

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on June 16, 2016

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 16th day of June 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
Menucha Levy
Una McGeough
Mark Weil

Absent: Richard Berk

Also present were: James Garwood, Ed.D., superintendent of schools; Ryan Berry, chief school business official; Peg Lasiewicki, Ed.D., director of student services; Nancy Battaglia, director of technology; Robyn Huemmer, principal; Sue O'Neil, principal; Hal Schmeisser, principal; Greg Hanson, assistant principal; Phyllis Carlstrom, recording secretary; and Barbara Marler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

End-of-Year Report

Dr. Garwood, superintendent of schools, referred to his memo to the Board of Education outlining the many accomplishments that took place in Skokie School District 68 during the 2015-2016 school year. The full memo can be reviewed by clicking on this link: [End-of-Year Progress Report](#)

Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Garwood gave an update on the cricket pitch which after an initial assessment following the installation showed that remediation needed to take place in order for it to meet the safety standards set by District 68 and the Skokie Park District.

Dr. Garwood noted that two end-of-year lunches took place, one for certified staff on Records Day, and one for classified staff two days later. Both were well-received by the staff that attended.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

- May 19, 2016, Board of Education Regular Meeting
- May 19, 2016, Board of Education Closed Session

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 Dr. Anson, 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. Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage Renewal 2016-2017
- E. Prevailing Wage Resolution

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

Niles Township District Special Education #807 (NTDSE)

In Dr. Berk's absence, Dr. Garwood read a report supplied by Dr. Berk with a brief summary of some of the topics discussed at the most recent NTDSE meeting. Some of the items mentioned were: noting that student attendance numbers allow for some RIF'd staff to be rehired; NTDSE sent out a needs survey to districts in the township and received valuable feedback; eight students graduated and there are 147 registered for the upcoming school year. There are another 78 students enrolled in satellite classrooms in the township.

ACTION ITEMS

Food Service Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Dr. Bell-Jordan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weil, to approve the Food Service Breakfast and Lunch prices for 2016-2017 as presented.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Berk

The motion carried.

Resolution of the Board of Education Ratifying the Partial Abatement and Permanent Transfer of Monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Capital Projects Fund

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Levy, to approve the Resolution of the Board of Education Ratifying the Partial Abatement and Permanent Transfer of Monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund.

A roll call was held with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Berk

The motion carried.

Resolution of the Board of Education Ratifying the Partial Abatement and Permanent Transfer of Monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund

Mrs. Levy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alkyer, to approve the Resolution of the Board of Education Ratifying the Partial Abatement and Permanent Transfer of Monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund.

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

Mrs. McGeough reported that there was one commercial Freedom of Information Act request received by the District in the period between May 14, 2016 – June 10, 2016. The response to this request is pending.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Weil 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).

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 7:35 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 8:59 p.m. on a motion made by Dr. Anson and seconded by Dr. Bell-Jordan.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Levy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weil, 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 9:02 p.m.

Richard Berk, Secretary
Board of Education

Una McGeough, President
Board of Education