

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –September 17, 2013

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 17th day of September, 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
Todd Fingerman
Una McGeough
Mark Weil

Absent: Richard Berk
Darius Zakeri

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
Laurie Heinz, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O’Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal
Irina Ziemann, Director of Technology

Absent: None

Visitors:	Jessica Andrie	Owen Douglas	Andrea Meighan
	Lila Ardell	Colette Halvorson	Cara Novy-Bennewitz
	Ryan Berry	Michelle Harris	Becky Reid
	Alexandra Burrell	Trey Harris	Melissa Rothman
	Natalie Dandino	Meghan Hickey	Meredith Schock
	Tamara Deppen	Tara Hilliard	Lisa Talbert
	Annie DiMaria	Mary Hinsey	Patricia Vale
		Craig Hobson	

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President McGeough asked Board members to introduce themselves. Principals also introduced their new staff members. She asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. A parent commended the district for their prudent fiscal management which has allowed the significant facility improvements in the schools as well as an impressive array of instructional materials. She also raised a concern about the emphasis on testing in the schools. Principal O'Neil thanked everyone for another successful Fall Fest.

2. 2013-14 BUDGET HEARING

President McGeough opened the public hearing on the 2013-2014 budget. She asked Assistant Superintendent Millard to summarize the changes from the tentative budget adopted by the Board in July. Ms. Millard reported that several revenue lines had been revised to reflect updated information. Expenditure revisions include personnel and material budget updates based on opening enrollment numbers and updated cost projections for the Parent Mentor program. The budget was also updated to include estimated proceeds from the sale of the Sharp Corner School property and associated expenses for the sale. After several questions from the Board, President McGeough invited audience members to make statements regarding the proposed budget. There being no comments, she closed the budget hearing.

3. ADOPTION OF THE 2013-2014 BUDGET

President McGeough ^(a) called for adoption of the budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year 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 17th day of September, 2013, 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, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014.

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

^(a) Approved as corrected 10/22/13

the sum of \$24,821,828 from the Educational Fund, and

the sum of \$2,350,015 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund,
and

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

the sum of \$1,459,906 from the Transportation Fund, and

the sum of \$1,064,944 from the Municipal Retirement Fund which
amount includes \$544,344 for Social Security/Medicare,

the sum of \$2,733,400 from the Capital Projects Fund, and

the sum of \$207,000 from the Tort Immunity Fund

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

It was moved by Member Weil, seconded by Member Anson, to adopt the 2013-2014 Budget Resolution.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Anson, 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 13, 2013
Special Board of Education Meeting – September 10, 2013
- b. Personnel: Certified Appointment: J. Hopf; Family Medical Leave: L. Murphy, G. Uhle;
Classified Resignation: M. Betz, A. Heideman, J. Hopf, M. Russell, M. Youkhana;
Classified Resignation Agreement: R. Ruth; Classified Appointments: J. Barjaktarevic,
V. Bynum, F. Gould, J. Hancock, L. Spangler, A. Viverito; Compensation Report for
Administrators and Teachers Pursuant to Public Act 97-256
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Bill Summary

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

5. N.T.D.S.E. OVERVIEW

Niles Township District For Special Education Executive Director Kendrick provided a history of the special education cooperative and the Julia Molloy Education Center. She explained the funding of the cooperative and detailed the various programs provided by NTDSE. President McGeough thanked Dr. Kendrick for her report.

6. K-8 OPENING ENROLLMENT 2013-14

Director of Business Services Berry reviewed the opening enrollment statistics for the 2013-2014 school year. He noted that elementary enrollment increased 1.7% while middle school enrollment increased 3.4% for an overall increase of 2.3%. Several new reports were included this year which provided information about the demographics of district students. There was discussion about recent trends and mobility rate of the student population. Superintendent McTague noted that future Board reports on achievement data will include similar statistics. President McGeough thanked Mr. Berry for his report.

7. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

No report.

8. PERFORMANCE SCORECARD UPDATE

Superintendent McTague summarized the discussions of the Board subcommittee relative to setting performance targets for achievement for the current school year. There was extended discussion about the upcoming PARCC test in 2014-2015 and the raised cut scores on the 2012-2013 ISAT, leading the subcommittee to consider eliminating performance targets for the ISAT in 2014. Additional changes on the Scorecard may include different metrics depicting student growth on the MAP assessments. More discussion regarding the work of the subcommittee will continue in October.

9. POLICY 1330 – FACILITY RENTAL

Superintendent McTague explained that she was bringing Policy 1330 – Facility Rental to the Board for review as a result of a request by one of the PTA groups to allow For-Profit Entities access to the building for after-school programming. She noted that past practice has been to limit after-school programs to those operated by the District or the Park District. Companies who wish to provide programs such as Tae Kwon Do are directed to contract with the Park District who assumes responsibility for oversight of the program and staff including criminal background checks. It was agreed not to change the current Policy or practice.

10. REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT CONTRACT

It was moved by Member Fingerman, seconded by Member Anson, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Sperry Van Ness, LLC to provide consulting services related to the marketing and sale of Sharp Corner School.

Assistant Superintendent Millard reviewed the requirements for sale of school property under the school code. Representatives from Sperry Van Ness provided an overview of the planned marketing and sale process for the Sharp Corner property which includes a sealed bid followed by a live auction to which the prospective buyers with the highest sealed bid would be invited.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

11. It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Weil, that the Board of Education adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of Sharp Corner School property as listed in Exhibit A.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried

12. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Bell-Jordan, seconded by Member Fingerman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Una McGeough, President