

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held at 7:00 p.m.
December 10, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO COVID-19
Alternate Remote Attendance at Lincoln School (LRC)**

Board President Rick Biagi called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Board members in attendance via remote participation were Tom Sotos, Carol Sales, Dr. Denise Pearl, Fred Sanchez, and Larry Ryles. Board member Rebecca Little was absent. Superintendent Eric Olson attended in-person at Lincoln School. Also attending remotely were: Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Dr. Joel T. Martin; Director of Innovation and Instructional Technology Mary Jane Warden; and Board Legal Counsel Tony Loizzi. No member of the public was physically present at the alternate remote location and none were present virtually at that time.

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BOARD RECESSES & ADJOURNS TO CLOSED MEETING

At 6:16 p.m. it was moved by Board member Ryles and seconded by Board member Sanchez to adjourn to closed session to discuss 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 [5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]; and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees [5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)].

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

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Little

The motion carried.

BOARD ADJOURNS FROM CLOSED MEETING & RESUMES REGULAR MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. the Board returned from the closed meeting and resumed the regular meeting. In addition to those listed above, also attending via remote participation were: Chief School Business Official Luann Kolstad; Director of Student Services Dr. Lea Anne Frost; Director of Facility Management Ronald DeGeorge; Interim Director of Facility Management Jason Borst; Public Information Coordinator Peter Gill (attending but not participating); and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Natasha Nedeljkovic. Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning Dr. Lori Lopez was present in-person at Lincoln School. No member of the public was physically present at the alternate remote location, and approximately 38 attended virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board member Ryles led the pledge of allegiance.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

President Biagi noted this was a special evening due to the retirement of Ron DeGeorge, director of facility management, who was participating in his last meeting tonight. Mr. Biagi had no other remarks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were invited through a posted email address on the District's website and in the Board report. Public comments were also welcomed at the alternate remote location. Public comments were received via email only, as follows:

- Rose Franco: asked about COVID-19 data and how Dr. Olson is interpreting it, and noted a need to return to school full-time
- Bonnie Rachjel: asked for a return to school full-time
- Allison Collins: questioned the metrics and asked for a return to school full-time
- Kimberly Corsentino: asked why private schools are open and D64's are not; stressed the need for a return to school full-time and the students' struggles with remote learning
- Tania Forte: wanted an update on return to school and the status of newly-formed committees
- Diane Hamel: asked for a return to school full-time, emotional support for struggling students, and questioned the metrics and the Board's involvement
- Bill & Julie Beardsley: thanked the Board and District for the hybrid plan and their efforts during the pandemic
- Vicky Duka: asked for a return to school full-time
- Vicki Mutchler: expressed frustration with the superintendent and the Board for lack of communication and transparency; asked for a return to school full-time
- Kelly Lawrence: expressed concerns with remote learning, stressed other private schools in town remained open; asked for the district to do better
- Nicole Ancona: stressed the emotional and mental suffering of students, asked for more teachers and substitutes hiring
- Elizabeth Juiris: asked why the return to school is not a standing agenda item for the board meetings; asked for a return to school; shared a drawing from her son showing frustration with remote learning

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Superintendent Olson and Board members agreed to add a “Learning Update” to the agenda following the student/staff recognition.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Erica Faulhaber, the curriculum specialist for instrumental music, joined the meeting to introduce the students from both middle schools who had been selected to participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association Festival sponsored by the Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA). More than a thousand band and orchestra students from more than fifty junior high schools in the North Suburban area auditioned for a position in these all-star groups. The selected students from Emerson were: Mia Buchheister, clarinet; Eliza Chasak, violin; Cayla Cimilluca, flute; Selah Kim, flute; Marina Kostur, trumpet; Edward Kotty, trombone; Samantha O’Leary, violin; Victoria Stott, percussion; Oliver Tiu, cello *and* jazz piano. From Lincoln: Toby Burkum, trumpet; Grace Halpert, violin; Lucy Hassman, bass; Lily Heneghan, viola *and* percussion; Samara Lefler, clarinet; Julia Moskal, violin; Ryan Schoenstedt, percussion; Aidan Story, trumpet; Laith Tannous, percussion; Simon Trombley, saxophone. Mrs. Faulhaber also commended the other District 64 teachers who instruct these students: Eric Bachmann, Max Hellermann, Ilona Hutter, Roxanne Kieme, Natalie Jacobsen Prim, Alex Teater, and Jamie Zimniok. She then introduced a pre-recorded performance of selected holiday songs from the Emerson chamber orchestra.

