

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –September 20, 2011

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 20th day of September, 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
Una McGeough
Hank Schneider

Absent: Richard Berk
Darius Zakeri

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:

Nicole Alvear	Alexandra Burrell	Fran Eres	Carrie Guerard	Mike Isaacs
Lila Ardell	Megan Byrne	Megan Faith	Nikki Guerrero	Jeff Kaplan
Ilbra Arkis	Tony Carlino	Louise Finton	Susan Gustafson	Meghan Kearns
A. Athanasopoulos	Julie Clark	Molly Rose Flanagan	Eileen Hafner	Colleen Kearns
Andrew Augustine	Clifton Dahlgren	Jacquie Foley	Colette Halverson	Bryan Kelly
Gail Bernero	Natalie Dandino	Elaine Frangedakis	Jim Hamilton	Asra Khan
Ryan Berry	Nancie Deneve	Kristy Frick	Erin Haring-Switzer	Sena Kim
Beryl Blumenthal	Tamara Deppen	Derek Fugate	Mary Helmstetter	Katie King
Maggie Bohlin	Christine Dimoulis	Joanne Fuller	Barb Hill	Sylwia Laniewski
Elizabeth Bottonari	Laura Doherty	Katie Gassensmith	Katie Hills	Joel Lathrop
Ed Boundy	Connie Donnelly	Vicky Gavas	Mary Hinsey	Chrisy Lee
Brandi Boze	Owen Douglas	Lisa Goyco	Margot Hughes	Julie Liebman
Becky Brownwell	Katie Eckert	Mary Graul	Linda Hunsicker	Lori Linforth

Visitors continued:

Kitty Llerandi	Norma Moreno	Anthony Pomponi	Gerry Sloan	Trish Vale
Amy Macko	Ingrid Nevinger	Becky Reid	Marilyn Soglin	Alison Vinkler
Denise Madans	Sarah Newcorn	Julissa Reyes	Steve Spiegel	Rosanne Ward
Pete Matalas	Elizabeth Nielsen	Melissa Roter	Cyndi Stevens	Marcie Weinstein
Polly McClellan	Lisa Nimz	Melissa Rothman	Nick Tarantello	Kim Weissenberg
Katie McNelley	Becky Obeler	Renee Rowen	Matt Tomenillie	Judy Wheatley
Ellan Miller	Lisa Omori	Anne Rutherford	Tracy Turner-Ojeda	David Wiviott
Lori Miller	Victoria Ostrovsky	Lisa Sarnoff	Gina Uhle	Nineveh Yacoub
Ellen Mocogni	Renee Phillipose	Joan Silcroft	Amy Uyeda	Allie Yoder

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President Beller asked principals to introduce their new staff members and asked Board members, administrators and guests to introduce themselves. He asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. A parent made a statement regarding the ongoing teacher negotiations.

2. 2011-12 BUDGET HEARING

President Beller opened the public hearing on the 2011-2012 budget. He asked Assistant Superintendent Millard to summarize the changes from the tentative budget adopted by the Board in July. She noted that the changes from July discussions included updated tax information, improved state aid projections, an additional allocation and expenditures for Title I, and staffing and material budget updates based on opening enrollment numbers. After several questions from the Board, he invited audience members to make statements regarding the proposed budget. There being no comments, he closed the budget hearing.

3. ADOPTION OF THE 2011-12 BUDGET

President Beller called for adoption of the budget for the 2011-2012 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 20th day of September, 2011, 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, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.

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 \$24,848,282 from the Educational Fund, and

the sum of \$2,645,944 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and

the sum of \$2,344,000 from the Bond and Interest Fund, and

the sum of \$1,312,323 from the Transportation Fund, and

the sum of \$1,003,050 from the Municipal Retirement Fund which amount includes \$518,500 for Social Security/Medicare,

the sum of \$560,000 from the Capital Projects Fund, and

the sum of \$100,000 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 Anson, seconded by Member McGeough, to adopt the 2011-12 Budget Resolution.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
Board of Education Meeting – August 23, 2011
Closed Board of Education Meeting – August 23, 2011
- b. Personnel: Certified Appointment: K. McNelley ; Family Medical Leave: H. Doane ;
Classified Appointments: A. Dvorsky, R. Goldfarb, J. Holbrook, E. Holland, H. Mithani,
L. Murphy, T. Ronna, O. Wehrle; Classified Resignation: A. Ander
- c. Financial Reports
- d. August expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 8/31/11 in the amount of \$346,775.36 (b) payroll checks in the amount of \$309,605.75; for a total of \$656,381.11 checks issued for August

