

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –July 19, 2011

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 19th day of July, 2011, 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 president of the Board, David Beller, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
Katrina Bell-Jordan
David Beller
Richard Berk
Una McGeough
Hank Schneider
Darius Zakeri

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Laurie Heinz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Irina Ziemann, Director of Information Technology

Absent: Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal
Robyn Hawley, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal
Rob McElligott, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal

Visitors: Lila Ardell
Natalie Dandino
Julie Clark
Tamara Deppen
Jennifer Greene
Eileen Haffner
Meghan Kearns
Kitty Llerandi
Lisa Lipin
Melissa Rothman
Marilyn Soglin
Matt Tomenillie
Trish Vale
Roseanne Ward

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President Schneider 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 Berk, seconded by Member McGeough, 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: R. Schreier; Classified Appointment: A. Alfaro;
Classified Resignation: M. Trevino
- c. Financial Reports
- d. June expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 6/30/11 in the amount of \$734,016.74; (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$6,046.20; (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$2,902,535.18; for a total of \$3,642,601.12 checks issued for June
- e. Authorization of expenses for board members attending IASB Conference in Chicago November 18-20,2011, and the NSBA Conference to be held in Boston, MA, April 21-23,2012; and authorization for board delegate to vote on resolutions that come before the IASB Delegate Assembly at the IASB's Fall Conference

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. 2010-2011 PERFORMANCE SCORECARD REVIEW

Deferred to August.

4. 2011-2012 DISTRICT PRIORITIES

Superintendent McTague reviewed the draft of district priorities for 2011-2012. There was discussion about how the priorities interact with the performance scorecard.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Berk reported on the June 29, 2011, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. He noted that LICA is disbanding at the end of this year. President Beller thanked Member Berk for his report.

6. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER STUDY PROPOSAL

Superintendent McTague reviewed the recommendations evaluating the impact of the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Old Orchard Junior High. There was discussion about the data points listed in the report and other possible data points. It was agreed that the Administration will report their findings at the December meeting.

7. 2011-2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented the 2011-12 Tentative Budget. She noted that a budget deficit is projected, with operating expenditures exceeding revenues by approximately \$2.4 million. Revenues are projected to remain at the same level as last year's budget. The loss of revenue resulting from the end of funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is offset by a projected increase in tax revenue with the tax cap at 2.7% for taxes to be received this fall. Overall expenditures are anticipated to increase 5.6%, with projected cost increases for staffing, salary and other increases including the implementation of the new ELL/Bilingual program partially offset by turnover and cost containment measures. President Beller thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Anson, that the Board of Education adopt the 2011-12 Tentative Budget, as prepared by the Superintendent and submitted at this meeting, and that a copy be made available for public inspection for a period of not less than thirty (30) days expiring on or before September 20, 2011, and that a public hearing on the said Tentative Budget be held September 20, 2011, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., and further that the Secretary be directed to have inserted in the issue of local newspaper, the Pioneer Press Newspaper, on July 28, 2011, the following notice of said availability for inspection and public hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON TENTATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of School District Number 68 in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection in the Educational Service Center at 9440 North Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in this School District from and after 8:00 a.m. on the 1st day of August, 2011.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on the 20th day of September, 2011, in the Educational Service Center at 9440 North Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in this School District Number 68.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2011.

Board of Education of School District Number 68
in the County of Cook of the State of Illinois

/s/ Beth L. Millard

Secretary

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Anson, to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to collective negotiating matters between the district and its employees or their representatives per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President