LEARNING UPDATE (ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA)

Dr. Olson noted that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) had issued new guidelines pertaining to the quarantine time shortening the required period to 7 days. He stated that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) had not yet approved this new timeline. He said the metrics were up every day in the past week, and the district constantly monitored the numbers and their trend; Park Ridge’s rate at the moment was slightly higher than Niles. He mentioned that the District was continually learning about the pandemic and knew more every day, more than months ago when it first started. It is not “moving the goal post” but adapting to the new knowledge. He stressed that educators follow guidelines and rules. He said the District was on target to return to a hybrid format on January 19, and was in contact with IDPH regularly, and would return sooner if possible and the metrics were favorable. He noted the Pandemic Committee, recently formed, had met once already, the discussion centering around questions about how decisions were made, and bringing everybody up to speed; next week’s meeting would focus on debating various topics around a created framework. The committee is comprised of members with very different opinions and will meet twice monthly to establish a path going forward. He answered a question from the Board as to where metrics needed to return earlier than January 19, explaining that a two-week quarantine was recommended after the holiday travels, but a shortened quarantine would change that. Numbers trending downward for a two-week period would also permit an earlier return. The number of new cases per thousand is one metric behind observed, along with the positivity rate. He stressed that Cook County also looks at a larger picture. He explained that he meets weekly with other superintendents from the immediately surrounding districts that feed into District 207, and meets weekly with superintendents from a broader regional group. These

meetings help to share information, insight, knowledge, and decisions. Weekly, sometimes daily, Dr. Olson also consults with legal counsel Tony Loizzi to stay up to date on COVID-19 developments and legal repercussions that impact the District. Responding to a question from Board member Sotos as to the issue of private schools being open, Dr. Olson noted that he and Dr. Lopez had recently visited a parochial school in Park Ridge and talked with the principal of another. He explained that there are differences in procedures between public and private schools that are under the guidance of the Chicago Archdiocese. He noticed during the visit that the students were not spaced six feet apart, which is required of public schools; their quarantine procedures are also slightly different: if a student is positive, only the immediate family is tested and those who have been in contact, whereas public schools have to quarantine the whole classroom. Member Sotos asked why not take the risk since the private schools don't appear to have outbreaks. Board legal counsel Loizzi mentioned that private schools have requested parents sign waivers of liability to prevent lawsuits in case of COVID-19 infection, something public schools cannot do. He said that insurance companies notified public schools that wrongful death lawsuits from COVID-19 would not be covered. The schools' best defense was to strictly adhere to IDPH guidelines to limit the risks. Member Sotos stated he would like to see more Board involvement, not necessarily via vote but in some other form. Board president Biagi stated the Board had not been derelict in its duties, was in constant contact with Dr. Olson, received weekly updates, and met monthly. Board counsel noted that the Board was not opening itself to more liability by not voting on the issue and that districts were handling this in different ways. Board member Sotos confirmed that the Board had the authority to stop the superintendent at any time should it disagree with the decisions. The Board briefly discussed the staffing issues brought on by the pandemic, from staff requesting leaves, special accommodations, quarantining, etc., as well as the effects on the substitute teachers. The District had received two applications for substitute teachers positions in the past week. Board legal counsel responded to a public comment question from Kelly Lawrence, to state that ISBE's guidelines changed on a weekly basis and strictly monitored. Board member Sales asked about the pandemic committee and whether Board members should attend the meetings. Dr. Olson noted it was another way to provide input, as the committee is comprised of teachers, teachers' assistants, parents, and provided conversations between different stakeholders to help make decisions. Dr. Olson said he was hesitant to post the names of committee members to avoid them being exposed to attacks on social media. He welcomed Board members' rotating attendance at the committee meetings. The Board discussed the necessity to review policy 4:180 *Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery*. Board counsel stated that given the last vote on the policy, someone in the majority group of the last vote would need to bring the motion to reconsider in order to vote again. He said a discussion could be added to the agenda for possible consensus without a vote.

