

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on September 15, 2016

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 15th day of September 2016, 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: Frank Alkyer
Amy Anson
Katrina Bell-Jordan
Menucha Levy
Una McGeough
Mark Weil

Absent: Richard Berk

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE 2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

Call to Order

The public hearing opened at 7:04 p.m.

Report

Mr. Berry explained the changes in revenues and expenditures from the tentative budget presented to the Board at the July 2016 board meeting. He noted that the proposed budget includes updated staffing and salary information, as well as material adjustments based on final enrollment figures. Lower technology and transportation costs accounted for the largest changes to the budget due to a reduction in technology infrastructure changes and special education transportation expenses.

Overall, total revenues decreased \$150,500, and expenditures decreased \$151,197 from the tentative budget revenues decreased \$38,000, and expenditures decreased \$486,344 from the tentative budget.

Public Comment

Mrs. McGeough asked if anyone wished to comment or had any questions related to the Adoption of the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget. No-one responded.

Adjourn Public Hearing

At 7:05 p.m., Board President McGeough announced that the public hearing was closed.

REGULAR MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Introduction of New Teachers for 2016-2017

Skokie School District 68 hired eight new teachers this year to replace teachers who retired or resigned. Dr. Garwood asked each principal present to introduce the teachers that were new to their building. The new teachers are:

Anna Fehsenfeld	Old Orchard Jr. High
Jane Feit	Jane Stenson Elementary
Al-Rahim Jiwani	Old Orchard Jr. High
Colleen Kaferly	Old Orchard Jr. High
Alison Kool	Old Orchard Jr. High
Julia Milne	Devonshire Elementary
Ariane Petyt	Old Orchard Jr. High
Jimmy Turner	Old Orchard Jr. High

6-Day Enrollment

Dr. Garwood gave a report summarizing the District's enrollment history and current demographics. The 2016-2017 opening district enrollment of 1,775 represents an increase of 8 students from 2015-2016. Elementary enrollment decreased .4% while middle school enrollment increased 2.0% for an overall increase of 0.5%. The complete report can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

School Improvement Plans

Each year, the Board of Education establishes district priorities to guide student success in Skokie School District 68. Each of the four schools in District 68 creates individualized School Improvement Plans designed to support student achievement and growth that also align with these priorities. Mrs. Schwartz gave an overview of the schools' plans along with an explanation of the process. The plan for each school identifies the areas of focus with goals they want to achieve and a plan for how they plan to meet these goals. These plans also serve as the school-wide improvement plan for our Title I funding.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

- August 18, 2016, Board of Education Regular Meeting
- August 29, 2016, Board of Education Special Meeting

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: Berk

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Alkyer made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Levy, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved, as presented, which included the following items:

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures
- D. Application for Recognition of Schools
- E. School Improvement Plans

F. Board of Education Policy – Second Reading

- a. 7:190 Student Behavior
- b. 7:200 Suspension Procedures
- c. 7:210 Expulsion Procedures
- d. 7:220 Bus Conduct

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: Berk

The motion carried.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

NTDSE #807

In Dr. Berk's absence, Dr. Garwood read a report on NTDSE provided by Dr. Berk.

It was reported that there were 3.6 FTE new staff hired; the new Superintendent in District 219 visited; NTDSE is adding a "Who NTDSE is" video to their website; the health fair was successful; all satellite classes are up and running; after-school programs at Malloy will take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; the pool passed a recent Cook County Board of Health inspection; water testing is to take place; and major grant funding went through.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the 2016-2017 Budget

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weil, to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget as presented, and as stated in the resolution read by Mrs. McGeough.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: Berk

The motion carried.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Dr. Garwood noted that Per Illinois School Code, the compensation reports have been presented to the Board of Education prior to submission to the Illinois State Board of Education, and will be posted on the District's website as required by October 1, 2016.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Bell-Jordan called for a motion, seconded by Dr. Anson, 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). And,

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: Berk

The motion carried. The Board recessed at 7:53 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:32 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Levy and seconded by Mr. Alkyer.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Weil 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, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: Berk

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Richard Berk, Secretary
Board of Education

Una McGeough, President
Board of Education