

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 17, 2006

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 17th day of January, 2006, 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, David Beller, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Beller  
Ross del Rosario  
David Ehrlich  
John Frendreis  
Jim Kaczowski  
Hank Schneider  
Elaine Steiner

Absent: None

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:

Tony Carlino	Mary Neuhaus
Katie Connelly	Melissa Rothman
Nancie DeNeve	Heather Taylor
Curtis House	Amy Uyeda
Marcy Levinson	

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. There were no comments.

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 meetings:

Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 20, 2005

Closed Board of Education Meeting – December 20, 2005

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Fren dreis, Kaczkowski, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE: READING K-8 AND SOCIAL STUDIES K-8

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Barbara Phillips presented an update on the implementation of the new reading curriculum which is in its second year. She also described the implementation of the new social studies curriculum which is underway at Old Orchard Jr. High School and in development for implementation at the elementary schools next year. President Beller thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

4. 2005 STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Barbara Phillips presented a summary of the results of this year's Stanford Achievement Test that was administered to students in November. She also discussed the plan to discontinue the use of the Stanford Achievement Test since the ISAT will now be given at every grade level 3 through 8 and will be nationally normed. President Beller thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

5. PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH LEARNING TEAM

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Barbara Phillips described the process the Physical Education/Health Learning Team will use to review the current curriculum and make recommendations for revisions.

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board discussed the Strategic Planning process and the various vendor proposals to facilitate the process. There was agreement to move forward with Educational Consultants and Research Associates (ECRA) as the facilitator with a timeline beginning later this spring.

7. EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM AND FEES FOR 2006-07

Assistant Superintendent Beth Millard presented the recommendation for pre-kindergarten and child care fees for 2006-07. There was extended discussion about the pre-kindergarten and pre-school enrollment including concern about declining enrollment, the fee structure required to make the programs self supporting, and the program's long range viability. Director of Special Services Connie Powell highlighted some of the marketing underway to increase enrollment. It was agreed that the Board would revisit the discussion in the fall when 2006-07 enrollment numbers are finalized.

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

- (1) Adjust the hourly rate for Child Care services from \$5.15 per hour to \$5.40 per hour, with fees discounted by 5% for children enrolled for at least 3 days per week and by 20% for children enrolled 5 days.
- (2) Increase the annual fee for the Pre-Kindergarten program from \$460 to \$485 per day of attendance (\$2,300 to \$2,425 per year for a five day-a-week program).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. APPROVAL OF PAY ORDERS AND EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education approve the following expenditures: (a) accounts payable checks dated 12/31/05, in the amount of \$204,555.75 (b) handwritten checks dated during December, including imprest, in the amount of \$224,966.14, (c) total payroll for December in the amount of \$1,219,190.24. Total checks issued for December \$3,673,408.13.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed the report of student disciplinary action as well as other communication items.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Ehrlich, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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David Beller, President

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary