

**Board OF EDUCATION**  
**COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64**  
**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held at 7 p.m.**  
**February 22, 2024**  
**Jefferson School - Hendee Rooms**  
**8200 Greendale Ave, Niles, IL 60714**

Board president Pearl called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Other Board members in attendance were Monica Milligan, Gareth Kennedy, Matt Doubleday, Phyllis Lubinski, Demetri Touzios and Rachel Georgakis. Also attending were: Superintendent Dr. Ben Collins, Dr. Joel Martin, Assistant Superintendent of HR, Dr Adam Parisi, Chief School Business Official, Matthew Tombs, Director of Innovation and Technology, Noel Mendoza, Director of Facilities, Elisa Leporini, Assistant Director of Student Services, Chris Lilly, Communications Specialist, Christine Bednarek, Assistant to the Superintendent. Ms. Angela Brito, Principal of Washington Elementary School and approximately 50 members of the public were in attendance.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Students from Washington School, Science Olympiad and Spelling Bee lead the board in the pledge of allegiance.

**OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

Dr. Pearl thanked the students and said they did a great job and we would have a great board meeting with a celebration of some special things happening in the district.

**SPOTLIGHT ON WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Washington Principal Ms. Angela Brito was joined by Assistant Principal, Jen Adams, Parent, Lauren Rapisand, Parent Sara Youngkin, and Trish Nagel, Spanish Teacher and Student Council Teacher and four student council representatives Liam, Adrian, Corrina and Nancy to present on how Washington fosters social emotional learning through community engagement. Laurent Rapisand told the board her student started K during the pandemic and being remote he was losing lessons he was taught about being kind and giving back. Hence the Wildcats Give Back program was created to help students, parents, staff and administration to remember the importance of giving back to others. The program helps students connect with others and understand the importance of giving of themselves. It provides an age-appropriate way for students to learn that there are people in our community who may need support. And it raises student awareness to many non-profits that are making a difference in the world. Sara Youngkin spoke to how the administration and staff offer the time for students to accomplish these goals and how important it is to have that time. The school shares information through school assemblies, student council going into classrooms to provide details, and videos for students to watch.

Some of the organizations that have been recipients since 2022 include: Uncle Pete's Lunches, Paws Chicago, Washington Cares, Salvation Army, Night ministries, Maine Township Food Pantry, Digs with Dignity and Cook County Forest Preserve.

The student council members then told the board how they make a difference by doing this work. The members stated they make a difference by: helping others who need their support and helping families in need with the food and gift drives, by showing empathy and showing acts of kindness, by raising money and collecting items for non-profit organizations, and by teaching younger students how to make a difference. The students then stated why they liked being a part of student council. Their reasons were: making the community a better place, all the ideas they come up

with to make their school a better place, organizing food and money drives, and helping the younger students learn empathy and kindness.

Dr. Pearl thanked the students and asked the crowd to give them a round of applause.

Ms. Brito stated that it would not be possible without the student council team's assistance. She thanked the community and stated what a pleasure it was to be part of such a giving community and instill in the students an appreciation for all they have and see the importance of giving back to the community.

The board then took a picture with the group.

### **PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY FUND HOLIDAY DRIVE RECOGNITION**

Dr. Kevin Dwyer and Tim Gleason explained how the fund gives back to the Park Ridge community and that this year they raised over \$10,000. Dr. Dwyer stated he was so inspired by the Washington students and how they model the way for giving back. He thanked Mr. Gleason who has been leading the campaign for over nine years. Mr. Gleason joked he was intimidated by the Washington students and how they talked about all their giving. He stated how appreciative he was to be able to give back to the community he works in. And how appreciative he is for the staff who help and give back to the community as well.

### **DISTRICT SPELLING BEE RECOGNITION**

Dr. Pearl stated that unscathed was the winning word this year. Ma. Meghan Keefer said that hopefully all the spellers walked away unscathed and there were over 150 participants this year. Students in 3rd through 8th grade are invited to participate at their building spelling bee and then the top three from each school compete at a District Spelling Bee. Taking third place was a 4th grader from Roosevelt, Evangelene A., second place was a 7th grader from Emerson, John H., and this year's 1st place contestant was a 5 grader from Field Sarah K. Sarah will be representing the District in March at the North Cook Spelling Bee.

