

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

Rescheduled Board of Education Meeting –September 11, 2012

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 11th day of September, 2012, in rescheduled 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 Vice President of the Board, Una McGeough, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
Katrina Bell-Jordan
Una McGeough
Hank Schneider
Darius Zakeri

Absent: David Beller
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
Natalie Dandino
Michelle Harris
Lisa Omori
Michael Whitney

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President McGeough asked Board members to introduce themselves. She asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. A parent made a statement about the use of test scores in the student goal-setting process.

2. 2012-13 BUDGET HEARING

Vice President McGeough opened the public hearing on the 2012-2013 budget. She asked Assistant Superintendent Millard to summarize the changes from the tentative budget adopted by the Board in July. Ms. Millard reported that several revenue lines had been revised to reflect

updated information available from the state. Expenditure revisions included staffing and material budget updates based on opening enrollment numbers, a reduction in estimated special education tuition, and an increase in the capital projects fund based on planned work at Sharp Corner. After several questions from the Board, Vice President McGeough invited audience members to make statements regarding the proposed budget. There being no comments, she closed the budget hearing.

3. ADOPTION OF THE 2012-2013 BUDGET

Vice President McGeough called for adoption of the budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and called on the Secretary to present the budget resolution as follows:

BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Public School District N^o. 68, County of Cook, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon:

AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 11th day of September, 2012, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of said District as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013.

Section 2: That the budget in its final proposed form be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this School District for the said fiscal year, thereby appropriating

the sum of \$25,047,292 from the Educational Fund, and

the sum of \$2,484,781 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and

the sum of \$2,233,000 from the Bond and Interest Fund, and

the sum of \$1,315,482 from the Transportation Fund, and

the sum of \$1,042,700 from the Municipal Retirement Fund which amount includes \$538,200 for Social Security/Medicare,

the sum of \$1,860,000 from the Capital Projects Fund, and

the sum of \$187,000 from the Tort Immunity Fund

and that a copy of said Budget Resolution be filed with the official records of this meeting.

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Zakeri, to adopt the 2012-2013 Budget Resolution.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Schneider, 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 Appointment: E. Christy; Family Medical Leave: M. Aguirre; Family Medical Leave and Extended Personal Absence Leave: R. Lynch; Classified Resignation: A. Daniels, R. Goldfarb, R. Hoseman; Classified Appointments: M. Betz, E. Christy, T. Crowley, J. Hopf, T. Huettemann, R. Isola, J. Kochy, T. Norris, F. Rodarte, N. Said, M. Schroeder
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Bill Summary

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

5. K-8 OPENING ENROLLMENT 2012-13

Assistant Superintendent Millard reviewed the opening enrollment statistics for the 2012-2013 school year. She reported that elementary enrollment increased 4.3% while middle school enrollment decreased 9.1% for an overall decrease of 0.6%. There was discussion about recent trends and projected district enrollment. Vice President McGeough thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

6. 2012 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Millard reviewed the 2012 Summer School program. She noted that recent trends continued, with decreases in the number of students enrolled and the total number of class hours. Enrollment in enrichment classes has gone from approximately 75% of total enrollment 10 years ago to 38% in 2012. She noted that approximately 50% of the total cost of the program comes from district support of basic skills and ELL classes, a number that has increased in recent years. There was discussion about the importance of supporting students through the basic skills and ELL programs and brainstorming of ideas about the structure and timing of the summer school program. Administration will investigate various options and present a proposal for the 2013 program in November. Vice-President McGeough thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

7. TAX BILL AND EAV INFORMATION

Assistant Superintendent Millard reviewed information on a typical homeowner property tax bill for 2011. She also reviewed assessed valuation and tax rate data for the district. She noted that the total district EAV (equalized assessed valuation) decreased 11.6% for 2011, which was the second straight decrease. She explained that the district tax revenues are calculated as a dollar amount limited by the tax cap. The total amount is allocated to taxpayers based on their individual EAVs. The share of this total paid by homeowners has increased in recent years as commercial property values have fallen more than residential property. Vice-President McGeough thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

8. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

No Report.

9. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Superintendent McTague reviewed the dates for Strategic Planning which are October 9, October 23, November 6, and November 27, 2012. There was discussion about whether the Board should be on the steering committee or select representatives to the committee as has been past practice. It was agreed that it would be useful for all Board Members to participate in the process, especially because of the importance of this Strategic Plan.

Assistant Superintendent Heinz asked for Board representatives to the Reading/Language Arts Learning Team. Members Schneider and Zakeri volunteered to serve.

10. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Zakeri, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Una McGeough, Vice President