

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –October 16, 2012

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 16th day of October, 2012, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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
Darius Zakeri

Absent: Richard Berk

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal
Robyn Hawley, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal
Laurie Heinz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services
Andy Carpenter, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal
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: Ryan Berry Katie McNelley
Natalie Dandino Marilyn Soglin
Laura Doherty Mitchell Steinberg
Michelle Harris Marcie Weinstein
Katie King

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President Beller asked Board members to introduce themselves. He asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. A parent read a letter she had sent to Dr. McTague supporting the recommended changes to the Accelerated Learning Program and commenting on the need to avoid using labels such as gifted to describe students.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
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- b. Personnel: Certificated Appointment: R. Gitlin; Classified Resignation/Retirement: S. Neyrinck; Classified Appointment: R. Gitlin, P. McDermott
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Bill Summary
- e. 2012-13 Recognition of Schools Application

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. 2012 ISAT REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Heinz reviewed the results of the spring, 2012 administration of the Illinois Standard Achievement Test (ISAT), highlighting longitudinal data in reading and mathematics. There was discussion about the implementation dip in math resulting from implementation of the new K-5 math program. Dr. Heinz talked about the increasing use of data to help teachers make instructional decisions directed at improving student achievement. There was discussion about various ways to disaggregate the data and the changes in ISAT to align to the Common Core Standards. President Beller thanked Dr. Heinz for her report.

4. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

No Report

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING REVIEW

The Board discussed the Strategic Planning session and the need for creation of a powerful motto. A possible suggestion to be made at the next meeting: *“A village of learners, a world of results.”*

6. DISTRICT 219 PROPOSED CALENDAR CHANGE

Superintendent McTague presented the results of the District 219 survey regarding moving the opening of the school year earlier in August beginning with the 2014-15 school year. There was a spirited discussion about the rationale and process. A Board member raised a concern about the low response rate on the township survey and there was discussion about the issues that would be created for parents in District 68.

7. SUMMER SCHOOL

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented a proposal to pilot a revised summer school program in 2013 which would consist of two 90 minute classes each day for three weeks in June. She noted that the focus of the program would be to reinforce reading and math skills for students in need of additional support as part of the District 68 intervention program and to provide opportunities for ELL students to continue developing skills in English. A greatly reduced cost structure is proposed to encourage students to attend. Superintendent McTague noted that District 219 has no plans at this time to expand their summer school offerings for elementary age students, however, we are working with a couple of township districts on the possibility of a coordinated program.

8. REVIEW OF POLICY 4141: SUMMER SCHOOL SALARIES

The Board reviewed the proposed change in summer school salaries to align to the proposed new format.

9. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

The Board reviewed one Communication item.

10. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Zakeri, to adjourn to closed session at 9:33 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President