

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on February 18, 2016

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18th day of February 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 7:02 p.m. by the Vice-President of the Board, Amy Anson, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Frank Alkyer
Amy Anson
Katrina Bell-Jordan
Richard Berk
Menucha Levy
Mark Weil

Absent: Una McGeough

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

K-8 Math Update

Lisa Schwartz, assistant superintendent for instruction, reviewed the strengths and challenges of Math in Focus in year two of its adoption at both the elementary and middle school level, as well as presented next steps under consideration for the 2016-2017 school year that will strengthen fully implementing this program.

Superintendent's Reports

Nancy Battaglia, director of technology, previewed the District's new website and logo for the board members and guests. It is intended that the updated website will go live prior to spring break.

Dr. Garwood, superintendent of schools, referred back to the student achievement presentation that took place at the January board meeting, and stated that the district leadership has begun brainstorming sessions to look at ways to revise programming and scheduling in a manner that is intended to have a positive effect on all students across the district.

Dr. Garwood reported that the district held its first kindergarten registration for 2016-2017 at Jane Stenson on February 17, 2016, and that 52 students registered. Additional kindergarten registration nights will take place at Devonshire and Highland later in the month.

Dr. Garwood called for a moment of silence to honor Andrea Ghetzler, who passed away suddenly last month. Mrs. Ghetzler had served as a half-time ELL teacher and a half-time ELL coordinator in the district. Dr. Garwood went on to explain that for the 2016-2017 school year the teaching portion of this position will no longer be necessary, therefore he would like to reclassify the coordinator position as a half-time administrator position at no extra cost to the District.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Dr. Berk 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:

- January 21, 2016, Regular Board of Education Meeting as presented

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Levy, Weil

ABSTAIN: Alkyer

NAY: None

ABSENT: McGeough

The motion carried.

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

- February 10, 2016, Policy Committee Meeting as presented

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McGeough

The motion carried.

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Levy 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
- D. Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recording for July 2014

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McGeough

The motion carried.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Niles Township District Special Education #807 (NTDSE)

There was no report this month.

First Reading – Board of Education Policy

The Policy Committee presented the following policies for first reading:

5:185 Family and Medical Leave

7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities

7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights

7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited

7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer

7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home- Schooled Students

7:50 School Admissions and Students Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

7:60 Residence

7:70 Attendance and Truancy

7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance

7:90 Release During School Hours

- 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students
- 7:130 Students Rights and Responsibilities
- 7:140 Search and Seizure
- 7:150 Agency and Police Interviews
- 7:160 Student Appearance
- 7:170 Vandalism
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- 7:190 Student Discipline
- 7:200 Suspension Procedures
- 7:210 Expulsion Procedures
- 7:220 Bus Conduct
- 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
- 7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:260 Exemption from Physical Activity
- 7:270 Administering Medicine to Students
- 7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
- 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
- 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- 7:310 Restrictions on Publications
- 7:325 Student Fundraising Activities
- 7:340 Student Records

ACTION ITEMS

Student Fees 2016-2017

Mr. Alkyer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berk, that the Student Fees for 2016-2017 be approved, as presented.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McGeough

The motion carried.

Board of Education Policy Manual

Mr. Alkyer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bell-Jordan, that the new Board of Education Policy Manual be adopted, as presented.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McGeough

The motion carried.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Dr. Anson reported that there was one commercial FOIA request received by the District in the period between January 16, 2016, through February 12, 2016. The response to this request is pending.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Weil called for a motion, seconded by Dr. Berk, 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).

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McGeough

The motion carried. The Board recessed at 8:32 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:23 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Levy and seconded by Dr. Berk.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McGeough

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Richard Berk, Secretary
Board of Education

Una McGeough, President
Board of Education