

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

Rescheduled Board of Education Meeting – January 18, 2011

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18th day of January, 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, Hank Schneider, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
David Beller
David Ehrlich
Una McGeough
Hank Schneider
Tanja Tuck

Absent: Paul Livieri

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
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Absent: None

Visitors:	Katrina Bell-Jordan	Susan Derex	Jill Murphy
	Ryan Berry	Meghan Espinoza	Trevor Nicholas
	Richard Berk	Elaine Goldberg-Sanchez	Lisa Omori
	Elizabeth Bottonari	Karen Lavengood	Rhonda Shaykin
	Andy Carpenter	Claudy Levin	Amanda Steegmueller
	Natalie Dandino	Menucha Levy	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. Menucha Levy made a presentation regarding the proposed boundary changes noting concerns about the impact on Devonshire.

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
 - Regular Board of Education Meeting –December 14, 2010
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting – December 14, 2010
- b. 2011-12 Student Fees: Adjust student fees as follows: Books and Materials \$115, Optional Bus Service \$235, Optional Jr. High Yearbook (preorder) \$24.
- c. Financial Reports
- d. December expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 12/31/10 in the amount of \$732,781.33; (b) handwritten and void checks in the amount of \$2,225,684.25; (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,532,218.75; for a total of \$4,490,684.33 checks issued for December.
- e. 2011-12 Application for School Energy Efficiency Grant: approve the submission of a School Energy Efficiency Grant to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. 2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Tuck, seconded by Member McGeough, to approve the 2011-12 School Calendar as follows:

August 16-18	New Teachers Report
August 22-23	Teachers' Institute Days
August 24	First Day of School for Pupils
September 5	Labor Day – No School
September 29	Rosh Hashanah – No School
October 10	Columbus Day – No School
November 4	Teachers' Institute Day
November 11	Veterans' Day – No School
November 23	K-8 Parent Teacher Conferences
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Recess – No School
December 26-30	Winter Recess
January 2-6	Winter Recess
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School
February 20	Presidents' Day – No School
March 5	Casimir Pulaski Day – No School
March 20	Teachers' Institute Day
March 23	K-8 Parent Conferences
March 26-30	Spring Recess
April 6	Good Friday – No School
May 28	Memorial Day – No School
June 1	Records Day
June 5	Last Day of School
June 8	Last Day of School – allowing for make-up of emergency days

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Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

4. K-5 REDISTRICTING OPTIONS DISCUSSION

President Schneider opened the discussion regarding realignment of elementary school attendance boundaries. There was discussion about the benefits of more balanced enrollments on class size and specials staffing as well as overall facility use. After a review of the three options that had been presented in December, the Board agreed with Administration that Option 1 which moves approximately 24 students from Highland to Devonshire and relocates the ELL Kindergarten from Jane Stenson to Devonshire is the preferred option since it disrupts the fewest number of students and families. Superintendent McTague noted that a final decision should be made no later than April if the Board wishes to implement the change for the upcoming school year. The Board indicated that it will continue the discussion in February including possible transitions plans and make a decision in time for implementation this fall.

5. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT AND FEES FOR 2011-2012

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented the fee recommendations for 2011-2012. She reported that enrollment in the preschool program increased from the previous year with the move to a mixed-age program and an implementation of the Creative Curriculum. Director of Student Services McBride described the transition to the new program and the positive feedback from parents. Enrollment in the child care program continues to decline, however, changes in grouping for 2010-11 provided some staffing efficiencies which limited the impact on program finances. It is anticipated that this will continue to be an area of concern and additional staffing efficiencies will be investigated.

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Anson, to increase the Early Childhood Center fees for 2011-12 as follows:

- From \$5.90 to \$6.05 per hour for the Child Care program (2.5% increase)
 - Discounted by 5% for children enrolled at least three days per week
 - Discounted by 20% for children enrolled five days per week
- From \$535 to \$550 per day of attendance for the Pre-School program (2.8% increase)
 - Total annual cost for a five day-a-week program will be \$2,750
 - Total annual cost for a three day-a-week program will be \$1,650

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

8. ADJOURN THE MEETING TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Tuck, to move the meeting to closed session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss 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, McGeough, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Hank Schneider, President