2019-20 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE & PRESENTATION OF THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Dr. Lopez explained that this annual update shares information about student performance and provides an overview of the 2020 Illinois School Report Card. The student performance data this year is only available from three sources: the Fall 2020 MAP assessments for students in grades 2-8; the Fall 2020 Fastbridge Early Literacy and Math assessments for students in grades K-2; and the 9th-grade enrollment in District

207 AP classes. Due to the pandemic and remote learning format last spring, the following data was not available: MAP Spring 2020; the 2020 Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) & IAR Growth Percentile; the Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA); the 2020 Illinois Science Assessment (ISA); the 2020 *District 64 Climate & Safety Survey*, and updated Summative Designations for the Illinois School Report Card. Dr. Lopez noted we were unable to look at fall-to-spring growth data for 2019-20. The pacing was adjusted to support students within the remote learning and hybrid models. Learning was impacted for young learners. In addition, NWEA completed a normative data update in 2020. The new norms change the percentile rank related to student performance. In math, our students' percentile rank for achievement and growth is higher as a result of the 2020 norm study. In reading, our students' percentile rank is slightly lower or comparable as a result of the 2020 norm study. The MAP fall growth went up for reading but was done for math, showing that spring-taught skills were not acquired by students. For High School accelerated classes participation, EL and Science were down, math and foreign language were up. Our early reading assessments in September showed that the reading foundation remained strong. Assessments will be redone this coming spring. Dr. Lopez said the Illinois report card is posted on the website, but once again data is missing due to the pandemic and missing tests as noted above. ISBE reissued the same summative designations for schools as last year. The District will analyze the data to determine how best to support the students, and plan for small group instruction. Member Sales asked about the timeline, Dr. Lopez confirmed data days take place in early January, then the District will plan for before and after school tutoring. Member Sotos asked how long it will take to recover from the impact of the pandemic. Dr. Lopez explained that fall math assessments will provide answers, but expected to recover by Fall of next year. Dr. Olson answered a question from Member Sales about the implementation of a new math curriculum in the future and said he was in discussion with Dr. Lopez to create something new within the curriculum. He mentioned that staffing, math interventionists, social workers' needs, all impacted that decision on a financial level. Dr. Lopez said the District is on cycle for a math review and was looking at different programs that could fit their needs. She mentioned the District had ongoing conversations with District 207 to coordinate on pacing.

SUMMER INTERIM SESSION 2020 REPORT & PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF SUMMER INTERIM SESSION 2021

Dr. Lopez noted that last summer's session was held online due to the pandemic, with 83 students taking part. The session generated \$26K in revenue and cost \$44K, for a loss of \$18K to the District. The session, however, was important to offer remediation classes to students who needed them. She said the District hoped to hold the upcoming session in 2021 in-person, two fourteen-day sessions held at Field and Emerson, to offer enrichment programs and support classes for struggling students. Registration would open on March 2, the cost being \$135 per class for residents and \$20 more for non-residents. As in the past, classes will be based on enrollment. The District offers scholarships, as well as discounts, grant money, and financial assistance for struggling families.

ACTION ITEM 20-12-1

It was moved by Board member Biagi and seconded by Board member Pearl that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the recommendations of dates and fees for the 2021 Summer Interim Session.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Little

The motion carried.

ADOPTION OF FINAL 2020 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION #1255, RESOLUTION #1256 TO INSTRUCT THE COUNTY CLERK HOW TO APPORTION 2020 TAX LEVY EXTENSION REDUCTIONS, RESOLUTION #1257 AUTHORIZING TAX FOR ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT PURPOSES

Chief School Business Official (CSBO) Kolstad mentioned the levy was discussed at length at previous meetings, a notice posted publicly, a hearing held, and was finally up for a vote tonight. She stated the District would struggle financially if it levied less than what was needed, explained the various resolutions in the Board’s package, and noted that the Cook County website allowed for electronic filing this year to meet the deadline on the last Tuesday of December. Board member Sotos confirmed that if the District did not levy enough tax, it would not be able to go back later to ask for more, therefore the estimate is always a bit higher. CSBO Kolstad said this was a 3.93 percent increase from the previous year, but the District will only receive a 2.30 percent increase plus the taxes associated with new construction.

