

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 17, 2013

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 17th day of December, 2013, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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
Todd Fingerman
Una McGeough
Mark Weil
Darius Zakeri

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
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
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal
Irina Ziemann, Director of Information Technology

Absent: Laurie Heinz, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services

Visitors:	Ryan Berry	Susan Gustafson	Marlene Miller
	Ed Boundy	Tara Hilliard	Nick Papanicholas Jr.
	Natalie Dandino	Sylwia Laniewski	Katie Russ
	Owen Douglas	Lori Linforth	Sara Tsioles
	Mary Graul	Tim McGrath	Dave Wiviott
		Katie McNelley	

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

- a. Minutes
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- b. Personnel: FMLA: E. McMahon; Classified Resignation: M. Sterbenz; Classified Appointment: B. Bach
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. 8th GRADE SCIENCE PRESENTATION

Old Orchard Junior High School teachers provided an overview of how they are using technology in their science classrooms. They explained the “flipped classroom” and provided examples of the benefits of the model. Several administrators described additional examples of the wide variety of ways podcasts are used. President McGeough thanked the teachers for their report.

4. REVISION OF POLICIES 5130 AND 5144 – BULLYING INCLUDING TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Superintendent McTague provided the rationale for the recommended changes in Policies 5130 and 5144 based on a new law.

5. FIREARM CONCEALED CARRY ACT – REQUIRED SIGNAGE

Superintendent McTague provided background on the posting requirements of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. It was agreed that the signs will be posted on all public entrances when school resumes in January.

6. FACILITY UPGRADES

Assistant Superintendent Millard provided a breakdown of the various components of proposed facility upgrades for summer 2014 including Life Safety upgrades, track refurbishing, secured vestibules, intercom replacement, other security measures, , and a number of optional projects. It was agreed to proceed with the planned work except for zoned security, Highland tile work and non-critical items identified in the long range facility study. It was also agreed to correct the electrical issue at Devonshire as part of the project.

7. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT #807 FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

No report, meeting cancelled.

8. 2013 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

It was moved by Member Berk, seconded by Member Weil, to adopt the 2013 Tax Levy Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois, adopt a tax levy resolution as follows:

the sum of	\$18,900,000	for educational purposes, and
the sum of	2,520,000	for operations and maintenance purposes, and
the sum of	830,000	for transportation purposes, and
the sum of	95,000	for working cash purposes, and
the sum of	505,000	for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes, and
the sum of	605,000	for social security and Medicare purposes, and
the sum of	0	for fire prevention, safety, environmental, and energy conservation purposes, and
the sum of	225,000	for tort immunity purposes, and
the sum of	900,000	for special education purposes

on the equalized assessed valuation of all the taxable property in School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, for the year 2013.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

9. 2013 TAX LEVY EXTENSION REDUCTION RESOLUTION

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Zakeri, to adopt a resolution instructing the County Clerk how to apportion 2013 tax levy extension reductions for Skokie School District No. 68, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Whereas, 1-10 of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (“PTELL”) provides that the County Clerk shall extend a tax rate for the sum of a taxing district’s funds that is not greater than the limiting rate; and

Whereas, PTELL 1-10 further provides that if the County Clerk is requires to reduce the aggregate extension of a taxing district, the clerk shall proportionally reduce the extension for each fund unless otherwise requested by the taxing district; and

Whereas, the Board of Education of Skokie School District No. 68, County of Cook, State of Illinois, (hereinafter “the Board”) has adopted a levy for the year 2013 for taxes for the following purposes or funds of said district: Educational, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, Social Security, Illinois Municipal Retirement, Working Cash fund, Tort Immunity, and Special Education; and

Whereas, the Board has determined that if the County Clerk must extend taxes in an amount that is less than the aggregate amount of the levy for 2013, such reduction shall not be proportionate in all funds but rather, shall be made as hereinafter specified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Skokie School District No. 68, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: If the County Clerk of Cook County is prohibited by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law from extending taxes for the full amount of the 2013 aggregate levy of School District No. 68, then in the event the levy for each of the districts funds shall not be reduced proportionally.

Section 2: If the County Clerk of Cook County is prohibited by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law from extending taxes for the full amount of the 2013 aggregate levy of School District No. 68, any necessary reduction of taxes shall be in the following order:

Fund	Percentage of Reduction
Education	100%

Section 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its passage.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

10. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Fingerman, seconded by Member Zakeri, to move to closed session at 8:56 p.m. 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, Fingerman, McGeough, Weil, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 10:45 p.m.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed Communication items.

12. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Fingerman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Una McGeough, President