

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held at 6 p.m.
April 11, 2023
District Office - Plimpton Rooms
8182 W Greendale Ave, Niles, IL

Board President Pearl called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m. Board members in attendance were Carol Sales, Phyllis Lubinski, Gareth Kennedy, Tom Sotos, Demetri Touzios, and Larry Ryles. Also present were Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Joel T. Martin, and BWP & Associates representatives Mark Friedman and Glenn Schlichting. Approximately 10 members of the public were present.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Before leading the pledge, Member Ryles said a few words about a former long-time teacher Joanne Mulvihill who had passed away this Sunday.

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

President Pearl noted this was a special meeting to begin the process of interviews of candidates for the superintendent search.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received via email. Anyone present was invited to submit comments, which were received as follows:

- William Hallhan: addressed the board on the issue of the timeline of the search and asked for the board to slow the process and allow the new board to make the decision once seated.
- Mark Anderson: addressed the board on the issue of the election results, congratulated president Pearl on her reelection, and stated that the community had spoken loudly on what they wanted. He said the current board should stand back and let the new board make decisions on the new superintendent.
- Megan Roberts Esterling: asked the board to wait until the new board is seated, choose an interim if there is no right candidate, and listen to the community.

DISCUSSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

President Pearl summarized the next steps of the search process. The Board will get information tonight from BWP & Associates on the superintendent profile, applicants, and will begin interviewing candidates tomorrow in closed sessions that will conclude next week on Wednesday. She asked Board members if they wanted to change anything to the process, including the timeline. Member Kennedy

stated he would like to invite the newly elected members, though not yet seated, to participate in the closed sessions going forward. One person was absent, but the other two would join the closed session tonight; all would sign a non-disclosure agreement. The other steps and timeline would remain the same. The Board also agreed that the packets handed to them by BWP tonight would be turned over at the end of the night; nothing would be taken home to preserve confidentiality. President Pearl said she had spoken to legal counsel and advised the members that they would not be ready to approve the new superintendent and his contract at the April 20 regular meeting. The members insisted that the approvals would remain on the agenda and be removed from it at the meeting if not feasible.

BOARD ADJOURNS SPECIAL MEETING & RECESSES TO CLOSED MEETING

At 6:43 p.m. it was moved by Board member Kennedy and seconded by Board member Ryles to adjourn from the special Board meeting and recess 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: Pearl, Touzios, Ryles, Lubinski, Sales, Sotos, Kennedy

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Signed Date: April 20, 2023.

President

Secretary