

Board OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held at 7 p.m.
October 19, 2023
Lincoln Middle School - LRC
200 S. Lincoln Ave, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Board president Pearl called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Other Board members in attendance were Garreth Kennedy, Rachel Georgakis, Matthew Doubleday, Phyllis Lubinski, Monica Milligan and Demetri Touzios. Also attending were: Superintendent Dr. Ben Collins, Dr. Joel Martin, Assistant Superintendent of HR and Board Legal Counsel Anthony Loizzi.

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BOARD RECESSES & ADJOURNS TO A CLOSED MEETING

At 6:04 p.m. it was moved by Board Member Lubinski and seconded by Board member Doubleday to recess from the regular Board meeting and adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss the following: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)].

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

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

BOARD ADJOURNS FROM THE CLOSED MEETING & RESUMES THE REGULAR MEETING

The Board adjourned the closed meeting and resumed the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m. Also joining the meeting were: Chief School Business Officer Dr. Adam Parisi; Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning Dr. Samantha Alaimo; Director of Student Services Alicia Schmeisser; Director of Facility Management Noel Mendoza; Assistant Director of Facility Management Frank Borkowski; Communications Specialist Christopher Lilly; Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Christine Bednarek; Lincoln School Principal David Szwed and Lincoln School Assistant Principal Timothy Gleason. Approximately 30 members of the staff of Lincoln Middle School and 10 members of the public were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lincoln Students lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Dr. Pearl thanked the students and acknowledged the board is looking to get more students involved in the board meetings. She talked briefly about the Community Involvement of the board and stated that the board would be touring Lincoln and Washington schools that evening as they look at the master facilities plan.

BOARD ADJOURNS FROM REGULAR MEETING & CONVENES TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTIONS TO AUTHORIZE INTERFUND TRANSFERS

At 7:06 Dr. Parisi asked for a motion to convene to a public hearing on the Resolutions to Authorize Interfund Transfers. Board member Kennedy made the motion and Board Member seconded. The motion was approved by all present. Dr. Parisi summarized the steps necessary to get to tonight's approval of the transfer of \$19,385,685 from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund and to the Capital Projects Fund of the District. He then asked for comments from the administration; none were received. Dr. Parisi then asked for comments from the board; none were received. He then asked for comments from the public; none were received.

BOARD ADJOURNS FROM PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023-2024 BUDGET & RESUMES REGULAR MEETING

At 7:09 p.m. Dr. Parisi asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing and resume the regular meeting. Board Member Kennedy made the motion, and Board Member Touzious seconded the motion; the motion was approved by unanimous voice votes by all present.

SPOTLIGHT ON LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal David Szwed welcomed the Board back to Lincoln Middle School and introduced Mr. Mike Taglia, Broadcasting Teacher. Mr. Taglia informed the Board one of the things the group does is Investigating Reporting and that the group whose video they would be watching had to pitch their idea and were selected as the winners. The Board and attendees then watched a video put together by the students entitled "What is Lincoln"? The video included a tour, well as student and teacher interviews. Mr. David Szwed stated that it is all about the people and thanked the students as well as all the Lincoln teachers present. Board member Kennedy thanked the students for their video and Dr. Pearl stated what a nice job they did. The Board members then took pictures with the students.

RECOGNITIONS

October being Principal month, Superintendent Dr. Collins spoke about the principals and assistant principals and their dedication. He informed the group that they are the ones who operationalize the District initiatives. He stated they are the heart and soul of the school and thanked them all for their efforts.

Board Member Kennedy stated it was hard to go after Ben since he knows the job and thanked the principals for a job well done.

Board Member Doubleday stated that culture comes from the top down and the Superintendent is setting a wonderful example allowing the greater team to spread that culture throughout the district and thanked all the principals.

Board President Pearl thanked the principals and talked about her experience at Franklin and the variety of things the principals do day in and day out.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

RESOLUTION #1320 AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND TRANSFER & RESOLUTION #1321 APPROVING ACCOUNTING TRANSFER(S) TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO IMPLEMENT STATE REGULATIONS

Chief School Business Official (CSBO) Dr. Parisi stated that they previously held the public hearing per state statute and now they were asking to pass the resolutions to transfer the funds from the Education fund to Operations and

Maintenance and then Operations and Maintenance to Capital Projects. He mentioned that the auditors finalized the numbers during the field work and this is per previous conversations to use fund balance to pay for construction projects.

