

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held at 6:00 p.m.
February 27, 2023
Jefferson School - Hendee Rooms
8200 W Greendale Ave, Niles, IL

Board President Pearl called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m. Board members in attendance were Phyllis Lubinski, Carol Sales, Gareth Kennedy, Tom Sotos, and Larry Ryles. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Eric Olson; Communications Specialist Christopher Lilly; and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Natasha Nedeljkovic. Approximately 7 members of the public were present.

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 Educational Service Center, 164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Ryles led the pledge.

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

President Pearl noted this was a special meeting to interview all 12 applicants for the vacant Board member position. She thanked everyone for their interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received either by those present or via email.

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD VACANCY

President Pearl noted the Board will essentially "pull names out of a bag" for a random order of interviews, with the exception of the first candidate who was virtual. Candidates were moved to another room and would be brought in when it was their turn to be interviewed. They were asked to refrain from listening to or viewing the live stream of the meeting or using their phones while waiting.

The Board conducted interviews with Linnea Johnson (virtually), Joseph Lee, Mark Anderson, Kurt Kuempel, Jennifer Conlon, Demetri Touzios, Julia Baraglia, George Kouros, Gloria Kuechenberg, Anita Rifkind, Joseph Ignoffo, Amy Caffero-Tolemy, individually in turn, giving each fifteen minutes to answer the same questions. The candidates were provided with the following set of questions ahead of the meeting:

- Why are you interested in this vacant seat on the board?
- What specific skills would you bring to this board?
- How will you prepare yourself for the challenges of being a board member?
- How is the role of an appointed board member similar or different from a board member who was elected?

- Do you have any close family members who are employees of D64? Do you or any close employees work for or own a company that has contracts to supply goods or services to D64?
- How will you balance the needs of parents, students, staff, and administrators?

The Board also allowed for questions from each candidate at the end of their interview.

BOARD RECESSES & ADJOURNS TO CLOSED MEETING

At 8:41 p.m. it was moved by Board member Lubinski and seconded by Board member Sotos to recess from the special Board meeting and adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss: the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance, or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)].

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

Ayes: Ryles, Pearl, Lubinski, Sotos, Sales

Nays: Kennedy

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

BOARD ADJOURNS FROM THE CLOSED MEETING & RESUMES THE SPECIAL MEETING

At 9:55 p.m. the Board resumed the special meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

President Pearl noted this had been a long deliberation and very close for all candidates.

ACTION ITEM 23-02-9

It was moved by Board member Lubinski and seconded by Board member Ryles that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the selection of Demetri Touzios to fill the open Board position vacated by Dr. Nicole Weitowich effective immediately until the end of the position term in 2025.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:57 pm. it was moved by Board member Sotos and seconded by Board member Kennedy to adjourn the special meeting. The motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

Signed Date: March 6, 2023.

President

Secretary