

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

Special Board of Education Meeting – September 8, 2012

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 8th day of September, 2012, in special session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.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
Richard Berk
Una McGeough
Hank Schneider
Darius Zakeri

Absent: David Beller

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Laurie Heinz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Visitors: Barbara Toney, IASB Field Services Director

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board Vice President dispensed with formal introductions since the only visitor present was the IASB representative.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Schneider, to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 8:12 a.m. for Board Self Evaluation, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

The meeting reconvened 10:05

2. DISTRICT PLANNING

The Board and Administration discussed the various aspects of the district in preparation for the strategic planning process which begins this fall. Ms. Toney noted that all future Board work and discussion should relate to either policy or strategic plan areas.

There was a review of the 2006 Strategic Plan and discussion about various components. It was agreed that the vision statement should be short and easy to remember. It was also agreed that core belief statements should be fewer and center around what we believe about students and learning, about teachers and teaching, and the relationship and responsibilities of schools and community to one another. There was an extended discussion about what is great in the district, what is good, and what needs immediate attention.

Superintendent McTague stressed the importance of this strategic planning process since it will give direction to the district during a time when significant changes are anticipated. There was initial discussion about the structure of the process and whether to select several Board representatives to the steering committee or have all Board members participate.

4. It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Berk, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Una McGeough, Vice President