### **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD RECOGNITION**

Dr. Pearl stated the Science Olympiad was successful based on the number of registrants and she was happy to see the mystery box is still happening. Dina Pappas told the board the event is all about learning, adapting, changing designs, polishing skills, constructing, testing and working with your peers. She said it was a very successful event with around 200 fourth and fifth grade participants and over 100 parent volunteers. She thanked and acknowledged the parent volunteers, custodial staff, administrators and support staff who made the event possible.

The medalists were then called up to be recognized by the board.

Aerodynamics - students create a paper airplane to have it fly and land on a target 8 meters away.

1st Place: Franklin - (Gr. 4) Constantine C. & Christian C.

2nd Place: Field - (Gr. 5) Ben L., Vail F., & Aiden G.

3rd Place: Roosevelt - (Gr. 5) Jacob D.

Egg Drop - students create an egg catching device that will prevent the egg from breaking when dropped from increasing heights.

1st Place: Field - (Gr. 4 & 5) Lucy H., Evelyn F. & Ella S. (12 feet)

2nd Place: TWO-WAY TIE

Washington - (Gr. 5 ) Matthew L.& Liam S. (11 feet)

Washington - (Gr. 4 ) Whitney M. & Alexia N. (11 feet)

3rd Place: TWO-WAY TIE

Field - (Gr. 5) Dylan K., Harris L. & Hudson S. (9 feet)

Franklin - (Gr. 4) Ella H., Oliva M. & Ilona V. (9 feet)

Mystery Box - students identify the characteristics of an object using senses other than sight.

1st Place: Washington - (Gr. 5) Kayleigh M., Alina G. & Chloe S.

2nd Place: Field, Franklin, & Washington - (Gr. 4 & 5) Elizabeth M., Zara L. & Lia K.

3rd Place: Carpenter - (Gr 4 & 5) Vivienne S., Eviana S. & Ben W.

Rubber Band Catapult: students build a catapult that will shoot a rubber band between 4-10 meters away.

1st Place: Carpenter - (Gr. 5) Miles T., Massimo T. & Brandon H.

2nd Place: Roosevelt - (Gr. 4) Henry M. & Liam V.

3rd Place: Roosevelt - (Gr. 5) Sebastian S. & Max W.

Structures- students build a tall, free-standing structure. Whoever builds the tallest structure without tipping over wins.

1st Place: Field - (Gr. 4) Sam T. & Ethan T.(28 inches)

2nd Place: Field - (Gr. 4) Anna L. & Joe P. (25 inches)

3rd Place: Field - (Gr. 5) Owen G. & John P. (22 inches)

Ms. Pappas then thanked the students for their participation.

Photos were taken of the group as well as the Spelling Bee participants.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Maria Orszula, past PTO President at Carpenter and member of the new playground committee at Carpenter, spoke about how the PTO is interested in creating an inclusive playground for students of all abilities. While designing the new playground she stated her mind was blown away at all the new options for playgrounds that encourage physical movement in a new way. She stated how important the district's financial backing would be to the efforts of creating an inclusive playground. She thanked the board for their time.

Jessica Hoban wanted to speak that through the facilities update that she hoped the board would consider including all inclusive playground updates. She stated her daughter has the ability to walk with challenges and that the playground is not very accessible for her daughter and there are times when she has to watch her peers from the sidelines as she cannot keep up on the equipment. She stated they were fortunate that the PTO was receptive and willing to update the playground for her child as well as all children in the community. She thanked the board for considering playground updates in the facility update.

Zulema Stone told the board how her daughter who is visually impaired would come home defeated when she couldn't enjoy the monkey bars. The janitor painted the bars different colors which allowed her daughter to master the monkey bars. This made her feel strong, confident and capable. It was then that she realized how important the playground is for the students. By having all inclusive playgrounds any family starting to navigate the journey of a child with disabilities will not have to navigate the playground. One less worry out of many worries to face.

## **MASTER FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE**

Dr. Pearl stated that the board has been informed at previous meetings regarding the facilities at several meetings and that now Dr. Parisii would be updating the board with more detailed plans of the updates. She stated if there are areas or certain parts of the project the board was concerned about that at the end the board could share that with the administrators.

Dr. Collins started by saying that it has been a long process having had conversations with staff, community members, engineers, and architects concerning where the facilities stand and where we'd like them to be. He said this will change as we go through the process and the approach we are taking is to put everything on the table and from there as we get feedback we will figure things out as we move forward. A lot of these important decisions will be contingent on other aspects happening. There have been a lot of conversations with Wight as well as a lot of time with staff and administrators across the district. We also looked at things on the exterior of the buildings, we looked at playgrounds and fencing from a security perspective. He stated that the buildings are used 7 days a week by the community and we want to keep that great community vibe. He said at the end the administration would like to hear the board's perspective on what things they would like to pull back on or things that could be rethought. He then kicked it over to Dr. Parisi and Mr. George Gauthier from Wight.

