

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on June 21, 2018

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 21st day of June 2018, 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 7:04 p.m. by the President of the Board, Una McGeough, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

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

Absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Technology Plan-TLi68 Update

Nancy Battaglia, director of technology, reported to the Board that going into Year 4 of TLi68, the District will be looking at ways to continue moving technology forward in the classroom. Data from the student and teacher BrightBytes survey was shared. Updates on iPad usage, the upcoming refresh, and costs to the District were also given. Project completion for 2017-18 was reviewed and the list of 2018-19 projects was specified, as well as some tentative plans for 2019 through 2021.

End-of Year Progress Report

Dr. Garwood, superintendent of schools, referred to the end-of-year progress report related to the District's 2017-2018 annual goals, and the outcome of each goal and indicator. He also stated that new goals that align with the District's new Strategic Plan would be brought for discussion at the August board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Garwood reported that there has been no update on a new assessment to replace the now defunct PARCC testing. All school districts are waiting for news.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

- May 17, 2018, Board of Education Regular Meeting
- May 17, 2018, Board of Education Closed Session

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Alkyer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berk, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved, as presented, which included the items below and the termination of Runa Zaman:

- A. Personnel Report,
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures
- D. Prevailing Wages Resolution - 2018
- E. Destruction of Closed Session Audios for: 12/15/16

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Berk, Bell-Jordan, 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 representative, reported on the following:

- “Friends of NTDSE” award recipient: Collette Halverson (District 68)
- Grant monies received from Skokie Valley Rotary Club
- Group of people led by Tarin Kendrick, executive director of NTDSE going to Springfield to lobby.
- The NTDSE extended school year program is fully staffed
- Hiring needs for the 2018-19 school year
- A review of summer projects
- A review of the budget and that auditors would be visiting NTDSE in July

Tentative Budget 2018-2019

Mr. Berry, assistant superintendent for business/CSBO, gave a presentation to the Board on the tentative budget for the 2018-2019 school year. His report listed district financial priorities, along with anticipated revenue from the following sources: federal, state, local, and interest; and anticipated expenditures broken down by category. The tentative budget is currently on display in the district office. The final budget will be presented to the Board for approval at the regularly scheduled August meeting.

ACTION ITEM(S)

Public Inspection of the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruffner, to authorize the notice of publication of the 2018-2019 tentative budget to be available for public inspection, as recommended.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Berk, Bell-Jordan, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

Resolution - Bond Sale

Dr. Bell-Jordan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alkyer, to approve the Resolution providing for the issue of \$8,105,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2018, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof, as presented.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Berk, Bell-Jordan, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

Approval of 2018-2023 Classified Organization Representing Employees (C.O.R.E.) Agreement

Mr. Ruffner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Anson, to approve the 2018-2023 Classified Organization Representing Employees Agreement, as presented.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

Food Service Pricing 2018-2019

Mr. Ruffner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Anson, to approve the food service pricing for 2018-2019, as recommended which includes raising the cost of a student lunch from \$2.86 to \$2.90.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

District Copier Lease Agreement

Mr. Alkyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruffner, to approve the bid award for the district copiers, and service and maintenance on district printers, to Gordon Flesch in the amount of \$4,342.94 per month, as recommended based on low bid vendor meeting specifications.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

Renewal of Workman's Compensation Contract

Dr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruffner, to renew the workman's compensation contract with Accident Fund National Insurance Company in the amount of \$105,920.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

Resolution - Workplace Harassment Prohibited

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berk, to approve the resolution, Workplace Harassment Prohibited, as required by The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Freedom of Information Act Requests and/or Responses

Mrs. McGeough reported on two (2) Freedom of Information Act requests received and/or responses given, by the District during the period of May 12, 2018, through June 15, 2018.

CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Espinoza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruffner, 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 99-646.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried. The Board recessed at 8:14 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:33 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, Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruffner, to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Richard Berk, Secretary
Board of Education

Una McGeough, President
Board of Education