

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –July 15, 2014

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 15th day of July, 2014, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 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
Todd Fingerman (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)
Una McGeough
Mark Weil
Darius Zakeri

Absent: Richard Berk

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

James Garwood, Superintendent
Nancy Battaglia, Director of Technology
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business / CSBO
Lisa Schwartz, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Absent: 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
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal

Visitors: Trish Vale

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President McGeough asked Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. She asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. There were no comments.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
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- b. Personnel: Licensed Faculty Appointment: M. Schock, J. Shah; Licensed Faculty Resignation: M. Preis; Classified Staff Resignation: F. Gould
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Pay Orders
- e. Authorization of expenses for board members attending the NSBA Conference to be held in Nashville, TN, March 21-23, 2015, and IASB Conference in Chicago November 21-23, 2014, and authorization for board delegate to vote on resolutions that come before the IASB Delegate Assembly at the IASB's Fall Conference

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S ENTRY PLAN

Superintendent Garwood presented a report on his entry plan. Several Board members commended Dr. Garwood on the thoroughness of the plan and expressed appreciation for this communication tool. There was discussion about initial perceptions and observations. President McGeough thanked Dr. Garwood for his report.

4. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION EXPECTATIONS WORKSHOP

President McGeough noted that the date has not yet been set for the workshop. There was discussion about the purpose of the workshop and how it might differ from the one the Board did several years ago. President McGeough noted that the more we can direct the process in advance, the more useful it will be. There was discussion about several of the samples presented and agreement on several areas of focus. Dr. Garwood will follow up with IASB to schedule the workshop.

5. ELECTRONIC BOARD BOOK

Technology Director Battaglia presented an overview of electronic Board Book options. She demonstrated the functionality of the three options which were BoardBook, Board Docs and Google Drive/PDF. Ms. Battaglia reviewed the cost comparison and noted that current costs for production and delivery of the books are similar to the cost of a commercial package. There was support to move in this direction with a request for additional information on a couple of points. The administration will prepare the recommendation for action to be presented at the August meeting.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

No report.

7. 2014-2015 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented the 2014-15 Tentative Budget. She noted that a budget deficit is projected, with operating expenditures exceeding revenues by approximately \$2.6 million. Revenues are projected to remain flat, increasing only 0.2% from last year's budget. Tax revenue, which provides the majority of our funding, is limited by the tax cap which is 1.7% for taxes to be received this fall. Overall expenditures are anticipated to increase only 0.1%, with projected cost increases for salary and services offset by turnover, reduction in capital project, NTDSE cost reductions, and other cost containment measures. President McGeough thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

It was moved by Member Fingerma, seconded by Member Anson, that the Board of Education adopt the 2014-15 Tentative Budget, as prepared by the Superintendent and submitted at this meeting, and that a copy be made available for public inspection for a period of not less than thirty (30) days expiring on or before before September 18, 2014, and that a public hearing on the said Tentative Budget be held September 18, 2014, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., and further that the Secretary be directed to have inserted in the issue of local newspaper, the Pioneer Press Newspaper, on July 24, 2014, the following notice of said availability for inspection and public hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON TENTATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of School District Number 68 in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection in the Educational Service Center at 9440 North Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in this School District from and after 8:00 a.m. on the 1st day of August, 2014.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:30 o'clock p.m. on the 18th day of September, 2014, in the Educational Service Center at 9440 North Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in this School District Number 68.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2014.

Board of Education of School District Number 68
in the County of Cook of the State of Illinois

/s/ Beth L. Millard
Secretary

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:
AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Fingerman, McGeough, Weil, Zakeri
NAY: None.
Motion carried.

11. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Weil, to move to closed session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss collective negotiation matters, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:
AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Fingerman, McGeough, Weil, Zakeri
NAY: None.
Motion carried.

12. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Zakeri, seconded by Member Bell-Jordan, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:
AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Fingerman, McGeough, Weil, Zakeri
NAY: None.
Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Una McGeough, President