

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – July 21, 2009

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 21st day of July, 2009, 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 (entered at 7:35 p.m.)
Paul Livieri
Una McGeough
Hank Schneider
Tanja Tuck

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Luis Illa, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services

Absent: Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal

Visitors: Rosemary Tate

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. There were no comments.

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: J. Andrie, S. Griffiths, T. House, S. Larsen, M. Zambonino, A. Vinkler; Certificated Resignations: J. Dine, K. Foley, T. Hovis; Dean of Students Appt: A. Carpenter; Classified Appt.: M. Bryan, G. Thompson; Classified Resignation: M. Arends, L. Horn; Salary Readjustment: K. Gassensmith
- c. Financial Reports
- d. June expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 6/30/09 in the amount of \$547,127.45; (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$298,182.89; (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$2,561,683.73; for a total of \$3,406,994.07 checks issued for June.
- e. Authorization of Expenses for Board Members Attending IASB and NSBA Conferences; Authorization for Board Delegate to Vote at IASB Delegate Assembly

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. DISTRICT PRIORITIES FOR 2009-2010

Superintendent McTague presented information on district priorities for the coming year. The priorities are focused on three key strategic initiatives: curriculum, multiculturalism /diversity, and communication. There was discussion about the details of various priorities and the process to achieve success in these areas. Superintendent McTague noted that many of the priorities are generated by discussions with faculty during the year. President Schneider thanked Dr. McTague for her report.

4. ELL PARENT CENTER END-OF-YEAR REPORT

Superintendent McTague summarized the information in the program evaluation of the ELL Parent Center completed by Loyola University as well as the internal evaluation report completed by Center Director Corrie Wallace. She highlighted the accomplishments of the center in its first year and the plans for expanding services next year. President Schneider thanked Superintendent McTague for her report.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Beller reported on the June 23, 2009 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. He noted that the revised budget was presented. There was discussion about the possible implications of the withdrawal of Golf District 67 from NTDSE. President Schneider thanked Member Beller for his report.

6. CASIMIR PULASKI HOLIDAY WAIVER HEARING

President Schneider opened the hearing on the Board's intent to apply for a waiver to attend school on Casimir Pulaski Day. Superintendent McTague explained the reasons for the

waiver. President Schneider asked for comments from the audience. There were none. The hearing was adjourned.

It was moved by Member Livieri, seconded by Member Tuck, that the Board of Education apply to the Illinois State Board of Education for a waiver to attend school on Casimir Pulaski Day, beginning with 2009-10.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried

7. IASB BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION

The Board scheduled the retreat for Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

8. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Anson, that the Board of Education appoint Robyn Hawley as Assistant Principal of Old Orchard Junior High School, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried

9. 2009-2010 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Assistant Superintendent for Business Beth Millard presented the 2009-2010 Tentative Budget. She noted that the budget is projected to be balanced, with operating revenues slightly exceeding expenditures. Revenues are projected to increase only 1.7% based on lower collection rates for taxes and reductions in state funding that were only partially offset by increases in federal revenue. Overall expenditures are anticipated to increase 3.5%, based on projected cost increases. President Schneider thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education adopt the 2009-2010 Tentative Budget and that a copy be made for public inspection for a period of not less than thirty days expiring on September 15, 2009; that a public hearing on the Tentative Budget be held on September 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.; and that a public notice be published on July 30, 2009 of said availability for inspection and public hearing.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried

10. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Tuck, to move the meeting to closed session at 9:25 p.m., to discuss personnel matters, 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