

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 21, 2006

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 21st day of February, 2006, 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  
David Ehrlich  
Jim Kaczowski  
Hank Schneider

Absent: Ross del Rosario  
John Frendreis  
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 Needlman, Devonshire School Principal  
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal  
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction  
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: None

The following visitors were signed in as present:

Lila Ardell	Mary Hinsey	Lisa Omori	Gerry Sloan
Maayan Avidov	Curtis House	Janet Parrilli	Steve Spiegel
Ruth Berk	Jean Houston	Laurie Rader	Nick Tallidis
Kathe Biondi	Lila Katz	Diah Retnop	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Toy
Maria Bolos	Anne Kramer	Ben Roshani	Kelli Visconti
Ed Boundy	Cindy Latin	David Rubin	Katie Weil
Katie Connelly	Lisa Lipin	Lynn Rubin	Mr. & Mrs. N. Wibowo
Natalie Dandino	Erin Maxen-Lewis	Yudho Sasongko	Brenda Wilson
Barbara Green	Una McGeough	Sarah Schooley	Nineveh Yacoub
Gail Grewe	Hugo Miranda	Pat Schuffert	Ellen Ziarko
Sue Hagedorn	Norma Moreno	Anu Sharma	Michelle Zimmerman
Mr. & Mrs. S. Herczeg	Lisa Nimz		

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

President Beller asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. He then called for statements to the Board from the audience regarding topics not listed on the meeting agenda. A statement was read in support of the Early Childhood Center Program. Additional comments were made in support of the program. Director of Special Services Connie Powell highlighted the marketing plan. The Board indicated their support for the program.

Several statements were made about publishing Board member telephone numbers and addresses in the Parent Handbook / Calendar. Direct access to individual Board members for teachers and parents to discuss issues without administrator intervention led to a discussion about the best way to facilitate and focus communication between the Board and community without violating the Open Meetings Act or the function of the Board as the governing body of the District.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meeting:

Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 17, 2006

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Kaczkowski, Schneider

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. OLD ORCHARD STUDY TEAM UPDATE

Principal Margaret Clauson presented an update on the implementation of the new 6<sup>th</sup> grade program structure. President Beller thanked Ms. Clauson for her report.

4. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education

a. accept the resignation of the following certified staff member:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Elizabeth Nieman	School Social Worker	6/08	10/23/89-6/08

b. grant family medical leave to the following staff member:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Elisa Bailis	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Highland School	4/6/06*-6/7/06	8/20/97-4/5/06* Leave of Absence: 2002-03 School Year

\* Dates approximate depending on date of birth of baby.

- c. accept the resignations of the following classified staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Sandra Glick	Cook/Server Devonshire School	6/7/06	9/20/79-6/6/06
Kyle Hickman	Sp. Ed. Teaching Asst. Old Orchard Jr. High	3/2/06	8/24/04-3/1/06
Kacie O'Connor	Teaching Assistant Devonshire School	2/1/06	8/22/05-1/31/06

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Kaczkowski, Schneider

NAY: None

Motion carried.

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Kaczkowski, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the meeting adjourn to closed session at 8:45 p.m., to hold a dismissal hearing for an employee and to discuss matters of personnel, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to immediately reconvene to open session.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Kaczkowski, Schneider

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 9:31 p.m

7. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Ehrlich, to dismiss one educational support employee as listed in Attachment A.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Kaczkowski, Schneider

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Member Kaczkowski presented a summary of the January 31, 2006 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. President Beller thanked Member Kaczkowski for his report.

9. SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of two used 71-passenger gasoline buses and one used 21-passenger bus from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc., and to trade in four old buses at a net cost of \$125,810.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Kaczkowski, Schneider

NAY: None

Motion carried.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Superintendent McTague presented an update on the Strategic Planning process. President Beller thanked Superintendent McTague for her report.

11. FINANCIAL REPORTS

After review of the financial statements for reports of Activity Fund balances, the financial and investment statements were accepted for filing.

12. APPROVAL OF PAY ORDERS AND EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education approve the following expenditures: (a) accounts payable checks dated 1/31/06, in the amount of \$317,601.30, (b) handwritten checks dated during January, including imprest, in the amount of \$694,295.22, (c) total payroll for January in the amount of \$1,191,813.10. Total checks issued for January \$2,203,709.62.

13. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed the report of student disciplinary actions as well as other communication items. There was further discussion about options to provide additional avenues for communication to the Board.

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Schneider, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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David Beller, President