ACTION ITEM 20-12-2

It was moved by Board member Sanchez and seconded by Board member Pearl that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, adopt the attached Resolution #1255 Providing for the Levy of Taxes For the Year 2020, Resolution #1256 Instruct the County Clerk How to Apportion 2019 Tax Levy Extension Reductions, Resolution #1257 Authorizing Tax For Illinois Municipal Retirement Purposes. These resolutions and supporting documentation will be filed with the Cook County Clerk’s Office.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Little

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1258 ABATING ALL THE TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2014A, OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 64, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CSBO Kolstad noted this topic was also discussed at length at the November regular board meeting. The total amounted to \$350,200 and would need to be submitted to Cook County in time to avoid the levy of those taxes. The outstanding \$350,200 bond payment will come directly from the Debt Service Fund and, given the current situation in the community, this will provide a savings of about \$72 for a home valued at \$400,000, depending on the property value.

ACTION ITEM 20-12-3

It was moved by Board member Pearl and seconded by Board member Sanchez that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve Resolution #1258 Abating all the Taxes heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2014A, of Community Consolidated School District Number 64, Cook County, Illinois.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Little

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION & APPROVAL TO GO TO BID TO REPLACE REMAINING HVAC ZONES AT CARPENTER SCHOOL

Architect Rick Petricek of Studio GC joined the meeting for this discussion, along with Brett Balduf, Carpenter School principal. CSBO Kolstad and Director of Facility Management Ron DeGeorge went over the lengthy history of the issues with the HVAC system. The system was installed in September of 2013 at the initial cost of \$2,145,000 and almost immediately experienced numerous problems. Since July of this current year, the District has spent over \$20K on repairs to zones 2 & 3. President Biagi asked why the contractors were not sued, CSBO Kolstad explained that because another contractor had been hired to do the repairs after the installation, which altered the system, the District most likely would have lost in court. In 2018, the statute of limitation had passed and the District had no legal resource against the original contractor. The District paid for the replacement of two zones in 2018. CSBO Kolstad mentioned that the problems appeared small in the beginning but compounded to larger ones over time. Principal Balduf noted how frustrating the situation was for everyone. 214 critical errors would show up on a given day, parts of the school would be below 60 degrees, every single thing went wrong. By 2018, the District had to address the problems and do the work, as it was a weekly, then daily problem. CSBO Kolstad explained that when she came to the District along with Mr. DeGeorge they thought fixing the small things would solve the

issues, but the system kept on failing. Mr. DeGeorge said he tried to remain preventative with the system, replacing freon regularly, repairing leaks, etc. He stressed that beyond the costly repairs, reliability was a major issue, 50 degrees in the school in winters not being acceptable, and portable heaters a safety concern. Public comment was received from Karen Hein, a Carpenter parent, to confirm the issues stated by all tonight. Mr. DeGeorge said the system put in two years ago to replace two other zones works well and the contractor hired at the time also did the work for the Washington School addition this year. The District found him to be skilled and reliable. When the District goes out to bid, they hope the same contractor will bid on the project. Board member Ryles stressed the importance of following up on the warranty this time to avoid a similar issue as with the contractor hired in 2013.

ACTION ITEM 20-12-4

It was moved by Board member Sotos and seconded by Board member Sanchez that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge-Niles, Illinois, approve the administration's request to prepare bid documents for the Carpenter School Summer 2021 project at a total cost not to exceed \$99,000.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Little

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STAFFING AGREEMENT FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WITH SWING EDUCATION

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Dr. Joel Martin, reminded the Board it had approved another similar contract at the November meeting with Parallel Employment Group. The District is also looking to enter into an agreement with Swing to provide for additional substitute teachers. He reviewed the issues once again, noting that the substitute fill rate had dropped from 98% to 70% during the pandemic and trended further downward. Health concerns, computer skills for remote learning, and technical knowledge issues made the substitute pool smaller. In addition, available substitutes exposed to COVID-19 had to quarantine, further affecting the availability on any given day. He stated that everyone has jumped in to help out but this was not a long-term viable solution. He said the District is still posting open positions on various websites as well. He went over the agreement, which had been tailored by legal counsel and thoroughly reviewed to meet the District's requirements. Public comment was received from Katie Prezas on the issue of in-person vs. remote substitute teaching. Dr. Martin answered a question from Board member Pearl to explain that the agencies were identifying employees in our vicinity for regular bookings and in order to build partnerships.

ACTION ITEM 20-12-5

It was moved by Board member Sanchez and seconded by Board member Pearl that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the agreement with Swing Education, as amended.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Little

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL REPORT

It was noted that the Board is relying upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and administration in their professional judgment as to the hiring of these individuals per Policy 2:130.