Dr. Parisi took the board through a high level of the proposed improvements. For Emerson Middle School the improvements include an expanded room, HVAC replacement, dedicated CTE suite, Life Skills classroom with ADA restroom, added student waiting area, upgraded science labs, added area to accommodate small group testing, additional staff collaboration areas, mother's room, renovated broadcasting space, and replacing fencing on the exterior. At Lincoln Middle School the proposed improvements include a one story addition to be utilized as a multi purpose room/cafe/tertia and student commons, relocate band, orchestra, choir area and practice rooms, renovate gymnasium locker rooms, bathrooms, lockers and health classroom, renovated science labs with prep rooms, renovated classrooms throughout the building, upgraded HVAC system, replace plumbing and fire alarm systems, replace electrical throughout building, fix foundation and flooding issues, repair and replace park lots and maintenance ramp, and replace exterior fencing. The proposed improvements at the elementary schools include replacing the HVAC systems, LED lighting throughout the buildings, new carpets in classrooms where needed, painting, and adding modern flexible seating and furniture. With regards to safety the improvements would include replacing classroom doors and door frames across the district, new signage to include safety information, making the buildings ADA compliant, fixing ADA railings on the exterior, adding fencing for staff and student safety, and making all playgrounds ADA accessible with rubberized surfaces. There are proposed additions at Field and Franklin as both schools need more space. At Franklin the space would potentially be used to house a 3rd-5th grade Life Skills Program and Field's addition would address current space limitations. The plans are preliminary and will undergo many changes as we continue to gather data. The current estimate of the plans presented came to a little over \$145 million dollars. When you ask why now, with escalating costs at approximately 4% every two years the cost significantly increases the longer we wait.

Director of Facilities, Noel Mendoza spoke to the inefficiencies of the schools with regard to lighting and plumbing. He stated the district would save approximately \$500,000 over the next 10 years with efficient lighting. And similarly approximately \$500,000 over 10 years by eliminating the timer flush valves and reducing the water waste as well.

Dr. Parisi then mentioned the annual and monthly impacts on homeowners as well presented tax rate comparisons to neighboring school districts.

Dr. Collins commented that this is a ton of information and that we want to make sure as the board makes decisions that they have all the information needed to make decisions. He also thanked Dr. Parisi, Mr. Mendoza and Mr. Gauthier for the work they did in a short amount of time.

Members Kennedy asked if we go to a referendum can we go over the debt limit. Financial consultant Dr. Rob Grossi explained that yes, it can be done with approval of the general assembly. He stated as far as he knew they have never declined this type of request.

Member Kennedy stated the board should potentially go through the projects and see what they feel needs to be done. For example the turf field, as he feels that perhaps something like that could be done in partnership with the Park District. He suggested a special meeting for the board to scrutinize the plans and determine what to move forward with. Member

Lubinski agreed and stated she believed that some things do not need to be done right now. Member Georgakis agreed and questioned when the bonds for the District 207 referendum would expire. The answer is 2033. Member Lubinski asked what this will do to the District's credit rating. Dr. Rossi stated that what is evaluated is the community and their ability to pay. He stated that he didn't believe a debt issuance of this size would adversely affect the district's rating. Member Milligan asked if there would be any deferred maintenance with these plans. Dr. Parisi stated no, that these plans address pretty much everything. Member Milligan asked if the bullet points could be organized by area, i.e. Safety, Deferred Maintenance, etc. She also asked what was the reasoning for the additions at Franklin and Field if enrollment may decrease. Dr. Parisi stated that it was needed as a result of the schools currently sharing spaces and often needing to utilize hallways for instruction. Member Doubleday stated he would like to understand how much of this is being done for the current enrollment as opposed to projected potential enrollment. Member Georgakis said she would also like to see current capacities as well. Member Georgakis also stated it would be good to see what projects could be handled with the budgeted \$2.5 million in capital and identity which could be completed over the summers. Member Kennedy stated he would like to have an understanding of mechanicals and what exactly would be replaced and what those costs are. Member Lubinski stated she believed what was put together is a dream list and she would like them broken out into Safety, Educational, for sure and a few other things that would be great but not certain if it is needed.

