

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 18, 2012

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18th day of December, 2012, 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, David Beller, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
Katrina Bell-Jordan
David Beller
Richard Berk
Una McGeough
Hank Schneider
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
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 (entered at 7:50 p.m.)
Irina Ziemann, Director of Information Technology

Absent: None

Visitors:	Ibra Arkis	Lisa Goyco	Katy Short
	Ryan Berry	Mary Grant	Kara Tapscott
	Maggie Bohlin	Sarah Larsen	Phyllis Tsevis
	Natalie Dandino	Lori Linforth	Mark Weil
	Vicky Gavas	Lisa Omori	

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
 - Regular Board of Education Meeting – November 20, 2012
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting – November 20, 2012
- b. Personnel: Classified Appointment: A. Nelson, C. Nelson
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. K-8 READING LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Heinz summarized the work of the Reading Learning Team which met throughout the fall. The process resulted in a series of recommendations for use by the Reading Implementation Team including general recommendations for program structure, professional development, and classroom materials. President Beller thanked Dr. Heinz for her report.

4. LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Superintendent McTague opened a discussion about fine-tuning the draft of the Strategic Plan. It was agreed that a subcommittee be formed for this process including suggesting a new motto. Member McGeough and Member Bell-Jordan volunteered to work with Dr. McTague. The Board will consider their recommendations at a future meeting.

5. SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS SURVEY RESULTS

Superintendent McTague presented a summary of the survey data including a comparison with the results from the 2010 survey. President Beller thanked Dr. McTague for her report.

6. 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Superintendent McTague reported that the high school has adopted their calendar for 2013-14 which starts the week of August 19, 2013. She presented a calendar option reflecting past practice, but also presented an option which moves two Teacher Institute Days to school holidays and adds a day off for the Muslim holiday Eid-Ul-Adha. This results in less choppiness and ends school one day earlier. She also showed a sample calendar based on moving the opening of school one week earlier which the high school will do in 2014-15. There was discussion about the importance of aligning future calendars with the high school and the implications for both options. There was support for option #2 with a change in the Teacher Institute Day from February 17 (President's Day) to March 3 (Pulaski Day). Dr. McTague will discuss the proposed calendar with the Education Association and prepare a calendar for approval at the January 15 Board of Education Meeting.

7. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT #807 FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Member Berk reported on the December 13, 2012 meeting of the Niles Township District #807 for Special Education. Their Strategic Plan will be included in next month's packet. President Beller thanked Dr. Berk for his report.

8. 2012 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member McGeough, to adopt the 2012 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	\$18,110,000	for educational purposes, and
the sum of	2,570,000	for operations and maintenance purposes, and
the sum of	840,000	for transportation purposes, and
the sum of	100,000	for working cash purposes, and
the sum of	510,000	for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes, and
the sum of	620,000	for social security and Medicare purposes, and
the sum of	0	for fire prevention, safety, environmental, and energy conservation purposes, and
the sum of	340,000	for tort immunity purposes, and
the sum of	910,000	for special education purposes

on the equalized assessed valuation of all the taxable property in School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, for the year 2012.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

9. SCHOOL BUSES

It was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Zakeri, to approve a lease agreement with Central States Bus Sales Inc. for five years for two 2014 Blue Bird 71 passenger buses for the lease price of \$10,295 per bus per year, two 2013 Micro Bird 29 passenger buses for the lease price of \$6,997 per bus per year, and one 2014 Blue Bird 42 passenger bus for the lease price of \$9,911.07 per year.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

10. APPOINTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Schneider, to authorize the administration to enter into a contract with Nicholas & Associates for construction management services for the 2013 summer renovation project at Devonshire, Jane Stenson, and Old Orchard Junior High School at total estimated cost for services of \$134,700.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

11. MOVE THE MEETING TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Anson, to move the meeting into closed session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss the lease of school property, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

12. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:23 p.m.

13. SHARP CORNER LEASE

Based on discussion from the closed meeting, the Board determined that it was not ready to approve the proposed lease terms with MCC for lease of Sharp Corner School beginning July 1, 2013. Board concerns included both timing and financial considerations. It was agreed that the administration will explore additional options for the building.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed a Communication item.

15. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Berk, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President