

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –March 19, 2013

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 19th day of March, 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
Hank Schneider

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:	Nicole Alvear	Tara Hilliard
	Andrew Augustine	Sarah Newcorn
	Ryan Berry	Gerry Sloan
	Natalie Dandino	Amy Uyeda
	Derek Fugate	Allie Yoder
	Nikki Guerrero	

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 McGeough, that the Board of Education approve the items on the Consent Agenda, which contained the following:

- a. Minutes
 - Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 19, 2013
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting – February 19, 2013
- b(i). Personnel: FMLA: L. Goyco; Resignation: T. Turner-Ojeda; Appointment: M. Douvris, A. Heideman, J. Pfaff
- b(ii). Certificated Employee Contracts and Honorable Dismissal of Certified Employees for 2013-14 (see Exhibit A)
- b(iii). Honorable Dismissal of Classified Employees (see Exhibit B)
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. DISTRICT 68 K-5 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AUDIT

N.T.D.S.E. Executive Director Tarin Kendrick and N.T.D.S.E. Program Coordinator and Psychologist Candice Hartranft presented the results of the audit of the District 68 K-5 special education program along with Director of Special Services McBride. They outlined the components of the audit and summarized district findings including strengths and growth opportunities. Ms. McBride presented an overview of the action plan to improve delivery of special education services in the district.

There was discussion about least restrictive environment (LRE) and how it is implemented in District 68. President Beller thanked the presenters.

4. OVERVIEW OF COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

Assistant Superintendent Heinz presented an overview of the Common Core State Standards in English, Language Arts, and Mathematics. She explained that the intent of the new standards is that there should be fewer standards that are clearer and higher. She spoke about the impact of implementing common core standards on our curriculum and instructional practices in Reading, Language Arts, and Math. She also reviewed the PARCC assessment that will be replacing ISAT. President Beller thanked Dr. Heinz for her report.

5. DISTRICT 68 LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN

Superintendent McTague presented the next draft of the strategic plan. There was discussion about the Wordle and the proposed logo which will be revisited next month. There was consensus on the remainder of the document.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT #807 FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

No report.

7. 2013 SUMMER RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION WORK AT DEVONSHIRE SCHOOL, JANE STENSON SCHOOL, AND OLD ORCHARD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member McGeough, to authorize contracts as listed in the Board agenda for the project Base Bid plus Alternates #1, #3, and #5.

Bid Package	Bidder	Contract Amount	Contingency Allowance
Demolition	Robinette Demolition	\$204,000	\$10,000
General Trades	RB Construction	\$781,000	\$40,000
Masonry	Midwest Masonry	\$288,100	\$10,000
Flooring	Johnson Floor Co.	\$174,655	\$10,000
Painting	May Decorating	\$67,200	\$5,000
Casework/Lockers	Stevens Industries	\$289,605	\$10,000
Plumbing	Ernie Peterson Plumbing	\$284,740	\$15,000
HVAC	F.E. Moran	\$503,500	\$20,000
Electrical	Prospect Electric Co.	\$135,600	\$20,000
Total		\$2,728,400	\$140,000

Assistant Superintendent Millard summarized the facility improvement work planned for summer 2013 which includes door and door hardware replacement, toilet room renovation, classroom casework, lockers, flooring, HVAC work, and an addition to the Jane Stenson kitchen and multipurpose room.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed several communication items.

9. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member McGeough, to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 9:40 p.m., to discuss the lease of school property, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6); personnel, matters of personnel, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057; and review of closed minutes as mandated by Section 2.06, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

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

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President