

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64**  
**Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held at 6 p.m.**  
**May 3, 2023**  
**Jefferson School - Hendee Rooms**  
**8200 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.

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.

**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.

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary