 23-05-5

Board member Kennedy moved to nominate Monica Milligan to serve as President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, for the years 2023-2025. The motion was seconded by member Lubinski.

Board member Doubleday moved to nominate Dr. Denise Pearl to serve as President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, for the years 2023-2025. The motion was seconded by member Georgakis.

Member Milligan respectfully declined the nomination; member Pearl accepted the nomination.

ACTION ITEM 23-05-5 - amended

Member Kennedy amended the motion to nominate Dr. Pearl to serve as President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, for the years 2023-**2024**.

Legal counsel noted the current board policy calls for a two-year term.

Board member Kennedy then made a motion to suspend policy 2:210; the motion was seconded by member Lubinski. Legal counsel noted that the School Code states the term is two years, unless otherwise established by board policy.

Member Kennedy then moved to amend the policy to reflect a one-year term for all officers. Legal counsel consulted policy 2:240 to ensure this was possible and agreed to the motion after the review of the policy. He stated this could fall under "special circumstances" as noted in the policy, to amend a policy without a second reading.

Members discussed the proposed change to the officers' service time. Legal counsel confirmed that there was nothing in the policy that limits a board member to a one term only.

VOTE ON AMENDING POLICY 2:110 *Qualifications, Term, & Duties of Board Officers*

The motion to amend the policy to a one-year term was made by member Kennedy and seconded by member Lubinski.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Touzios, Lubinski, Kennedy

Nays: Georgakis, Milligan, Pearl, Doubleday

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion failed.

ACTION ITEM 23-05-5

Board member Doubleday moved to nominate Dr. Denise Pearl to serve as President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, for the years 2023-2025. The motion was seconded by member Georgakis.

Member Doubleday explained that there was a concern for the health of the organization with new leadership, administrative changes, four board members turning over, and a clear need for stability. He stated Dr. Pearl knew the staff, recent history, and could help maintain the stability and consistency needed. Member Touzios stated a leader should be decisive and held accountable. Member Kennedy stated the board needed a fresh start.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Milligan, Georgakis, Pearl, Doubleday

Nays: Lubinski, Kennedy, Touzios

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried. Board member Dr Denise Pearl was elected to serve as board president.

**ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT**

ACTION ITEM 23-05-6

It was moved by board member Kennedy and seconded by board member Georgakis to elect Monica Milligan to serve as Vice President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, for the years 2023-2025.

Member Georgakis stated she appreciated the shared collaboration, goals, and wealth of education knowledge Ms. Milligan would bring to the role. President Pearl agreed.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Milligan, Touzios, Pearl, Lubinski, Doubleday, Georgakis, Kennedy

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried. Member Monica Milligan was elected to serve as board vice president.

### **ELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARY**

Member Milligan nominated member Doubleday for the position of board secretary.

#### ACTION ITEM 23-05-7

It was moved by board member Kennedy and seconded by board member Lubinski to elect to serve as Secretary of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, for the years 2023-2025.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Lubinski, Touzios, Pearl, Georgakis, Doubleday, Kennedy, Milligan

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried. Member Matthew Doubleday was elected to serve as board secretary.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING DATES 2023-2024**

There will be no regular meeting in the month of July. The regular meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, except where holidays interfere; and on the fourth Thursday in January of 2024 due to the winter recess. The board will meet the last Thursday in June of 2024 to allow for all bills to be paid before the end of the school year.

#### ACTION ITEM 23-05-8

It was moved by board member Kennedy and seconded by board member Georgakis that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Board of Education regular meeting dates for 2023-2024.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Milligan, Touzios, Pearl, Lubinski, Doubleday, Georgakis, Kennedy

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

### **REVIEW OF BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Board members discussed the various committees and members' participation. Member Kennedy proposed to head a task force, along with member Doubleday, to review other districts' practices and come back to the board in six months-time with recommendations. Members agreed this was a good idea.

Member Georgakis, Milligan, and Touzios will serve on the policy committee. Member Lubinski subsequently agreed to serve on the committee as well and help with its transition to the new members.

Member Kennedy stated the district needed a parent/teacher advisory committee, as well as a student behavioral committee. Member Lubinski expressed interest in serving on the parent/teacher advisory committee. Member Georgakis stated the other committee should be discussed with incoming superintendent Collins. Members also discussed recruitment of committee members. The board will ultimately recruit over the summer once the new superintendent takes over, with the goal to be ready to go at the start of the school year. Member Kennedy stressed that the parent/teacher committee would not make decisions, but rather strictly act in an advisory capacity. Members confirmed that both committees would require Dr. Collins' input before proceeding.

### **OTHER DISCUSSIONS & ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Superintendent Olson said the new board members had met with the administrative team the day before, and had been informed about training and next steps.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Pearl once again congratulated the new members and welcomed them to the board.

At 7:52 p.m., it was moved by board member Kennedy and seconded by board member Lubinski to adjourn; this was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Signed Date: May 18, 2023.

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President

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Secretary