Julie Field - Employ as .5 Social Worker at Washington School effective November 13, 2020

Jason Borst - Reassign as Director of Facility Management effective January 1, 2021 - \$82,000 salary (prorated)

Danielle Zummo - Resign as Business Services Specialist effective December 31, 2020

Luann Kolstad - Retire as Chief School Business Official effective June 30, 2021 (subject to attached retirement agreement)

Margaret Temari - Retire as Certified School Nurse and Facilitator for the District effective June 18, 2021

President Biagi took a moment to acknowledge both Mr. DeGeorge for his work for District 64, as well as CBSO Kolstad who will be retiring in June.

ACTION ITEM 20-12-6

It was moved by Board member Pearl and seconded by Board member Sanchez that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Personnel Report for November 12, 2020, 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: Ryles, Sales, Sanchez, Biagi, Pearl, Sotos

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Little

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Bills, Payroll, and Benefits

Bills

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Total</u>
10 - Education Fund	\$ 1,104,858.43
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 405,163.66
30 - Debt Services	\$ 2,261,221.55
40 - Transportation Fund	\$ 624,545.60
50 - Retirement (IMRF/SS/MEDICARE)	\$ -
60 - Capital Projects	\$ 1,348,997.12
61 - Capital Projects-2017 Debt Certificates	\$ -
80 - Tort Immunity Fund	\$ 807.50
90 - Fire Prevention and Safety Fund	\$ -
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$ 5,745,593.86</u>

Payroll & Benefits

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Total</u>
10 - Education Fund	\$23,106,515.96
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,771,217.65
30 - Debt Services Fund	\$ 66,369.54
40 - Transportation Fund	\$ 150,567.28
50 - IMRF/FICA Fund	\$ 383,480.89
51 - SS/Medicare	\$ 420,330.71
60 - Capital Projects Fund	\$ 4,532,657.39
61 - Cap Projects Fund - 2017 Debt Certs	\$ 0.00
70 - Working Cash Fund	\$ 0.00
80 - Tort Immunity Fund	\$ 500,361.50
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$31,931,500.92</u>

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

- Approval of Financial Update for the Period Ending October 31, 2020
- Adoption of 2021-22 School Year Calendar
- Destruction of Audio Closed Recordings (none)

ACTION ITEM 20-12-7

It was moved by Board member Sanchez and seconded by Board member Ryles that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda for December 10, 2020, which includes: Bills, Payroll and Benefits; Approval of Financial Update for the

Period Ending October 31, 2020; Adoption of 2021-22 School Year Calendar; and the Destruction of Audio Closed Recordings (none).

The votes were cast as follows:

AYES: Sanchez, Sales, Sotos, Pearl, Ryles

NAYS: None

PRESENT: Biagi

ABSENT: Little

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION ITEM 20-12-8

It was moved by Board member Pearl and seconded by Board member Sotos that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the minutes from the Closed Meeting on November 12, 2020; the Regular Meeting on November 12, 2020; the Closed Meeting on November 24, 2020; and the Special Meeting on November 24, 2020.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Little

The motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Dr. Olson noted the draft agenda for the January 14 meeting. He asked the members to mark their calendars for a committee-of-the-whole meeting on February 4 to discuss special education and possibly the strategic plan as well. Board member Sales gave an update on the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Resolutions Committee Assembly and noted the gun storage resolution did not pass a procedural hurdle to go to substantive vote; she abstained from the consent agenda vote because the Board did not agree on all items contained therein; and voted on everything else as agreed by the members at the November meeting when this was discussed ahead of the assembly. Dr. Pearl and Dr. Olson gave an update on the 2020 IASB Virtual Summit they attended, along with Board member Sales. Dr. Pearl noted this year was virtual, with diversity and inclusion the main themes. Leadership and the Board's role during the pandemic were also discussed, and she noted that everybody seemed to be doing things differently in that regard. Dr. Olson said the conference usually offers different options but was limited this year and had a more general format due to the virtual setting. Dr. Pearl missed the networking and side conversations she had experienced at last year's in-person conference. Board member Sales said she could not compare as she had not attended last year, but thought the Board should continue to participate in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 p.m. it was moved by Board member Sotos and seconded by Board member Pearl to adjourn.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Little

The motion carried.

Signed Date: January 14, 2021.

President

Secretary