

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – August 26, 2014

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 26th day of August, 2014, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by the president of the Board, Una McGeough, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
Katrina Bell-Jordan
Richard Berk
Una McGeough
Mark Weil
Darius Zakeri

Absent: Todd Fingerman

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

James Garwood, Superintendent
Nancy Battaglia, Director of Technology
Ryan Berry, Director of Business Services
Andy Carpenter, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal
Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal
Robyn Hawley, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business / Board Secretary
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal
Lisa Schwartz, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Absent: None

Visitors:

Bradley Allen	Jim Hamilton	Lisa Murphy
Nicole Alvear	Chrisy Han	Brittney Nelson
Jessica Andrie	Kim Hancock	Sarah Newcorn
Karen Arnold	Christina Heath	Lisa Nimz
Angela Athanasopoulos	Mary Helmstetter	Stacey Nitka
Ilbra Babana	Meg Hickey	Cara Novy-Benewitz
Maggie Bohlin	Becky Hieber	Vika Ostrovsky
Alexandria Burrell	Barb Hill	Renee Phillippose
Megan Byrne	Mary Hinsey	Devin Ramey

Eric Christy	Judy Hopf	todd Ronna
Katie Colianne	Linda Hunsicker	Melilssa Rothman
Taylor Crowley	Asiya Hussain	Renee Rowen
Nancie DeNeve	Diana Juarez	Lynn Rubin
Tamara Deppen	Jeff Kaplan	Melinda Russo
Annie DiMaria	Colleen Kearns	Anne Rutherford
Heather Doane	Sylwia Laniewski	Stephanie Saint Martin
Owen Douglas	JD Lathrop	Teri Saipe
Andrea Dvorsky	Claudy Levin	Anu Sarangan
Katie Eckert	Ryan Levin	Allison Sobotka
Megan Faith	Julie Liebman	Lisa Talbert
Louise Finton	Lori Linfoth	Mark Toliuisis
Mike Flood	Kitty Llandari	Matt Tomenillie
Derek Fugate	Jessica Lustyk	Gina Uhle
JoAnne Fuller	Amy Macko	Trish Vale
Laura Gabuzzi	Denis Madans	Alison Vinkler
Vicky Gavas	Pete Matalas	Kelli Visconti
Mary Graul	Katie McNelley	Shelby Wagner
Jennifer Greene	Andrea Meighan	Marcie Weinstein
Meghan Halkias	Ellan Miller	Kim Weissenberg
Colette Halverson	Ellen Mocogni	Allison Yoder
	Norma Moreno	

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President McGeough asked Board members, administrators at the head table, and audience members to introduce themselves. Representatives from each school made statements regarding the current teacher contract negotiations. President McGeough thanked the teachers.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Zakeri, that the Board of Education approve the items on the Consent Agenda, which contained the following:

- a. Minutes
 - Regular Board of Education Meeting – July 15, 2014
 - Closed Board of Education Meetings – July 15, 2014
- b. Personnel: Licensed Faculty Appointment: E. Christy, K. Hancock, A. Johnson, D. Ramey; Classified Resignation: A. Alfaro, T. Burkle, C. Evans, A. Nelson, J. Renko, S. Uhle, A. Viverito; Classified Appointment: A. Abraham, H. Ayala, A. Dreptu, Y. Escamilla, R. Glaser, A. Johnson, L. Kocelko, A. Ng, M. O’Connell, N. Oman, M. Piecuch, C. Riggilo, J. Roberts, N. Shlimon, E. Silverman, D. Suthar, C. Tsokas
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures

- e. Designation of Funds to Receive Interest Revenue: To direct the Township School Treasurer to transfer and assign 2014-15 interest earned from the proceeds of the Treasurer's investment of district funds, an amount proportional to the fund balances in the Education Fund, Operations & Maintenance Fund, Transportation Fund, Municipal Retirement and Social Security Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the Tort Immunity and Judgment Fund, and the Working Cash Fund. Interest earned on the fund balances in the Debt Service Fund is to be allocated to the Education Fund
- f. Interfund Transfer: To direct the Township School Treasurer to permanently transfer monies between funds as follows: Transfer \$1,000,000 from the Operations & Maintenance Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund. Transfer \$1,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund. Transfer \$30,000 from the Education Fund to the Debt Service Fund.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. 2014-15 SCHEDULE OF REPORTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Superintendent Garwood presented the 2014-15 Board Meeting Discussion and Report Calendar. There was a request to make sure the information is on the website.

4. 2013-14 PROMOTION/RETENTION REPORT

Superintendent Garwood reported on the status of students who were required to take summer school in order to be promoted. He noted that all successfully completed the program. There was discussion about the additional supports that are provided to these students during the school year.

5. UPCOMING BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT TRAINING

Superintendent Garwood proposed postponing the training until after the election in April. There was support for the change.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Berk reported on the August 14, 2014, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education. President McGeough thanked Dr. Berk for his report.

7. ELL PARENT CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

ELL Parent Center Director Juarez presented an informational report on the programs offered by the Center, including the parent mentor program. President McGeough thanked Ms. Juarez for her report.

8. ELECTRONIC BOARD DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SUBSCRIPTION

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Bell-Jordan, that the Board of Education approve an annual subscription agreement with the Illinois Association of School Boards, at an annual cost of \$2,000 per calendar year for Board Book.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

9. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Weil, seconded by Member Zakeri, to move to move the meeting to closed session at 8:20 p.m., to discuss collective negotiation matters, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and to discuss matters of personnel, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

10. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Berk, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Una McGeough, President