

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –January 15, 2013

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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, David Beller, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson  
Katrina Bell-Jordan  
David Beller  
Una McGeough  
Darius Zakeri

Absent: Richard Berk  
Hank Schneider

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 Information Technology

Absent: None

Visitors: Ryan Berry  
Alexandra Burrell  
Natalie Dandino  
Randi Gideon  
Mary Helmstetter  
Jeff Kaplan  
Meghan Kearns  
Denise Madans  
Ingrid Nevinger  
Melissa Roter  
Mark Weil

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 Zakeri, seconded by Member McGeough, 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: K. Gassensmith, A. McGrath; Classified Appointments:  
M. Niezgoda
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. PERFORMANCE SCORECARD UPDATE

Superintendent McTague reviewed the proposed performance targets for 2012-13 based on the work of a Board sub-committee. She noted that no change was recommended for ISAT performance targets since ISBE is revising the scoring procedure. There was discussion about adjusting the performance measures for outcome goal “Ensure that students and staff have a positive sense of belonging in their school,” to be more broad based. Discussion will continue in the future.

4. SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION

Superintendent McTague recommended moving up the timeline for her evaluation so that the current Board members bear the majority of responsibility for the evaluation. The Board concurred, and President Beller reviewed the process which will begin in late February.

5. PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Assistant Superintendent Millard and Director of Special Services McBride gave an overview of the preschool program, including coordination with the special education preschool program to allow for a blended special education preschool. A two-day preschool option will be added for next year based on available staff.

6. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT FOR CHILD CARE SERVICE

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member McGeough, that the Board of Education approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Skokie Park District to allow them to operate a before and after school child care program in district facilities for District 68 students.

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented the rationale for the recommendation to have the Skokie Park District operate the before and after school child care program in District 68 which will be available for a much lower cost to district families.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

7. 2013-14 PRESCHOOL FEES

It was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Zakeri, to increase the rate for the Preschool program from \$565 to \$580 per day of attendance.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

8. 2013-14 STUDENT FEES

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Bell-Jordan, to approve student fees for 2013-14 as follows, eliminate the lunch credit for early payment, and implement a late fee of \$10 per month for payments past the due date:

	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>
Books and materials	\$120	\$125
Jr. High Yearbook – optional	\$ 16	\$ 16
Bus Service – optional	\$240	\$240

Bus service is free for students who reside over 1½ miles from school or live in a designated hazard zone. Reduced bus fees for students who qualify for free or reduced fees will remain at the 2012-13 level of \$25 and \$120.

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

9. 2013-14 SCHOOL CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Zakeri, seconded by Member Anson, to adopt the 2013-14 School Calendar as follows:

**2013-14 School Calendar**

August		January	
13-15	New Teacher Report	1-3	Winter Recess
19-20	Teachers' Institute Days	20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
21	First Day of School for Pupils	February	
September		17	Presidents' Day – No School
2	Labor Day – No School	March	
5	Rosh Hashanah – No School	3	Casimir Pulaski Day – No School
October		18	Teachers' Institute Day
14	Columbus Day – No School	21	No School
15	Eid ul Adha – No School	24-28	Spring Recess
November		April	
11	Teachers' Institute Day	18	Good Friday – No School
27	No School	May	
28-29	Thanksgiving Recess – No School	26	Memorial Day – No School
December		30	Records Day
23-31	Winter Recess	June	
		3	Last day of school
		6	Last day of school – allowing for make-up of emergency days

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

10. 2014-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Superintendent McTague presented a draft of the 2014-15 school calendar. There was discussion about the possibility of waiving a number of legal school holidays to end on May 29 and a recommendation to move Records Day to the last day in this and future years' calendars.

11. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member McGeough, and seconded by Member Anson, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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David Beller, President