

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –February 15, 2011

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 15th day of February, 2011, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the president of the Board, Hank Schneider, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
David Beller
David Ehrlich (entered at 7:43 p.m.)
Paul Livieri
Una McGeough
Hank Schneider
Tanja Tuck

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
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
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Absent: Susan O’Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal

Visitors:	Nicole Alvear	Barb Greenberg	Lisa Omori
	Lila Ardell	Ryan Levin	Lisa Sarnoff
	Ed Boundy	Sheila Lajeune	Ronda Shaykin
	Natalie Dandino	Menucha Levy	Gerry Sloan
	Meghan Espinoza	Sarah Newcorn	Christine Toy

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. The Devonshire parent who had provided public comment at the January Board meeting made some additional comments regarding the proposed elementary school boundary change.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Beller, 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: Certificated Appointment: V. Gavas, P. Perrin; Certificated Resignation: L. Moons, N. Shamoon, J. Siedband; Classified Resignation: J. Franklin
- c. Financial Reports
- d. January expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 1/31/11 in the amount of \$493,377.70; (b) handwritten and void checks in the amount of \$4,822.81; (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,451,141.31; for a total of \$1,949,341.82 checks issued for January.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Beller, Livieri, McGeough, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. K-5 REDISTRICTING: TRANSITION PLAN

President Schneider reviewed the process that the Board has used to arrive at the current recommendation. He noted that the Board has not seriously discussed addressing the current classroom space/staffing constraints by increasing class size and wanted to point out that this reflects the Board value for low class size.

Superintendent McTague reviewed the proposed transition plan for students who will be moved from the Highland to the Devonshire attendance areas. The plan allows students who will be entering fifth grade in the fall the option of remaining at Highland School. Siblings of those students would have the option to remain at Highland for one more year before transitioning to Devonshire so that families would not have elementary students in multiple buildings. The transition plan would include an evening meeting with the 20 affected families as well as school day visits to Devonshire School for parents and students. There was general support for the plan and administration was directed to schedule the parent meeting.

4. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

It was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Tuck, to appoint Laurie Heinz to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Instruction effective July 1, 2011 (per Attachment A).

Superintendent McTague reviewed the extensive selection process for the position and provided background on the qualifications of Ms. Heinz.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Beller, Ehrlich, Livieri, McGeough, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

5. SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS SURVEY

Superintendent McTague summarized the genesis of the survey which resulted from the development of the Performance Scorecard. The data will be used to establish performance targets on the Performance Scorecard. She reviewed the results of the survey and plans for further analysis. President Schneider thanked Dr. McTague for her report.

6. 2011-12 PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASS

Superintendent McTague presented a recommendation to establish a pre-school special education class in the district for 2011-12 to reduce expenditures to NTDSE and meet the needs of our youngest students in the least restrictive environment. Based on projected students for next year, the program would include a blended half-day preschool program which would integrate with our current pre-school program for some activities and a self-contained half-day program for students with greater special education needs. There was support for the addition of this classroom so the required staffing will be included in spring hiring actions.

7. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member McGeough reported on the January 25, 2011 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. She noted that there was a special meeting on February 9, 2011 which included both Board members and Superintendents to review the proposed changes to the Articles of Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding. Assistant Superintendent Millard reviewed the proposed changes to the funding formula and their impact on District 68. Superintendent McTague provided information regarding the process for all Boards to adopt the changes and for the three districts who have submitted a Petition to Withdraw to submit formal notices to rescind their withdrawal petitions. There was discussion regarding the proposed changes and the plan for ongoing operation of the cooperative if the three districts confirm their intent to withdraw.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

9. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Anson, to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to collective negotiating matters between the district and its employees or their representatives per 5 ILCS 1220/2(c)(2) and matters of personnel, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Beller, Ehrlich, Livieri, McGeough, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Hank Schneider, President