ACTION ITEM 23-10-1

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 Resolution #1320 directing the transfer of \$19,385,685 from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund of the District.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

ACTION ITEM 23-10-2

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, approve Resolution #1321 directing the transfer of \$19,385,685 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund of the District. The votes were cast as follows:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

REVIEW OF TENTATIVE 2023 PROPOSED TAX LEVY, ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #1322 TO APPROVE 2023 PROPOSED TAX LEVY & ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

Chief School Business Official (CSBO) Dr. Adam Parisi summarized the tax levy process taking the Board through a presentation. In addition he informed the board of the timeline and establishment of a public hearing on December 21, 2023. He informed the Board that the non-capped tax levy is \$83.1million and the capped levy is \$81.3 million.

ACTION ITEM 23-10-3

It was moved by Board member Milligan and seconded by Board member Lubinski that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the 2023 Tax Levy Estimate, establishment of the Date and Time of the Truth-in-Taxation hearing for December 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., and Publication of Notice of Truth-in-Taxation hearing.

Moved by: _____ Seconded by _____

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1323 AUTHORIZING COMMENCEMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA LITIGATION

Dr. Ben Collins stated this topic dovetailed well with the Parent University the district conducted the evening prior with Dr. Justin Patchin who spoke to the group about social media and its effect on students. He informed the Board that social media in general has not been a positive force on students. He stated that joining the class action does not pose any financial risk and the litigation asking for a change in the algorithm or behavior.

Member Kennedy and Member Milligan recused themselves from voting due to professional conflicts of interest.

ACTION ITEM 23-10-4

It was moved by Board member Georgakis and seconded by Board member Touzious that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve Resolution #1323 Authorizing the Commencement of Social Media Litigation. The votes were cast as follows:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Ayes: Pearl, Georgakis, Doubleday, Touzios, Lubinski

Nays: None

Present: Milligan, Kennedy

Absent: None

2023 IASB RESOLUTIONS & ASSEMBLY DELEGATE DISCUSSION

Board President Pearl informed the group that Board Member Lubinski offered to be the Board representative at the Joint Annual Conference and she was approved as the representative.

The Board then discussed the resolutions proposed by IASB and will be taking a vote on them in November prior to the conference.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL REPORT

Dr. Martin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources stated that the report was pretty straightforward but that he was happy to answer any questions. There were none.

Tracey Edsey - Employ as Educational Support Professional at Roosevelt School effective October 4, 2023 - \$19.77 hourly.

Kevin McCann - Employ as Instructional Technology Coach at Field School effective September 18, 2023 - MA+36, Step 1 - \$69,190.59 (prorated).

Dru Sabres - Employ as Level IV Transportation Administrative Assistant effective October 3, 2023 - \$20.65 hourly.

Frances Scarff - Employ as Special Education Teacher at Washington School effective September 21, 2023 - MA+12, Step 1 - \$61,291.52 (prorated).

Ardiana Xhaferaj - Employ as Educational Support Professional at Jefferson School effective October 16, 2023 - \$19.77.

Jacqueline Mirza - Resign as Educational Support Professional at Jefferson School effective September 27, 2023.

Janet Petrielli - Retire as Level III Administrative Assistant at Carpenter School effective June 7, 2023.

Samantha Martini - Correction: Employ as Registered Nurse at Washington School effective August 21, 2023 - \$34.00 hourly.

Mary Roberts - Correction: Employ as LRC Educational Support Professional at Lincoln School effective September 18, 2023 - \$20.47 hourly.

ACTION ITEM 23-10-5

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 Personnel Report dated October 19,

2023, 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: Lubinski, Doubleday, Georgakis, Kennedy, Touzios, Milligan, Pearl

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD PROTOCOLS

Board Member Milligan stated the Board has discussed the protocols since the retreat in July and this was the final version previously agreed upon. Board Member Kennedy proposed that the protocols could use an introductory paragraph. After some discussion the Board agreed to add an introductory paragraph when posting the protocols to the website.

ACTION ITEM 23-10-6

It was moved by Board member Doubleday and seconded by Board member Lubinski that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the board protocols as written and agreed to by board members.

The votes were cast as follows:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

5 YEAR FACILITY PLAN UPDATE & TOUR OF LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dr. Ben Collins stated that in September Dr. Adam Parisi presented the financial projections with the only variable being what was charged for Kindergarten. He stated the current 5 year facility plan has major aspects that need to be talked about as they are mission critical. He also said this will be a multi year conversation and he'd rather know as the variables change what is happening. He took the group through a short timeline and he commended the cabinet members on the work they have done to this point. Dr. Parisi informed the group that this is step one in the process and actually seeing the building should help the Board understand needs vs. wants. Dr. Collins interjected that the schools were built many, many years ago and that families oftentimes choose where they live based on what resources are available to them in the schools. Dr. Parisi informed the group that the District still has an opportunity to borrow for a little bit longer.

