

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Organizational Board of Education Meeting held at 7:30 p.m.
April 29, 2019
Jefferson School - Multipurpose room
8200 Greendale Ave, Niles, IL 60714**

In the absence of the President, Board Vice President Rick Biagi called the organizational meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Board members present were: Fred Sanchez and Larry Ryles; and Board members-elect Rebecca Little, Denise Pearl, Carol Sales, and Tom Sotos. Also present were: Superintendent Laurie Heinz; Chief School Business Official Luann Kolstad; Assistant Superintendent Joel T. Martin; Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning Lori Lopez; Director of Student Services Lea Anne Frost; Public Information Coordinator Bernadette Tramm; and approximately 50 members of the public.

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Board Vice President Biagi stated that pursuant to Board Policy 2:80 *Board Member Oath and Conduct* he would serve as Board President *Pro Tem* until new officers are elected.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Board President *Pro Tem* Biagi administered the oath to newly elected members Little, Pearl and Sales, and re-elected member Sotos.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board President *Pro Tem* Biagi asked former Board Secretary Sotos to call the roll. Also present were: Board members Sanchez, Pearl, Sales, Ryles and Little.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President *Pro Tem* Biagi invited public comments on items not on the agenda, which were received as follows:

- Miki Tesija, a District 64 parent, addressed the Board regarding the future scope of work for Board committees, specifically the Special Education Board Committee.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President *Pro Tem* Rick Biagi explained the nomination and voting process that would be followed for the election of officers. He then asked for nominations for Board President.

ACTION ITEM 19-04-12

Board member Ryles nominated Board President *Pro Tem* Biagi to serve as President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois for the years 2019-21.

There being no further nominations, Board President *Pro Tem* Biagi declared that he was elected unanimously as Board President.

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Board President Biagi asked for nominations for Board Vice President.

ACTION ITEM 19-04-13

Board members Sales and Little nominated Board member Pearl, and Board member Sotos nominated himself to serve as Vice President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois for the years 2019-21. Board President Biagi concluded that the nominations had been made simultaneously.

Board President Biagi invited each nominee to address the Board and explain why he or she should be elected. Each nominee also provided clarifying information to subsequent Board member questions. Board President Biagi then invited comments from the public, which were received as follows:

- Miki Tesija, a District 64 parent, urged the Board to consider the community sentiment for change as expressed during the April Board member election.

Board President Biagi suggested that a coin flip could be used to decide the order in which the nominations would be considered, which was agreeable to the Board. The flip resulted in the nomination of Board member Sotos going first.

The votes for the election of Board member Sotos to serve as Vice President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois for the years 2019-21 were cast as follows:

AYES: Ryles, Sotos, Biagi, Sanchez

NAYS: Little, Sales, Pearl

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Board President Biagi declared that Board member Sotos was elected Board Vice President.

ELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARY

Board President Biagi asked for nominations for Board Secretary.

ACTION ITEM 19-04-14

Board member Little nominated Board member Sales to serve as Secretary of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois for the years 2019-21.

There being no further nominations, Board President Biagi declared that Board member Sales was elected unanimously as Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2019-20

Dr. Heinz noted that according to Board Policy 2:210 *Organizational School Board Meeting*, at the organizational meeting at which the new Board is sworn in and officers are elected, the Board also shall fix a time and date for its regular meetings. She noted that the proposed 2019-20 schedule provided in the Board report reflects past practice and continues the rotation of meetings at the schools throughout the year, including regular meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m. on: July 15, 2019 (Jefferson); August 19 (Jefferson); September 23 (Carpenter); October 28 (Franklin); November 11 (Lincoln); December 16 (Field); January 27, 2020 (Jefferson); Tuesday, February 18 (Jefferson); March 16 (Washington); April 20 (Roosevelt); May 18 (Emerson); and June 22 (Jefferson).

ACTION ITEM 19-04-15

It was moved by Board member Ryles and seconded by Board member Sanchez that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park-Ridge-Niles, Illinois approve the Board of Education Regular Meetings for 2019-20.

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Sanchez, Pearl, Sales, Biagi, Sotos, Ryles, Little

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

REVIEW OF BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Board discussed the appointment of members to serve on the Board Policy Committee and the continuation of the Special Education Board Committee. Dr. Heinz reviewed the work of the Policy Committee, which reviews suggested revisions to Board policies as recommended by the District administration and/or as proposed periodically on an ongoing basis through the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS), which is a policy and procedure information updating service. Board President Biagi suggested that the responsibility of chairing this committee be given to the Board Secretary, which could be added to policy language if the Board decided to make this an ongoing practice. Board Secretary Sales was amenable to adding this responsibility.

Having served for two years on the committee, Board member Ryles relinquished his seat; Board member Little agreed to join Board Secretary Sales on the committee.

The Board then discussed the future scope of work of the Special Education Board Committee, which was created in spring 2018 and is co-chaired by Board members Ryles and Sanchez, to determine whether it was now redundant to the work being undertaken by the Parents and Teachers Talking Together (PT3) group and the newly-formed All-Abilities Committee. The consensus of the Board was to schedule further discussion on this committee's work for the next regular meeting on May 20.

Board President Biagi invited comments from the public; D64 parents Miki Tesija and Lorena Fisher individually expressed concerns regarding the possible dissolution of the committee.

DISCUSSION OF NEW MEETING PROCEDURES

Board President Biagi offered a series of suggestions to improve the efficient conduct of Board meetings, which were discussed and accepted by Board consensus, including: adhering to Robert's Rules of Order to make and discuss action items, and for Board members to utilize a "call the question" to proceed to voting on an action item; introduce a more randomized method for rotating the order in which members' names are called during a vote; utilizing time at meetings for a short, streamlined staff presentation followed by Board member questions, given that reports have been provided to the Board and public ahead of time; and adding a formal action item to approve the agenda at the beginning of each meeting to allow for possible reordering and revision, noting that the Board may take final action only on items contained in the posted agenda. Board President Biagi and Board members then considered how public comment is received during meetings with the goal of adhering to the stated three-minute guideline and not engaging in debate or dialogue during meetings, as provided in Board Policy 2:230. He stated his desire to conduct the meetings with decorum and civility and that he would not tolerate incivility from the public. The Board reached consensus to continue conversation on this topic.

OTHER DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Board President Biagi and Dr. Heinz then reviewed the purpose of the upcoming special meeting on May 6 when an IASB representative will conduct the Starting Right workshop. Dr. Heinz explained that in past years, it had been done in both open and closed sessions. The Board reached consensus to conduct the workshop as an open meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 p.m., it was moved by Board member Sotos and seconded by Board member Sanchez to adjourn, which was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Signed Date: May 20, 2019

President

Secretary