

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 17, 2007

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by the President of the Board, David Beller, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Beller  
Ross del Rosario  
David Ehrlich (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)  
John Frendreis  
Hank Schneider

Absent: Jim Kaczowski  
Elaine Steiner

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent  
Margaret Clauson, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal  
Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal  
Kimberly Heath, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal  
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Randy Needelman, Devonshire School Principal  
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal  
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction  
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: None

Visitors:

Sari Ali	Gina Govostis	Bobbi Michaels
Angelo Bert	Jennie Greene	Ellen Mocogni
Bessy Bert	Margot Hughes	Nancy Pollock
Mouna Boudib	Jamie Slotkin	Renee Rowen
Mike Byster	Cindy Latin	Ed Schmelzer
Robin Byster	Chrisy Lee	Jamie Slotkin
Natalie Dandino	Lisa Lipin	Erika Souder
Mamie Gloria	Judy Martin	Heidi Yeung

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

President David Beller asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Beller called for statements to the Board from the audience regarding topics not listed on the meeting agenda. There were no comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
  - Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 20, 2007
  - Closed Board of Education Meeting – March 20, 2007
- b. Personnel:
  1. Resignation: S. Drazner; Personal Absence Leave: M. Markelz, K. Mindell; Disability Leave: T. Dorado; Classified Staff Appointment: S. Han
  2. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes
- c. Financial Reports
- d. March expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 3/30/07 in the amount of \$186,403.78, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$247,870.25, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,969,616.35, (d) less liability check (\$298.64), for a total of \$2,403,591.74 checks issued for March.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Frendreis, Schneider

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. K-8 SOCIAL STUDIES AND READING CURRICULUM UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Barbara Phillips described the implementation of the new Reading and Social Studies curricula. There were demonstrations of reading strategies and the *History Alive* program. President Beller thanked Dr. Phillips and the teachers and students for their presentation.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider summarized the March 22, 2007, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. President Beller thanked Member Schneider for his report.

6. DISTRICT PERFORMANCE SCORECARD: DIVERSITY AND FINANCE DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed the Diversity section and suggested goals and data sources for monitoring district finances.

7. 2007-08 STAFFING ALLOCATION: LITERACY SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Assistant Superintendent Barbara Phillips presented the rationale for the administration's recommendation to add one instructional coach for the District and additional teaching assistant time at each elementary school. After discussion, it was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member del Rosario, that the Board of Education add one full time staff member to serve as a second instructional coach and additional teaching assistant time, as detailed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Schneider

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. 2007-08 STAFFING ALLOCATION: MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Frendreis, that the Board of Education approve a proposal for a School Resource Officer and authorize the President and Secretary to sign an intergovernmental agreement between School District 68, School District 69, and the Village of Skokie, following legal review of the agreement.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Schneider

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN-ELL PROGRAM

Assistant Superintendent Barbara Phillips presented the recommendation to create a self-contained English language learner (ELL) kindergarten program to provide these newcomer students with a solid language foundation and improve their readiness for first grade. There was general support for the program with the caveat that the program be carefully reviewed next spring to determine if it should continue. President Beller thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

10. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

11. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member del Rosario, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education move to closed session at 9:25 p.m., to discuss collective negotiating matters per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and a matter pertaining to an individual student per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Schneider

NAY: None

Motion carried.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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President