- e. 2011-12 Recognition of Schools Application
Approve the annual Applications for Recognition of Schools for Devonshire, Highland, Jane Stenson and Old Orchard Junior High Schools.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

5. K-8 OPENING ENROLLMENT 2011-12

Assistant Superintendent Millard reviewed the opening enrollment statistics for the 2011-12 school year. She noted that overall enrollment increased slightly for this year, partially due to the opening of two pre-school special education classes in the district.

6. 2011 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Heinz reviewed the 2011 Summer School program. She noted that the number of students enrolled and the total number of class hours declined, continuing recent trends. Enrollment in enrichment classes has gone from approximately 75% of total enrollment 10 years ago to 40% in 2011, while basic skills and ELL needs have increased. Assistant Superintendent Millard noted that approximately 50% of total program revenue comes from district support of these classes, a number that has increased dramatically 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 2012 program later this winter. President Beller thanked the administrators for their report.

7. 2012 SUMMER SCHOOL FEES AND RELATED TRANSPORTATION

It was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Anson, to

- (a) Maintain tuition for Summer School at \$125.00 per course;
- (b) Continue a \$10 per course discount for tuition paid by April 20, 2012
- (c) Increase the registration fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per student;
- (d) Maintain the Summer School bus fee at \$95 per student.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

8. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

President Beller reported on the August 31, 2011, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807 using the notes prepared by Member Berk who attended the meeting. There was discussion regarding the audit process that NTDSE is using to review the programs in

township districts that request this review. Superintendent McTague noted that District 68 is scheduled for a review this winter.

9. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FUND BALANCE POLICIES AS REQUIRED BY GASB 54

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Schneider, to adopt a resolution establishing fund balance policies as required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 54 as follows:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FUND BALANCE POLICIES
AS REQUIRED BY GASB 54**

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) has adopted Statement 54 (“GASB 54”), a new standard for governmental fund balance reporting and governmental fund type definitions that became effective in governmental fiscal years starting after June 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Skokie School District 68 wishes to comply with GASB 54 as required;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Skokie School District 68 hereby adopts the following policy:

FUND BALANCE POLICIES

Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities reported in a governmental fund. Fund balance measures the net current financial resources available to finance expenditures of future periods. Fund balance reporting will be in accordance with the most recent authoritative pronouncements and may include the following categories:

Nonspendable: include amounts that are not in a spendable form. This would include, but is not limited to, inventory prepayments and non-current receivables.

Restricted: includes amounts that can only be spent for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, law, regulation, or contract agreement. This would include but is not limited to, bonded capital project funds and debt service funds.

Committed: includes amounts that are committed for a specific purpose by formal action of the Board of Education. Creation, amendment, or modification to committed fund balance must also be approved by formal action of the Board by the end of the fiscal year. Committed fund balance does not lapse at year end.

Assigned: includes amounts that are intended by the district to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balance represents amounts that are not restricted or committed. The Board of Education authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to determine the assigned fund balance(s) on an annual basis. Assigned fund balance does not lapse at year end.

Unassigned: includes any remaining fund balance. The unassigned general fund balance may only be appropriated by resolution of the Board of Education.

For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent first from Restricted Fund Balance (when appropriate), followed in order by Committed Fund Balance, Assigned Fund Balance and lastly, Unassigned Fund Balance.

APPROVED this 20th day of September, 2011

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

/s/ David Beller, President, Board of Education

/s/ Beth Millard, Secretary, Board of Education

10. COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

No items this month.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Anson, to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), the lease of school property per 5 ILCS 12/02(c)(6), and for the semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes, as mandated by Sec. 2.-06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President