

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –July 16, 2013

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 16th day of July, 2013, 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
Todd Fingerman
Una McGeough
Mark Weil
Darius Zakeri

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Laurie Heinz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Absent: Andy Carpenter, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal
Robyn Hawley, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal
Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O’Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal
Irina Ziemann, Director of Technology

Visitors: Ryan Berry Ellen Gaffney
Natalie Dandino Judy Wheatley
Joanne Fuller

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: Certified Appointment: L. Murphy; FMLA: A. Sarangan; Classified Appointment: L. Martinez
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Pay Orders
- e. Authorization of expenses for board members attending the NSBA Conference to be held in New Orleans, LA, April 5-7, 2014, and IASB Conference in Chicago November 22-24, 2013, and authorization for board delegate to vote on resolutions that come before the IASB Delegate Assembly at the IASB's Fall Conference
- f. Appointment of R. Berry as IMRF authorized agent

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. SCHEDULE OF REPORTS

Superintendent McTague reviewed the planned schedule of Board reports for the year and noted that additional items can be added at any time. There was a request to provide additional demographic information on the student body as part of the September enrollment report, including length of time grade-level cohorts of students are enrolled in the district and their free or reduced-price lunch eligibility. The discussion continued about the demographic breakdowns in current ISAT and MAP reports and a request that these reports include a longer history of student achievement data, comparing our scores to the normative data from the norming sample. There was also a request for more demonstrations by students during Board reports over the course of the school year.

4. ADVANCED LEARNING PROGRAM

Assistant Superintendent Heinz presented an overview of the work of the Advanced Learning Program (ALP) Implementation Team along with an update on the 2012-2013 implementation of the new program. The Implementation Team recommended a combination of intellectual tests and academic tests including both individual and group assessments. She provided the specifics of the replacement curriculum provided to students in grades 4-8, as well as the enrichment/flexible delivery model used in grades K-3. Dr. Heinz noted that students who are performing significantly above grade level peers will be served through an individual learning plan developed by the ALP teachers, along with classroom teachers.

There was additional information on the success of new program provided by the ALP teachers at the meeting during extended discussion of the program. Dr. Heinz explained the multiple data points matrix used for student identification and selection, and there was discussion about using

quantitative measures exclusively for identification. Dr. Heinz noted that ALP Problem Solving Teams will discuss those students whose scores may not qualify him/her for participation in ALP, but who may demonstrate other qualitative factors which could be considered. President McGeough thanked Dr. Heinz and the teachers for their report.

5. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Weil, to move to closed session at 8:48 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.

6. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

7. TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATION UPDATE

Superintendent McTague provided an update on the 2012-2013 Teacher and Principal Evaluation process. There was discussion about various aspects of the report and the changes planned for the 2013-2014 school year.

8. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Berk reported on the June 27, 2013 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education.

9. PERFORMANCE SCORECARD UPDATE AND DISTRICT MOTTO

Superintendent McTague reviewed the Performance Scorecard and discussed the issues that have come to light in determining individual student growth targets on the MAP assessment. She suggested a new metric highlighting grade-level growth from fall to spring for this area of the scorecard. There was additional discussion regarding other needed updates to reflect the new long-range strategic plan. A sub-committee to include Mark Weil, Una McGeough, Katrina Bell-Jordan, Frances McTague, and Laurie Heinz will convene in late August to begin the revision work.

10. 2013-2014 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented the 2013-14 Tentative Budget. She noted that a budget deficit is projected, with operating expenditures exceeding revenues by approximately \$2.8 million. Revenues are projected to increase 1.8% from last year's budget. Tax revenue,

which provides the majority of our funding, is limited by the tax cap which is 3.0% for taxes to be received this fall. Overall expenditures are anticipated to increase 1.8%, with projected cost increases for salary and capital projects partially offset by turnover, staff reductions, NTDSE cost reductions, and other cost containment measures. President McGeough thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

It was moved by Member Zakeri, seconded by Member Anson, that the Board of Education adopt the 2013-14 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 September 17, 2013, and that a public hearing on the said Tentative Budget be held September 17, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., and further that the Secretary be directed to have inserted in the issue of local newspaper, the Pioneer Press Newspaper, on July 25, 2013 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, 2013, 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, 2013.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on the 17th day of September, 2013, in the Educational Service Center at 9440 North Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in this School District Number 68.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2013.

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, Berk, Fingerman, McGeough, Weil, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

11. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Weil, seconded by Member Anson, to move to closed session at 12:25 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.

12. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 1:44 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Fingerman, seconded by Member Zakeri, to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 a.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