Dr. Parisi then gave the Board an update on the moisture testing in the Lincoln LRC. Board member Georgakis asked if there was a target number for moisture and Director of Facilities Noel Mendoza replied it was 25%. The next reading is in December and they are expecting an additional decrease. Board Member Kennedy said he was here in June and the work was definitely needed.

The group then toured Lincoln Middle School and Washington Elementary School.

Dr. Collins wrapped up with the group regarding the tour. He stated that right now the issues seen at the two schools toured also exist at the other schools as well. He said Adam and Noel put together a great tour showcasing the issues the maintenance team has to deal with on a month to month basis and in terms of cost to the taxpayers is something that needs to be taken into account when trying to be fiscally responsible in making sure the students and staff have what they need. Next month the conversation will continue and Dr. Collins would like to integrate the needs into the 5 year facility plan by pricing things out and providing that type of information to the Board.

Board member Milligan commented on whether the lockers were a need versus a want and maybe asking staff how important or critical they are compared to other issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bills

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Total</u>
10 - Education Fund	\$819,027.55
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$319,633.82
30 - Debt Services	\$25,287.78
40 - Transportation Fund	\$18221.11
60 - Capital Projects Fund	\$384054.84
<u>Total: \$1,566,225.10</u>	

Payroll & Benefits (September)

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Total</u>
10 - Education Fund	\$4,254,765.12
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$244,391.22
40 - Transportation Fund	\$1750.87
50 - IMRF/FICA Fund	\$82,528.24,
51 - SS/Medicare	\$110,285.97
80 - Tort Immunity Fund	\$ -
<u>Total: \$4,693,721.42</u>	

The Accounts Payable detailed list can be viewed on the District 64 website's business services page at www.d64.org.

- Bills, Payroll and Benefits
- Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending September 30, 2023
- Second Reading & Approval of Policies from PRESS 110 and 112
- Beyond the Bell Intergovernmental Agreement

ACTION ITEM 23-10-7

It was moved by Board Member Milligan and seconded by Board Member Lubinski that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda for October 19, 2023, which includes: bills, payroll & benefits; approval of financial update for the period ending September 30, 2023; approval Second Reading of Policies from PRESS 110 and 112; and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Beyond the Bell.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Georgakis stated she was late to Closed so would be voting present and Board Member Kennedy was not present at closed so he would also be voting present. As a result it was recommended that a separate motion should be taken for each set of minutes.

ACTION ITEM 23-10-8

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 minutes from the closed meeting on September 17, 2023.

The votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Pearl, Touzios, Milligan, Lubinski

Nays: None

Present: Kennedy, Georgakis, Doubleday

Absent: None

The motion carried.

ACTION ITEM 23-10-9

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 minutes from the regular meeting on September 17, 2023.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays: None

Present: Doubleday

Absent: None

The motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS & ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Superintendent Collins said one of the elements of the strategic plan is to promote the positive reputation of staff and learning in the district and that he'd like to recognize three staff members that are doing that. Kristin Teelin will present in Washington DC at AMLE in a panel session on teacher retention, in addition to another session on active math lessons and a speed learning session on effective retakes. Courtney Goodman recently presented to a packed house at the Illinois Principals Association in Peoria on Improving your BLT (Building Leadership Team) - more than a sandwich. Michele Barkley recently presented at the Sharing a Vision Conference on inclusive practices and integrated therapy in the Pre-K classroom. There was a great Parent University event the previous night. The next event will be in November and will be about math curriculum. There was a second community coffee in October that talked quite a bit about safety and social media. The 100 day report was sent to staff and the community which received some positive interactions from the community. In addition Dr. Collins and Dr. Parisi had some successful interactions with the Park Ridge and Niles Police Department on Traffic Safety. In addition, they invited us to attend their safety training and we in return invited them to attend our safety training coming up in December. There will be an update in December as to where we are at and where we need to get to regarding School Safety. There will be a Kiawans food/basket drive for families in need.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Dr. Pearl stated the board will be attending the Joint Annual Conference and folks should think about what sessions they would like to attend and how different board members can attend different sessions and bring those back to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:03, it was moved by Board Member Lubinski and seconded by Board Member Doubleday to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Signed Date: November 16, 2023.

President

Secretary