

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –June 18, 2013

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18th day of June, 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 Vice-President of the Board, Amy Anson, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
Katrina Bell-Jordan
Richard Berk
Todd Fingerman
Mark Weil
Darius Zakeri

Absent: Una McGeough

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

Absent: Irina Ziemann, Director of Technology

Visitors: Ryan Berry
Natalie Dandino

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-President Anson asked Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. There were no comments.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Zakeri, seconded by Member Berk, 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 Resignation: J. Evans; Certified Appointment: M. Schock, C. Wilson, S. Nitka; Classified Appointment: V. Chappell; Classified Resignation: K. Gerage, T. Huettemann
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Pay Orders
- e. Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage renewal for 2013-14 with Accident Fund National Insurance for the estimated premium of \$96,175
- f. Prevailing Wage Resolution (see attachment A)
- g. Resolution to Transfer Monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund (see Attachment B)

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. 2013 SPRING MAP REPORT

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Heinz presented a summary of the spring MAP assessments. She provided some historical background information on this assessment program and described how the data is used to guide instruction. There was extensive discussion about analysis of the data and a more valid process of measuring student growth. There was also discussion about addressing the needs of the underperforming students in racial subgroups. Vice-President Anson thanked Dr. Heinz for her report.

4. END-OF-YEAR PROGRESS ON ANNUAL PRIORITIES: 2012-13

Superintendent McTague reported on the end-of-year progress of annual district priorities. She noted that the report represents the end of the implementation of the 2006 Strategic Plan. There was discussion about various aspects of the report including support for the possible expansion of the Parent Mentor Program to all three elementary schools in 2013-2014. Vice-President Anson thanked Dr. McTague for her report.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Berk reported on the May 23, 2013 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education.

6. K-8 READING/LANGUAGE ARTS IMPLEMENTATION TEAM UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Heinz reported on the work of the Implementation Team. She highlighted several components of the new reading/language arts program and provided background on the decision-making and curricula planning process.

7. ADOPTION OF 2013-2014 CONTRACTS AND SALARIES

It was moved by Member Bell-Jordan, seconded by Member Zakeri, that the Board of Education approve the 2013-14 contracts and salaries as listed in Attachment C.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

8. REVISION OF POLICIES: 6172 – SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM; 6180 – PRE-KINDERGARTEN/CHILD CARE PROGRAM

It was moved by Member Berk, seconded by Member Weil, to revise policies 6172 – Summer School Program and 6180 – Pre-Kindergarten/Child Care Program as follows:

Summer School Program

6172

~~A summer school program of activities shall be conducted to provide unique educational experiences not regularly available during the school year. Special programs of greater depth, breadth or intensity shall be offered. A charge will be made to cover substantially all operational expenses related to the summer school program calculated annually.~~

~~For residents who would otherwise be excluded from summer school because of financial hardship, the Superintendent may waive all or a portion of summer school tuition fees for enrollment in basic remedial courses by those students who need special help to achieve basic skill development.~~

A summer school program shall be offered to provide continuing reading and math intervention to students identified for additional support based on teacher recommendation and specific performance benchmarks established by the administration. No tuition will be charged, however, a nominal registration fee will apply. Refund of the registration fee in the form of a gift certificate shall be provided to students who successfully complete the program. Transportation shall be available at a fee to be established each year.

Policy adopted by the Board of Education on 2/27/62

Revised 6/15/04 6/18/13

District 68 offers a **community-based** Pre-School program for children age 3 by September 1 and a ~~Pre-Kindergarten program for children age 4 by September 1~~ on a self-sustaining fee basis. **The program will be coordinated with the special education pre-school program to provide an integrated program.**

The District shall **work with the Skokie Park District to offer before and after-school child care for children age 3 through grade 5 enrolled in District 68 programs on a space-available basis. The program shall be solely operated by the Park District.** ~~to children enrolled in District 68, and to children of employees on a space-available basis before and after school custodial child care service for children age 3 through grade 5. Fees for grade K-5 child care shall also include the cost of inter-school transportation to and from the child care site.~~

Policy adopted by the Board of Education on 4/20/82
Revised ~~5/24/04~~ **6/18/13**

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

9. 2013-14 FOOD SERVICE LUNCH & BREAKFAST PRICES

Accounting Supervisor Berry provided information on the food service program and the recommendation to keep lunch prices stable. It was moved by Member Fingerman, seconded by Member Zakeri, to renew the food service contract with Arbor Management, Inc. for the 2013-14 school year and to maintain the price of breakfast at \$1.50 and of lunch at \$2.60.

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

10. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed the Communication item.

11. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Zakeri, seconded by Member Fingerman, to move to closed session at 10:10 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, Weil, Zakeri
NAY: None.
Motion carried.

13. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 10:55 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Bell-Jordan, seconded by Member Berk, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Amy Anson, Acting President