

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 17, 2009

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 John Frendreis, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Beller  
David Ehrlich  
John Frendreis  
Paul Livieri  
Una McGeough  
Hank Schneider  
Tanja Tuck

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent  
Kimberly Heath, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal  
Luis Illa, Old Orchard Junior High School 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  
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal

Visitors: Amy Anson Steve Spiegel  
Christine Bora Heather Taylor  
Anne Pechnyo Christine Toy  
Ben Roohani

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President Frendreis asked the 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 Schneider, that the Board of Education approve items on the Consent Agenda, which contained the following:

- a. Minutes  
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- b. Personnel: Certificated Resignation: R. Anderson, M. Kanefield; Classified Resignation: D. Chambers; Personal Leave: J. Dine, J. Easter
- c. Financial Reports
- d. January expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 1/31/09 in the amount of \$556,687.85, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$233,943.78, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,333,552.44, for a total of \$2,124,184.07 checks issued for January.
- e. Computer Equipment Purchase
- f. Student Desk Purchase

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. ELL PARENT CENTER

ELL Center director Corrie Wallace presented a report on the Niles Township ELL Parent Center. She described the Center's development and provided details about the many programs being offered through the Center. There was discussion about various aspects of the Center and comments about the Center's success. President Frendreis thanked Mrs. Wallace for her report.

4. GENERAL MUSIC LEARNING TEAM

Assistant Superintendent Phillips presented the recommendations of the General Music Learning Team. The recommendations were in the area of curriculum as well as program structure. She noted that implementation planning has begun. There was discussion about the performance component of the music program and how those issues will be addressed once the general music recommendations have been implemented. It was suggested that the issue be revisited in the future. President Frendreis thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

5. 2008-09 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member McGeough, that the Board of Education designate December 19, 2008, as an emergency day and June 12, 2009, as the closing day of the 2008-2009 calendar, with June 15, 16, and 17 as emergency days.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Livieri, that the Board of Education approve the 2009-10 School Calendar, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member McGeough reported on the January 27, 2009 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education. She noted that the change for summer school from five weeks to four weeks was approved.

8. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Superintendent McTague explained the election rules that necessitate an extra meeting to seat the new Board members.

9. BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent for Business Beth Millard provided a summary of the building improvements that have been made since 1997. She also presented information on this year's planned building and grounds projects which include playgrounds and other exterior work at Highland and Jane Stenson, expansion of the kitchen and addition of storage space at Jane Stenson, and a new master clock and tone system at Old Orchard Junior High.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed several communication items.

11. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Schneider, to move the meeting to closed session at 9:26 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: Beller, Ehrlich, Fren dreis, Livieri, McGeough, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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John Fren dreis, President