Member Georgakis asked about the possibility of Solar panels and Member Doubleday asked if there were incentives or grants that would go with that. Mr. Mendoza stated we would be looking at adding them depending on the cost and yes there are different incentives for adding them. Dr. Parisi stated we would be looking at all available opportunities for grants and incentives.

Member Doubleday asked about alternative HVAC/Pumps and Mr. Gauthier stated it is certainly something that could be looked at.

Member Touzios stated that he would like to get as much in the plan as possible. He stated that everyone in this community wants and deserves the best and everyone that we are competing with has state of the art stuff and we need to get it right the first time.

Dr. Pearl stated that the cost at Jefferson was surprising as the building was just completed. Dr. Parisi stated that it was mostly the parking lot.

Dr. Pearl asked if the number included furniture. Dr. Parisi stated yes that this included furniture.

The last District 64 referendum was 2007 and was not for buildings. It was for curriculum and limiting rate and there was a guarantee that they would not come back to the taxpayers for 10 years.

It was determined that the board would discuss scheduling a special meeting later in the evening.

Dr. Pearl thanked everyone for their work on getting all these details together.

### **PRELIMINARY ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS AND DISCUSSION OF STAFFING PLANS FOR 2024-2025**

Dr. Martin stated that the last demographic report had been extremely accurate up until the pandemic. He explained that the district uses a roll over process, meaning if there are 100 students in 1st grade this year there will be 100 students in 2nd grade next year. The primary grades are trending lower than they have historically been.

There are three sections that are looking like they will be down next year. He stated that with retirements and teachers that informed the district they will not be returning there should not be a need for any reductions. We will however honorably dismiss part time teachers and first year teaching assistants as we do every year. And if there are opportunities we will go back to those dismissed and see if they want to come back.

We are looking at 5 classrooms that are on a bubble. Three which would be going up and 2 which would be going down if there was a plus or minus 3 students added or removed.

He said that he would be providing updates throughout the spring and summer.

Member Lubinski thanked Dr. Martin. Member Kennedy stated that birth rates in Cook County have decreased 15% since 2015 with a slight increase in 2021.

Dr. Pearl thanked Dr. Martin and said there would be more to come at future meetings.

### **UPDATE ON FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS**

Dr. Collins introduced Dr. Grossi by saying that everyone he has told that we were working with Dr. Grossi has said great things and his reputation is stellar.

Dr. Grossi stated that the energy between the board and the community is special and that he sees a lot of board meetings.

He started by saying that he works with a lot of school districts and one of the things that he believes is a good practice is to get an independent analysis of their financial condition as well as look at a realistic worst case scenario and realistic best case scenario. He stated that since 2017 revenues have grown 3.7% and expenditures have grown at 2.6%. His observation is that the expenditure growth is lower than most school districts and the reason for maintaining healthy fund balances. He noted that major capital projects can also affect a healthy fund balance. Based on recent capital projects the board used fund balance reserves to fund these projects and as a result fund balance reserves are declining. At the end of June of 2023 the district had roughly 4.4 months of fund balance reserves and per board policy the 30% of expenditures represents 3.6 months of reserve and in order to have the highest rating there should be approximately 6 months of reserves. He stated there really is not much capacity to address capital projects with reserves. The district is very dependent on real estate taxes which grow at the rate of inflation in Cook County and this is the only real growth in revenues for the district. He discussed the worst and best case scenarios financially for the district. He stated the uptown TIF would expire in 2026 but there is no set deadline and it is up to the village and/or school to notify the county it is expiring.

Members Kennedy asked if the projections took into account the inability to charge for all day kindergarten in 2027. Dr. Parisi stated that the state has not yet made a decision that schools will not be allowed to charge kindergarten yet. While full day kindergarten is mandatory there is no decision on tuition at this time. Member Doubleday asked if there was any noise on that or not yet and Dr. Parisi stated not at this time and there are some discussions as to whether or not they will go through with the mandate of full day kindergarten. Member Georgakis stated that while she didnt want to speak for everyone she believed that eventually the board would not want to charge tuition for kindergarten and going forward she would like to hear about alternative plans to make that possible. Dr. Grossi said all the dollars spent are connected and maybe shifting some funds used for capital to offset the kindergarten tuition for example. He said the district's fund balances are not very high and are probably in the 15-20 percentage of schools in the state. Member Lubinski asked if we needed to extend that in our board policy. Dr. Grossi stated only if there is a mechanism to do so. He said the most vulnerable school districts in the state are Tier II and Tier III in evidence-based funding and those school districts in Cook County given the way the tax payments operate in Cook County. He said one of the things the board might consider, especially if they go to a referendum, is reducing the funding for capital in the budget to build the fund balances up to about six months reserves.

