

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 68, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on December 21, 2017

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 21st day of December 2017, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, 9440 Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the President of the Board, Una McGeough, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
Frank Alkyer
Katrina Bell-Jordan
Richard Berk
Meghan Espinoza
Una McGeough
Joseph Ruffner

Absent: None

Also present were: James Garwood, Ed.D., superintendent of schools; Lisa Schwartz, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction; Ryan Berry, assistant superintendent of business and chief school business official; Peg Lasiewicki, Ed.D., executive director of special services; Nancy Battaglia, director of technology; Barbara Marler, Ed.D., director of EL services; Karen Bradley, Ed.D. principal; Robyn Huemmer, principal; Susan O'Neil, principal; Hal Schmeisser, principal; Greg Hanson, assistant principal; Phyllis Carlstrom, recording secretary; members of the staff and community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Role of Reading and Math Specialists

Lisa Schwartz, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, reported to the Board how the new math and reading specialists are being utilized in the elementary buildings to support instruction for all students.

Multi-Year Facilities Plan

Ryan Berry, assistant superintendent of business and chief school business official, gave a presentation to the Board on a five-year facilities plan that that supports the changing needs of teaching and learning, and prioritizes future projects while maintaining a steady budget for the District's capital needs. The plan shows estimated costs over the next five years based on the recent district-wide facility assessment.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Garwood, superintendent of schools, had no additional reports.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Ruffner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alkyer, that the minutes from the following meeting of the Board of Education be approved and placed on file:

- November 16, 2017, Board of Education Regular Meeting

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berk, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved, as presented, which included the items below:

- A. Personnel Report, including the recommendation by the administration for the termination of Jeffrey Czech
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures
- D. Board of Education Policy – 2nd Readings
 - a. 4:110 Transportation
 - b. 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 - c. 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- E. Nonpublic Facility Placement Contracts – Keshet Day School Intensive

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE) #807 Report

Dr. Berk, District 68 board representative, attended the December NTDSE board meeting and noted the following: There is no scheduled meeting for the month of January; SEED held a bake sale to raise monies; they are looking for a site to host early childhood in the west side of the township; grant monies were received and used to upgrade the daily living skills kitchen; the Board heard a report on staffing and an update on the playground; and a new bus contract was signed.

Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) 2017 Delegate Assembly

Mr. Alkyer, District 68 board representative, attended the Delegate Assembly, and reported that The Illinois Association of School Boards held its annual Delegate Assembly meeting on November 18, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago. The IASB has 843 member districts across the state. 367 districts were represented during the Assembly. There were eight resolutions and one belief statement heard by the delegates.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Garwood presented board members with a draft strategic plan that the editing committee has finished editing. Proposed language for core values, goals, and objectives were proposed. The plan will be brought to the February board meeting for adoption after the draft has been shared with the original strategic plan committee members, and any feedback received from those members considered for final editing.

Board of Education Policy – 1st Reading

Policy 4:170 Safety

Clarifying language was added to further define safety requirements and references were updated.

Policy 6:50 School Wellness

The staff member responsible for implementing this policy is identified, changes made to comply with federal regulations, and references updated.

Policy 6:60 Curriculum Content

Per School Code, changes to the daily physical education requirement are noted, as well as updated references.

Policy 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction

Clarifying language added.

ACTION ITEM(S)

Authorization of Certificate of Tax Levy

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza, to approve the Certificate of Tax Levy, as presented, and to include the following tax levy resolutions:

- Certificate of Tax Levy;
- Resolution Authorizing Final Tax Levy for the Year 2017;
- Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2017 Levy Year;
- Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alkyer, to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body 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 the Open Meetings Act.)

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried. The Board recessed at 8:28 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:50 p.m. on a motion made by Dr. Berk and seconded by Mr. Ruffner.

The motion carried unanimously by the members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Alkyer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Anson, to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Richard Berk, Secretary
Board of Education

Una McGeough, President
Board of Education