

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –September 18, 2014

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18th day of September, 2014, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 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
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: Jac McBride, Director of Special Services

Visitors:

Merilee Aguirre	Barbara Greenberg	Molly Olson
Bradley Allen	Jennie Greene	Lisa Omori
Jess Andri	Audrey Guidarelli	Patty Perrin
Lila Ardell	Megan Halkias	Heather Peterson
Angela Athanasopoulos	Colette Halverson	Renee Phillippose
Ilbra Babana	Chrisy Han	Devin Ramey
Brandi Barnett	Kim Hancock	Veronica Ramos
Anastasia Barrow	Michelle Harris	Heidi Ramos
Amy Bekanor	Mary Helmstetter	Christine Rivero
Steven Bekanor	Rose Heredia	Joanne Rogus
Beryl Blumenthal	Meg Hickey	Todd Ronna
Maggie Bohlin	Becky Hieber	Melissa Roter
Alexandra Burrell	Marilyn Higgins	Melissa Rothman
Megan Byrne	Katie Hills	Renee Rowen

Tony Carlino	Mary Hinsey	Lynn Rubin
Richard Chan	Judy Hopf	Jen Ruffner
Erin Christy	Linda Hunsicker	Katie Russ
Julie Clark	Kristen Jacobsen	Melinda Russo
Nicole Cooney	Margo Jacpuot	Annie Rutherford
Gail Correa	Jeff Kaplan	Tarril Saipe
Taylor Crowley	Colleen Kedvrij	Cqarima Salameh
Natalie Dandino	Karen Koehler-Davis	Jennifer Salpietro
Nancie DeNeve	Sheila Lajeune	Anu Sarangan
Tamara Deppen	Sylwia Laniewski	Lisa Sarnoff
Susan Derex	Molly Layman	Jigna Shah
Annie DiMaria	Ryan Levin	Karty Short
Christine Dimoulis	Claudy Levin	Molly Siegel
Laura Doherty	Menucha Levy *	Gerry Sloan
Owen Douglas	Julie Liebman	Allison Sobotka
Andrea Dvorsky	Lisa Lipin	Jeffrey Sterbenc
Katie Eckert	Kitty Llerandi	Cyndi Stevens
Amy Engstrom	Christy Malhotra	Kara Tapscott
Fran Eres	Richard Man	Rosemary Tate
Meghan Espinoza	Frank Manata	Kelly Thompson
Megan Faith	Brett Marrow	Mark Thompson
Francine Ferger	Pete Matalas	Phyllis Tsevis
Adriana Fernandez	Polly McClellan	Gina Uhle
Louise Finton	Katie McNelley	Amy Uyeda
Mike Flood	Andrea Meighan	Trish Vale
Elaine Frangedakis	Ellen Mocogni	Alison Vinkler
Derek Fugate	Norma Moreno	Rosanne Ward
Joanne Fuller	Elaine Morgan	Marcie Weinstein
Wendy Gardner	Jill Murphy	Steph Welt
Vicky Gavas	Brittney Nelson	Judy Wheatley
Gain Gernerio	Sarah Newcorn	Sarator Whitehead
Randi Gideon	Lisa Nimz	Nineveh Yacoub
Elaine Goldberg-Sanchez	Julie Oh	Allie Yoder
Worth Gowell		Linda Zimtseff-Kendziora

*correction of spelling of name 10/16/14

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President McGeough made a statement about the current contract negotiations. Various parents made statements as well urging a quick resolution to the contract. President McGeough thanked the teachers and parents for their comments and reiterated the Board's desire to come to a quick and fair contract settlement.

2. 2014-15 BUDGET HEARING

President McGeough opened the public hearing on the 2014-2015 budget and called on the Secretary to present the budget resolution as follows:.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Public School District N^o. 68, County of Cook, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon:

AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 18th day of September, 2014, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of said District as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015.

Section 2: That the budget in its final proposed form be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this School District for the said fiscal year, thereby appropriating

the sum of \$24,940,828 from the Educational Fund, and

the sum of \$2,409,058 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and

the sum of \$2,232,000 from the Debt Service Fund, and

the sum of \$1,632,494 from the Transportation Fund, and

the sum of \$1,088,174 from the Municipal Retirement Fund which amount includes \$545,884 for Social Security/Medicare,

the sum of \$2,619,800 from the Capital Projects Fund, and

the sum of \$210,000 from the Tort Immunity Fund

and that a copy of said Budget Resolution be filed with the official records of this meeting.

Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO Millard noted that the proposed budget was reviewed and discussed in detail at the July Board of Education meeting. Director of Business Services Berry reviewed the changes from the tentative budget adopted by the Board in July. There were several questions from Board members regarding the final budget. President McGeough invited audience members to ask questions or make comments regarding the proposed budget. A question was raised about adopting a budget before final salaries are known in light of the currently unresolved teacher contract. Assistant Superintendent Millard explained that the budget must be adopted and filed no later than September 30, 2014, however, there is a process

for adopting an amended budget after final salaries are known, if necessary. There were several questions regarding expenditure items including the 1-1 technology initiative. There being no further comments, she closed the budget hearing.

3. ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 BUDGET

President McGeough called for adoption of the budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year

It was moved by Member Weil, seconded by Member Anson, to adopt the 2014-2015 Budget Resolution.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
 - Board of Education Rescheduled Meeting – August 26, 2014
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting – August 26, 2014
- b. Personnel: Classified Appointment: S. Akram, P. Boyle, J. Crosby, K. Elezi, J. Rosa, W. Van Giesen; Family Medical Leave: A. Koeneman, R. Lynch, R. Novack; Compensation Report for Administrators and Teachers Pursuant to Public Act 97-256 and IMRF Salary Report for 2015
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Bill Summary
- e. 2014-15 Recognition of Schools Application

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

5. 1:1 PILOT

Superintendent Garwood presented an update for the pilot program for the 1:1, including an overview of the goals of the pilot, as well as the goals of the full implementation. He described the pilot process including staff development, selection criteria, and staff development. There was discussion about the timeline and changes in how learning occurs in the classroom. President McGeough thanked Dr. Garwood for his report.

6. K-8 OPENING ENROLLMENT 2014-15

Assistant Superintendent of Business/CSBO Millard reported the 6th day enrollment data including breakdown by school, race, free and reduced means, and retention. President McGeough thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

7. BUILDING USAGE AND CAPACITY

Assistant Superintendent of Business/CSBO Millard provided information about the current use of space in district schools as well as total capacity based on current program needs. She noted that each elementary school uses space differently for programs such as ELL and that a number of full-size classrooms in each building could be split in the future to two smaller instructional spaces based on program needs. She also noted that the recent renovations at Highland and Devonshire have provided additional instructional space resulting in them having slightly higher capacity than Jane Stenson. The boundary change completed in 2011 has resulted in more balanced enrollments at the K-5 schools but the occasional fourth section of a grade level does put a strain on existing space; however, fluctuations in enrollments require that that balance continue be monitored very closely. President McGeough thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

8. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Berk reported on the September 11, 2014, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education. President McGeough thanked Dr. Berk for his report.

9. SCHOOL FINANCE REFORM

Assistant Superintendent of Business/CSBO Millard presented a summary of Senate Bill 16 which has been passed by the Illinois Senate and is currently being considered in the House. She explained that this proposal would be a dramatic change from the current funding structure and could result in a significant loss of state revenue to District 68.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed a communication item.

11. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Weil, to move to move the meeting to closed session at 8:42 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.

12. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

10. BOARD COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed a communication item.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Berk, seconded by Member Weil, to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 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