Dr. Collins asked the board members what other things the board would like to know as we are working with Dr. Grossi.

Member Georgakis said she would like to understand from a staffing perspective if there are guidelines and recommendations and not requirements and what that looks like and what the impact is. Dr. Collins mentioned some districts have a plan for reductions in place when there are no issues which can help remove emotions. Member Milligan said she would like to understand what the return on investment is for dollars spent in salaries and that there is an intersection between staffing and programming decisions. Member Kennedy said he believed there were some contractual obligations regarding class sizes and the timing of the bubble sections and why we do it that way. Dr. Martin said yes there are some contractual obligations and some historical practices and they could put that together for the board. Member Kennedy also mentioned that he believed the teacher salary increase was a CPI for the last two years and Dr. Parisi said yes it was a CPI with a floor and ceiling. Member Kennedy then thanked Dr. Grossi for his work and said he believed the recent issues with Cook County were a result of new systems the county implemented. Dr. Grossi said while that was true there were other issues as well and the important thing was if the December 1st payments were not on time districts may need to make payments where they don't have the funds. Member Kennedy asked if we do pass the referendum and borrow these additional funds how does that affect the district's ISBE financial profile score? Dr. Grossi stated the district is at 3.9 currently and as long as it stays above 3.5 it will maintain the highest ranking and even with having outstanding debt the fund balance should increase so he sees the score staying somewhere around 3.6-3.7 and still maintaining the highest ranking. Member Kennedy then asked if given student to teacher ratios and student to administrator ratios as well as average class size metrics if he would be able to bring back peer district information? Dr. Grossi said that was absolutely something he could work on. Dr. Pearl mentioned that it would certainly be helpful data to look at. Member Kennedy then asked if he could perhaps suggest peer districts? Dr. Grossi said that is absolutely something he could look at and has in mind some criteria to look at to determine what those districts would be. Dr. Collins mentioned that the team has been looking at this and was going to bring it to the board in March so it is perfect timing to work with Dr. Grossi on this now.

Dr. Pearl stated that it was super helpful to see the bigger picture and how we compare to others and thanked Dr. Grossi for all his work.

### **RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BEYOND YOUR BASE**

Dr. Collins stated that this is a community engagement group that works with various communities considering a referendum. They lead various groups and handle pooling for groups considering a referendum. He mentioned he worked with this group on the District 207 referendum so he is familiar with them.

Dr. Pearl mentioned that the Park Ridge Park District may have used this group in the past as well. And that several board members saw this group at the Triple I conference in November.

#### ACTION ITEM 24-02-1

It was moved by Board Member Milligan and seconded by Board Member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Public Engagement Services Agreement with Beyond Your Base in the amount of \$65,000.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The motion carried.

### **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Dr. Collins gave a preview of the March meeting where a tax attorney will come and we will start the conversation on comparable districts, and we will also recognize the Those Who Excel award winners and that Dr. Joel Martin is the district winner and we are very lucky to have him in our district.

**RESOLUTION #1331 ABATING THE WORKING CASH FUND OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT NUMBER 64 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Dr. Parisi stated this was a formality to move the money to the capital projects fund so we can use the money for capital improvements.

ACTION ITEM 24-02-2

It was moved by Board Member Milligan and seconded by Board Member Georgakis that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, adopt Resolution #1331 abating the working cash fund of Community Consolidated School District Number 64, Cook County, Illinois.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF QUEST FOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Dr. Parisi stated this was a renewal of the contract with Quest and he stated that they have been a great partner.

Member Kennedy asked Member Lubinski if she went to the sustainability meeting and what their comments were on Quest. Member Lubinski stated that yes, she did attend and that some of the asks would be difficult without many volunteers.

Dr. Collins said he felt that they have been a great partner and some of the initiatives are difficult such as zero waste, composting and that Quest is working with the district to their abilities to make these initiatives happen as they can.

Member Lubinski stated the sustainability group would like things to happen at all schools across the District at the same time and there are just not enough volunteers to make that happen right now.

ACTION ITEM 24-02-3

It was moved by Board Member Milligan and seconded by Board Member Georgakis that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the extension of the Quest Food Services Contract for the 2024-2025 school year.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The motion carried.



**RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL OF E-RATE PROJECTS FOR 2024**

Matthew Tombs reminded the board that e-rate projects go through a bidding process and he was recommending the board approve the Wireless network upgrade, specifically the access points through CDWG in the amount of \$359,588. Through the e-rate process we will receive a reimbursement of \$143,000.

