

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on August 18, 2016

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The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 7:00 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  
Una McGeough

Absent: Menucha Levy  
Mark Weil (Arrived at 7:11 p.m.)

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 STR and RuckPate architect firms, staff, and members of the community.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board of Education.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

##### MAP

Mrs. Schwartz, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, presented a report on the 2015-2016 school year MAP data. The complete report can be found [HERE](#).

##### Makerspace

Mr. Schmeisser, principal, Devonshire Elementary School, provided the Board with an update on the makeover the LMC in his building is undergoing in order to provide a more usable learning space for Devonshire students.

##### Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Garwood told the Board that we had received the final report on the 2015-2016 Illinois State Board of Education Compliance Visit. The District was found to be compliant in all areas and no areas of concern were noted. The District was also congratulated on doing an outstanding job.

Dr. Garwood shared that due to the news items in the media in recent months regarding lead found in drinking water, the District opted for voluntary water testing. The results have come back showing that the water in our buildings is well within a safe range for drinking.

Work continues on redoing the track outside of Old Orchard Jr. High. Due to some heavy rains the track will not be ready for the first day of school, however, it should be completed shortly thereafter.

## READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Alkyer 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:

- July 21, 2016, Board of Education Regular Meeting
- July 21, 2016, Board of Education Closed Session

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Levy

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 following items:

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Levy

The motion carried.

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### NTDSE #807

Dr. Berk, District 68 board representative, reported that NTDSE's budget is available for review on their website; that they have created a Memory Tree honoring students who have passed away, and for staff who have served for 15 years or more; work has been done over the summer on the grounds and lighting has been updated in the building; they have held successful health fairs; and are planning for the next trivia night fundraiser has begun.

### MCC Academy

When District 68 sold the Sharp Corner Elementary building to the MCC Academy, part of the agreement was allowing the District to lease basement space to use for storage and maintenance. Student enrollment continues to rise at the Academy, and the principal has requested the the District consider the possibility of vacating the lease prior to the 2019 end date. Conversation started about what possible options exist for the District to replace this much needed space. This will be discussed again at future meetings.

### Board Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

The following policies were brought to first reading:

7:190 Student Behavior

7:200 Suspension Procedures

7:210 Expulsion Procedures

7:220 Bus Conduct

No changes were recommended and these policies will be brought to the September meeting for final reading.

**ACTION ITEMS**

2016-2017 Annual District Goals

Mr. Alkyer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bell-Jordan, to approve the 2016-2017 Annual District Goals, as presented.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Levy

The motion carried.

Destruction of Audio Recording from February 19, 2015

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bell-Jordan, to approve the destruction of the February 19, 2015, audio recording as allowed by Board policy 2:220.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Levy

The motion carried.

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION**

Mrs. McGeough reported that there were two (2) requests and/or responses for information under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of July 15, 2016, through August 12, 2016. The responses to both were sent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Levy

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Richard Berk, Secretary  
Board of Education

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Una McGeough, President  
Board of Education