

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –May 17, 2011

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 17th day of May, 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 acting president of the Board, Una McGeough, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
Katrina Bell-Jordan
David Beller (entered at 8:15 p.m.)
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
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:	Lila Ardell	Peter Govis	Melinda Russo
	Angela Athanasopoulos	Audrey Guidarelli	Steven Spiegel
	Ryan Berry	Erin Haring-Switzer	Nick Tarantello
	Natalie Dandino	Mary Hinsey	Laura Toscano
	Nancy DeNeve	Julie Liebman	Tracy Turner-Ojeda
	Christine Dimoulis	Michael Linover	Rosanne Ward
	Daniel Domin	Lisa Lipin	Allison Yoder
	Jacquie Foley	Grace Pigozzi	
	Cherie Govis	Naushina Rahman	

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Acting President McGeough asked Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. She asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. Several audience members, including an Old Orchard Jr. High faculty member, the PTA president, and a parent, requested that the Board consider reinstatement of the School Resource Officer. Superintendent McTague noted that recent conversation with the village have opened up an option for staffing at a part time level for a School Resource Officer. There was Board support to revisit the issue at the June meeting. A district parent made a statement about district technology.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
 - Special Board of Education Meeting – April 12, 2011
 - Rescheduled Board of Education Meeting – April 12, 2011
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting – April 12, 2011
 - Special Board of Education Meeting – May 3, 2011
 - Special Board of Education Meeting – May 10, 2011
- b. Personnel: Certificated Appointment: M. Bohlin, F. Eres, V. Gavas, L. Goyco, M. Helmstetter, J. Kaplan, K. King, A. Macko, M. Roter, K. Varner, M. Weinstein; Certificated Resignation: G. Pigozzi, M. Weinstein; Personal Absence Leave: S. McKinney; Family Medical Leave: H. Peterson, G. Uhle
- c. Financial Reports
- d. April expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 4/30/11 in the amount of \$594,050.71; (b) handwritten and void checks in the amount of (\$2,667.52); (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,462,015.13; for a total of \$2,053,398.32 checks issued for April
- e. Review of Closed Meeting Minutes
 - Transfer to Open: 3/16/10, 8/17/10
 - Remain Closed: 7/21/09, 11/17/09, 2/16/10, 9/21/10, 1/18/11, 2/16/11
 - Destruction of Verbatim Record: 8/18/09, 9/15/09, 10/2/09, 11/17/09, 12/15/09
- f. Authorization of FY11 Grant Applications
 - Authorize the Superintendent of Schools or administrative designee to apply for grants and financial aid projects with state and federal agencies, private foundations, and other sources, and file required applications, reports and financial claims in behalf of the Board of Education for the 2011-12 fiscal year

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. LEARNING TEAM FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Assistant Superintendent Phillips summarized the work of the English Language Learners (ELL) Learning Team. She presented the committee recommendations for curriculum, program structure, professional development, and staff and resources. There was discussion about the impact of federal regulations requiring bilingual instruction whenever a school has 20 or more students in a language. Acting President McGeough thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

(David Beller entered at 8:15 p.m.)

4. MATH IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Phillips presented an update on the mathematics implementation. She noted that after two series were piloted in grades K-5, Math in Focus, aka Singapore Math, was selected and will be implemented in the fall. After researching middle school options, it was determined that publishers had not yet migrated to the new common core standards so implementation was delayed for a year. There was discussion about the implementation process. President Beller thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

5. JOB SHARE PROPOSAL

Superintendent McTague reviewed a job share proposal for the 2011-12 school year. It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member McGeough, that the Board of Education approve the job share proposal as outlined in Attachment A.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member McGeough reported on the April 26, 2011, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. President Beller thanked Member McGeough for her report.

7. FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Millard provided information on the district food service program. She noted that lunch and breakfast is now served in all four schools. The program has been managed by an outside contractor since 1982 and is staffed by a combination of district and contract employees. She reviewed the requirements of the National School Lunch program which provides over 50% of total program revenue. She also highlighted a number of the changes that have been made to the program over the past several years as well as planned changes for next year, many of which were the result of the work of the Lunch Advisory Committee. President Beller thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

8. FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL AND LUNCH PRICES FOR 2011-12

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Bell-Jordan, that the Board of Education renew a contract with Arbor Management Inc. for the 2011-12 school year at the per meal cost of \$1.3459 for breakfast and \$2.2099 for lunch plus a management fee of \$0.056 per meal. It is also recommended that the basic lunch prices remain constant at \$2.55 and that the price of breakfast hold at \$1.50. Ms. Millard noted that this renewal represents the last year of the five year contract. The district will request bids next year for the 2012-13 school year.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

9. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Berk, to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to collective negotiating matters between the district and its employees or their representatives per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), matters of personnel, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057, and the lease of school property per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

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