For upgrading uninterrupted power supplies which are not working he is recommended TECH 365 for \$7,139.60 and we would have a reimbursement of approximately \$3,000.

ACTION ITEM 24-02-4

It was moved by Board Member Milligan 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 403 Juniper MIST Access Points from CDWG in the amount of \$359,588.12, which includes a 3-year subscription and support plan.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The motion carried.

ACTION ITEM 24-02-5

It was moved by Board Member Georgakis 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 4 Uninterrupted Power Supplies from TECH 365 in the amount of \$7,139.60.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL OF ASBESTOS ABATEMENT BID**

Noel Mendoza stated they would work with Lincoln staff to pack up prior to Spring Break and that Kinsale Contracting Group was the lowest responsible contractor at \$53,700.

Dr. Pearl thanked Mr. Mendoza for the timing and getting this all taken care of over Spring Break.

ACTION ITEM 24-02-6

It was moved by Board Member Milligan and seconded by Board Member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve awarding the asbestos abatement bid to Kinsale Contracting Group Inc. in the amount \$53,700.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS:  
PRESENT:  
ABSENT:

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL REPORT**

Dr. Martin stated the report was straightforward and has not changed since it was submitted.

ACTION ITEM 24-01-6

It was moved by Board Member Milligan and seconded by Board Member Georgakis that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge –Niles, Illinois, approve the Personnel Report dated February 22, 2024, 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: Georgakis, Touzios, Milligan, Kennedy, Doubleday, Lubinski, Pearl

NAYS:  
PRESENT:  
ABSENT:

The motion carried.

Dr. Martin thanked Dr. Collins for his kind words and that he is extremely honored to work for District 64. He said he believes any recognition he received is due in part to his team and he thanked them for their work.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Bills

<u>Fund</u>	Fund Total
10 - Education Fund	\$1,277,159.88
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$312,104.51
30 - Debt Services	\$16,057.38
40 - Transportation Fund	\$679,919.23
60 - Capital Projects Fund	\$35,473.00
80 - Tort Fund	\$425.00
Total:	<u>\$2,321,139.00</u>

Payroll & Benefits (January)

Fund	Fund Total
10 - Education Fund	\$3,823,472.18
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$256,521.20
40 - Transportation Fund	\$1,662.80
50 - IMRF/FICA Fund	\$83,202.15
51 - SS/Medicare	\$111,987.42
Total:	<u>\$4,276,845.75</u>

The Accounts Payable detailed list can be viewed on the District 64 website’s business services page at [www.d64.org](http://www.d64.org).

- Bills, Payroll and Benefits

- Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending December 31, 2023

ACTION ITEM 24-02-8

It was moved by Board Member Milligan and seconded by Board Member Touzios that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda for February 22, 2024, which includes: bills, payroll & benefits; and approval of financial update for the period ending December 31, 2023.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

Dr. Pearl stated the board discussed this at the last meeting and thanked Dr. Colling for putting together the table showing what would be handled as a committee and what would be the entire board. Dr. Collins stated that there is no one way to do this. He said most boards try to have a couple of each kind of meeting throughout the year at opportune times. He stated it should help the board meetings to be effective and efficient.

Member Kennedy said he thought this was a great start and the board can always alter how things are going. He also said perhaps the board can also look at adding certain things to the consent agenda as well. To which Dr. Colling replied we have a very short consent agenda and some boards have a rather large consent agenda. Dr. Pearl stated that this may be something the board could look at in April when they do the board self evaluation.

Member Lubinski mentioned that there is an IASB advocacy meeting on March 1st if anyone on the Policy Committee wanted to attend. Member Georgakis stated she could not attend but if Member Lubinski could take note and report back that would be great.

ACTION ITEM 24-01-9

It was moved by Board Member Milligan and seconded by Board Member Kennedy that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois approve the Board Finance & Facilities Committee and the Board Education Committee structure.

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION ITEM 24-01-10

It was moved by Board Member Milligan and seconded by Board Member Georgakis that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64 Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 25, 2024; and the closed meeting on January 25, 2024.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The board discussed scheduling a special meeting to dive deeper into the facilities plan on March 6th at 7pm. All were in agreement.

Member Milligan mentioned that she would not be in attendance at the March board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:09, it was moved by Board Member Georgakis and seconded by Board Member Kennedy to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Signed Date: March 21, 2024.

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President

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Secretary