

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on May 19, 2016

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 19th day of May 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 President of the Board, Una McGeough, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Frank Alkyer (present via audio)
Amy Anson (arrived at 8:21 p.m.)
Katrina Bell-Jordan
Richard Berk
Una McGeough
Mark Weil

Absent: Menucha Levy

Also present were: James Garwood, Ed.D., superintendent of schools; Lisa Schwartz, assistant superintendent for instruction; Ryan Berry, chief school business official; Nancy Battaglia, director of technology; 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

Mr. Eric Trimberger, resident of Skokie, addressed the Board on the topic of the changes being made to the junior high student schedules for the 2016-2017 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Jr. High Scheduling/Program Updates

Lisa Schwartz, assistant superintendent for instruction, Robyn Huemmer, principal of Old Orchard Jr. High School, and the following members of the scheduling committee; Annie DiMaria (6th grade special education teacher), Greg Hanson (assistant principal), Courtney Keenan (6th grade ILS teacher), Sara Tsoles (8th grade science teacher), and Katy Vega (6th grade science teacher), gave a presentation on the committee's work in developing a new format for student schedules for the 2016-2017 school year. This report was followed by an update from Mrs. Schwartz on how the Advanced Learning Program and Math will be affected by the scheduling changes at the junior high.

TLi68 Progress Report

Mrs. Schwartz, and Mrs. Nancy Battaglia, director of technology, reviewed the impact of the 1:1 iPad rollout that took place during the 2015-2016 school year, and the effect it has had on Teaching and learning.

Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Garwood, superintendent of schools, updated the Board of Education on the recent installation of the cricket pitch that was discussed at the April 21, 2016, board meeting.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

- April 21, 2016, Board of Education Regular Meeting
- April 21, 2016, Board of Education Closed Session
- May 11, 2016, Board of Education Special 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.

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

Niles Township District Special Education #807 (NTDSE)

Dr. Berk gave a brief summary of some of the topics discussed at the most recent NTDSE meeting. This included a mock budget, nurses in schools, the governing board election, and wanting District 68's Board to participate in the next NTDSE trivia night.

ACTION ITEMS

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

Mr. Weil made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bell-Jordan, regarding Board of Education closed session meeting minutes:

To approve the release of closed session minutes from the following Board of Education meetings: February 19, 2015, and March 17, 2016.

That the following closed session minutes will remain confidential: February 20, 2007; August 26, 2014; September 18, 2014; October 16, 2014; December 18, 2104; March 19, 2015; April 16, 2015; May 21, 2015; June 18, 2015; February 18, 2106.

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 was one FOIA request received by the District in the period between April 22, 2016, through May 13, 2016. The response to this request is pending.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Anson 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: Levy

The motion carried. The Board recessed at 9:18 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:59 p.m. on a motion made by Dr. Anson and seconded by Dr. Berk.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Anson 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, Berk, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: Levy

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Richard Berk, Secretary
Board of Education

Una McGeough, President
Board of Education