

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held at 7:00 p.m.
April 26, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO COVID-19
Alternate Remote Attendance at Jefferson School (MPR)**

Board President Rick Biagi called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. All participants attended remotely unless otherwise noted. Board members in attendance via remote participation were Tom Sotos, Dr. Denise Pearl, Carol Sales, Fred Sanchez, Rebecca Little, and Larry Ryles. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Joel T. Martin attended in person at Jefferson School. Also attending remotely were: Superintendent Dr. Eric Olson; and Director of Innovation and Instructional Technology Mary Jane Warden.

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BOARD RECESSES & ADJOURNS TO CLOSED MEETING

At 6:46 p.m. it was moved by Board member Sotos 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 [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)].

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

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

BOARD ADJOURNS FROM CLOSED MEETING & RESUMES SPECIAL MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. the Board returned from the closed meeting and resumed the special meeting. In addition to those listed above, also attending via remote participation were: Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning Dr. Lori Lopez; Public Information Coordinator Peter Gill (attending but not participating); and

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Natasha Nedeljkovic. No member of the public was physically present at the alternate remote location and approximately 5 attended virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board member Larry Ryles led the pledge.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

President Biagi had no remarks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were invited through a posted email address on the District website and in the Board report; none were received. No member of the public was present at Jefferson School to submit comments.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF NEW CHIEF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL

Dr. Olson introduced Mr. Adam Parisi as the new Chief School Business Official, to replace Mrs. Kolstad who is retiring. He noted that Mr. Parisi has a teaching and building administrator background, in addition to his financial knowledge. Dr. Olson said the interview process had been lengthy and rigorous and he was happy to present Mr. Parisi to the Board. President Biagi noted that the current Board was knowledgeable about Mrs. Kolstad's experience in the District and thought it would be appropriate to approve her replacement before the new Board was seated. Dr. Olson noted that he had appreciated the experience and background the Board had brought to the interview process. Mr. Parisi was present on the Zoom call and stated he was looking forward to starting in the District and to the work ahead.

ACTION ITEM 21-04-15

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 appointment of Adam Parisi as the new Chief School Business Official for District 64 effective July 1, 2021.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NEW DIRECTOR OF FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Dr. Olson stated it was important that the new Chief School Business Official and Director of Facility Management were coming in together, as the two positions work closely together. He noted that both candidates had kept on rising and challenging themselves throughout their careers, and District 64 was the next level. He said Mr. Anthony Bersani brings extensive experience and knowledge in construction, prior to working in the education field, and this will be very important as the District embarks on future projects. Mr. Bersani was also on the Zoom call and said he was ecstatic to be part of District 64 and for the work ahead.

ACTION ITEM 21-04-16

It was moved by Board member Ryles and seconded by Board member Pearl that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the appointment of Anthony Bersani as the new Director of Facility Management for District 64 effective July 1, 2021.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL REPORT

Board member Ryles noted that everyone who retires is missed, but said that District Certified School Nurse and Facilitator Margaret Temari will be greatly missed.

ACTION ITEM 21-04-17

It was moved by Board member Pearl and seconded by Board member Little that the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 64, Park Ridge – Niles, Illinois, approve the Personnel Report dated April 26, 2021, 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.

Anthony Bersani - Employ as Director of Facility Management effective July 1, 2021 - \$115,000.

Employment with the District is contingent on the results of the criminal history background check. If the results reveal convictions for crimes other than a misdemeanor, such conviction shall be a valid cause to terminate this agreement immediately.

Adam Parisi - Employ as Chief School Business Official effective July 1, 2021 - \$164,500. Employment with the District is contingent on the results of the criminal history background check. If the results reveal convictions for crimes other than a misdemeanor, such conviction shall be a valid cause to terminate this agreement immediately.

Gretchen Buhrke - Resign as Technologist at Roosevelt School effective April 30, 2021.

Paul Csongradi - Resign as Science and Social Studies Teacher at Emerson Middle School effective June 11, 2021.

Barbara Fitzsimons - Retire as ELA Differentiation Coach at Roosevelt School effective June 11, 2021.

Barbara Glass - Retire as Social Worker for the District effective June 11, 2021.

Sherilyn Lavelle - Retire as Nurse at Field School effective July 24, 2021.

Margaret Temari - Revised retirement date as District Certified School Nurse and Facilitator effective June 30, 2021.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:14 p.m. it was moved by Board member Sanchez and seconded by Board member Ryles to adjourn.

The votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays: None

Present: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Signed Date: April 29, 2021

President

Secretary