

## League of Women Voters Park Ridge Observer Corps Report

### District 64 School Board Meeting

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Date of Meeting:	12/27/2020
Type of Meeting:	Regular
Member attendance:	President, Rick Biagi, Vice President, Tom Sotos, Secretary, Carol Sales, Rebecca Little, Dr. Denise Pearl, Larry Ryles, Fred Sanchez
Staff Attendance:	Superintendent, Eric Olson, Chief School Business Official, Luann Kolstad
Other staff present:	Legal counsel, I did not get her name.
Media coverage?	No
Audience	6-12
Public Comments	None
Agenda Item 1	Recognition of basketball teams and players.
Agenda Item 2	Adoption of resolution #1244: Chief school business official to begin prep for 2020-2021 tentative budget in accordance w/ board policy 4:10. Public comment was solicited and this was adopted unanimously.
Agenda Item 3	First reading of Policies from PRESS Issue 102 and Review of Policies 2:230 and 7:30. First policy was around public participation at board meetings. Ideas suggested: Post this policy at the entry table and within the printed agendas. Also to draw out that respectful dialogue should be mutual; Not only directed to the public but also directed to the board. Second policy was around student assignment and intra-district transfer. Superintendent spelled out that if parents are requesting a transfer only because a different school is geographically closer to their home, they will be denied a transfer because of the precedent that would set. Both policies sent back to policy for further review.
Agenda Item 4	Superintendent presented brought a tentative draft calendar for 2021-2022. No board comment.

Agenda Item 5	<p>Consideration of Board Goals. Denise explained that some school boards adopt goals that are district oriented, and some boards adopt goals that are board oriented. Carol gave options of how to proceed with goal adoption: Board could discuss goals 1-2x a year, board could have an IESB rep help develop goals, goals could align with strategy. There was discussion around interpretation of this line of the board member oath, "I shall foster with the Board extensive participation of the community, formulate goals, define outcomes, and set the course for Park Ridge-Niles Community Consolidated School District 64". Examples of possible goals given by Carol and Denise included increased transparency and attending community events. Rick Biagi felt that setting goals was not a good use of time and would not be meaningful. Tom Sotos stated that setting goals would force the board to pre-agree on things and that board members would feel bad if they didn't meet their goals. Rick Biagi pointed out that the board does not all agree on transparency outcomes so it would not be a good goal. Decision: The board will not set goals and will not bring goal setting to the agenda again.</p>
Agenda Item 6	<p>Approval of Recommended Personnel Report. Public comment solicited; Approved unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item 7	<p>Consent agenda- Resolution #1245 Authorizing Payment of Bills was pulled for discussion. Luann Kolstad requested approval of board-reviewed bills every two weeks instead of once a month. Luann explained that looking at bills was part of the job as a board member. Workload of all reviewing all bills every two weeks was a concern. One person reviewing on the bi-week was also a concern because rationale from person-to-person would be different. Decision: Bills will be posted online every other week, with parent information removed. Board members will also receive an email reminder. If Luann does not get a response from any board members, she will move forward with bill payment.</p>
Agenda Item 8	<p>Approval of minutes. Public comment solicited; Approved by all except Fred Sanchez who was absent from one of the meetings.</p>
Agenda Item 9	<p>Other discussion and items of information. No board comment.</p>
Agenda Item 10	<p>New business: An intergovernmental committee was discussed here and at the beginning of the meeting. The room was crowded with basketball teams at the beginning and I couldn't hear the full discussion. More information needed.</p>
Facilities (select any deficits)	<p>None</p>
Did the presiding officer have the meeting under control?	<p>Yes</p>
Officials attentive and alert?	<p>Yes</p>

Adequate discussion of issues?	Yes
Time for public comment?	Yes
Public comment encouraged?	Yes
Visitors treated with respect?	Yes
Other observations: If "No" to any of the above, explain:	The goal setting discussion was tense. Although the decision was to not bring goal-setting to an agenda again, the underlying theme of accountability to change will likely reemerge.