

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –November 15, 2011

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 15th day of November, 2011, 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
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 Curriculum
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
Alexandra Burrell
Natalie Dandino
Nancie Deneve
Jacquie Foley
Colette Halverson

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President Beller asked Board members, administrators and guests to introduce themselves. He asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. There were none.

2. WORKING CASH BOND SALE HEARING

President Beller announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$8,300,000 in Working Cash Fund Bonds (the "*Bonds*") for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and asked Assistant Superintendent for Business Millard to explain the reason for the proposed issuance of the Bonds. She stated that the bond sale is being proposed to provide reserves in the working cash fund to be used to cover operating deficits in the Education fund.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Additional comments were made by the following: (None)

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*. (None)

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following: (None)

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Member Schneider moved and Member Berk seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, it was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Anson, that the Board of Education approve the issuance of the Bonds.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
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- b. Personnel: Family Medical Leave: A. Yoder; Classified Resignation/Retirement:
A. Chiu, M. Puleikis
- c. Financial Reports

- d. October expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks for the month of October in the amount of \$496,582.55, (b) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,396,182.52; for a total of \$1,892,765.07 checks issued for October

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

4. 2011 FALL MAP AND AIMSweb REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Heinz presented a summary of the results of the fall administration of the AIMSweb Universal Screening Assessment and the MAP test. She noted that both of these instruments are informative rather than summative and are used by teachers to make decisions regarding instruction, and to monitor progress. She explained that a new state assessment is anticipated for 2014 which will be tied to the new national common core standards. She also described how the MAP data is used by students and teachers in the goal setting process. President Beller thanked Mrs. Heinz for her report.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Berk reported on the October 26, 2011, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. President Beller thanked Member Berk for his report.

6. PERSONNEL

Superintendent McTague updated the Board of Education on the need for an additional half day special education class at the Early Childhood Center and the plan to fill the previously authorized technology position which will include a teaching component for *Project Lead the Way*.

7. PROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT

It was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Schneider, to approve the 2011-2014 District 68 Professional Negotiations Agreement, as approved by the District 68 Education Association and authorize the President to sign the Agreement (Exhibit A).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

8. GIFTED EDUCATION LEARNING TEAM

Assistant Superintendent Heinz rolled out the Gifted Education Learning Team. Superintendent McTague asked interested Board members to notify Mrs. Heinz.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

There was discussion regarding the proposed parent survey on the presence of a School Resource Officer at Old Orchard Junior High and changes to the school calendar for religious observance. The survey will be administered during fall parent-teacher conferences.

10. MOVE THE MEETING TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Berk, to move the meeting into closed session at 9:55 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

11. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:05.

12. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Zakeri, seconded by Member McGeough, to grant an unpaid leave of absence for a classified staff member, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

13. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Berk, seconded by Member Anson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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