

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –March 20, 2012

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, 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  
Richard Berk  
Una McGeough  
Hank Schneider  
Darius Zakeri

Absent: None

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 Instruction  
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services  
Rob McElligott, 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 Information Technology

Absent: None

Visitors: Ryan Berry  
Andy Carpenter  
Natalie Dandino  
Owen Douglas  
Bryan Kelly  
Marilyn Soglin

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President Beller asked Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. There were no comments.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Anson, 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(i). Personnel: Certified Resignation: E. Brand, N. Tarantello; Personal Absence Leave: K. Hanson, T. Turner-Ojeda; Classified Resignation: K. Hancock
- b(ii). Certificated Employee Contracts and Honorable Dismissal of Certified Employees for 2012-13 (see Exhibit A)
- b(iii). Honorable Dismissal of Classified Employees (see Exhibit B)
- c. Financial Reports
- d. February expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks in February in the amount of \$992,142.05 and (b) February payroll checks in the amount of \$1,733,660.77; for a total of \$2,725,802.82 checks issued for February
- e. Resolution to include compensation paid under an IRS Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF earnings effective 7/1/2011

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. STAFFING ALLOCATIONS FOR 2012-13

Superintendent McTague reviewed the recommendation to add a social worker position to Old Orchard Junior High School, the possibility of additional speech staffing, and the flexibility to increase the Director of Technology position to full-time on a periodic, as-needed basis. There was discussion about coordination with community resources to provide risk assessment services. There was also discussion regarding using district funds to provide services considered to be outside the scope of the educational program and whether school social worker preparation provides the appropriate training to do these risk assessments.

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Schneider, to increase staffing for 2012-13, pending final determination of student needs, as follows:

- Adding one full-time social worker at Old Orchard Junior High
- Increasing the part-time Speech-Language Pathologist at Highland School to full-time
- Increasing the part-time Director of Technology to full-time on a periodic and flexible basis

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

4. CLASSIFIED NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT

Assistant Superintendent for Business Beth Millard noted that the 2012-17 Classified Negotiations Agreement which was previously discussed with the Board, was approved at the February 28, 2012 meeting of the ABC Council. The Board supported allowing classified employees to take advantage of the retirement benefits in the current contract by providing notice of retirement by June 30, 2012 and retiring no later than June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Member Berk, seconded by Member Anson, to adopt the Professional Negotiations Agreement between Skokie School District 68 and District 68 Classified Organization Representing Employees as outlined in Exhibit B.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

No report

6. TEACHER LAPTOP COMPUTER PURCHASE

Director of Technology Ziemann presented the recommendation for purchase of laptop computers for teachers. She noted that these computers will replace the current teacher desktop computers which are due for replacement this summer.

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member McGeough, to award a contract to HBS/Victorin in the amount of \$179,970 for the purchase of 205 laptop computers, 165 docking stations, and 3 years of on-site service.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

7. FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent for Business Millard updated the Board on changes that have been made to the food service program this year and the process for bidding the food service contract for 2012-13. There was discussion about the new guidelines from the federal government and support for participation in the Healthier U.S. Schools Challenge.

8. SCHOOL BUS LEASE

It was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Anson, to approve a five year lease with Central States Bus Sales, Inc., for a 2013 Blue Bird Vision 71-passenger bus for the lease price of \$10,645.72 per year.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

9. AUDITOR SELECTION PROCESS

Assistant Superintendent for Business Millard presented an update on the auditor selection process currently underway. Member Berk volunteered to sit in on the interview process on Friday.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AS BOARD'S AGENT IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT PROGRAM

It was moved by Member Berk, seconded by Member Anson, to authorize the superintendent or the administrative designee to apply for and participate in the School Maintenance Grant Program for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed a communication item.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Berk, to adjourn to closed session at 8:45 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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David Beller, President