

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 20, 2009

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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  
Tanja Tuck

Absent: Hank Schneider

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent  
Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal  
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  
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Visitors: Amy Anson  
David Rubin  
Jac McBride

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 Ehrlich, that the Board of Education approve items on the Consent Agenda, which contained the following:

- a. Minutes  
Regular Board of Education Meeting– December 16, 2008  
Closed Board of Education Meeting – December 16, 2008
- b. Personnel: Personal Absence Leave: B. Rolek
- c. Student Fees for 2009-2010 (see Attachment A)
- d. Financial Reports
- e. December expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 12/31/08 in the amount of \$352,075.08, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$2,496,519.19, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,385,735.18, Negative insurance deduction due to premium rebate \$28,433.24, for a total of \$4,262,762.69 checks issued for December.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Fren dreis, Livieri, McGeough, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES AND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

It was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Tuck, that the Board of Education appoint Jac McBride as Director of Special Services and the Early Childhood Center, effective July 1, 2009, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Fren dreis, Livieri, McGeough, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

President Fren dreis welcomed Ms. McBride to the District.

4. TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented an update on the current state of technology in the district with emphasis on developments since the August, 2008 report to the Board. She noted that there has been significant work in implementing new administrative software. She demonstrated the parent access component of PowerSchool which will be available to OOJH parents in March, the new on-line summer school sign-up and registration currently in place, and the on-line student registration currently being developed. There was discussion about expansion of classroom technology and the work of the District Technology Committee. It was suggested that district teachers be surveyed to get feedback on how they use technology and how they have students use technology

and that the survey be repeated periodically to monitor changes and trends. President Frendreis thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member McGeough reported on the December 18, 2008 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education. She noted that there was continuing discussion regarding the Extended School Year (ESY) program which runs each summer. President Frendreis thanked Ms. McGeough for her report.

6. 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR DISCUSSION

Superintendent McTague presented the proposed 2009-2010 calendar. She noted that the district would be requesting a waiver from the state for the Casimir Pulaski holiday so that it could be designated as one of the five emergency days. While it is unlikely that the day would be used, it would give the district flexibility so that school would not end on a Monday. She also noted that spring break was moved one week later at the request of the high school. There was support for the proposed calendar; the final calendar will be presented to the Board in February.

7. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT AND FEES FOR 2009-2010

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented the fee recommendations for 2009-2010. She noted that enrollment in the child care program was down this year, resulting in a projected deficit. The recommended fee increase for next year is 3% which results in a small projected deficit. There was extended discussion about enrollment and program costs. Several ideas for promoting enrollment were suggested for follow up and it was agreed that the program would be closely monitored in 2009-10. It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Livieri that the Board of Education

- (1) Adjust the hourly rate for Child Care services from \$5.60 per hour to \$5.75 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 \$505 to \$520 per day of attendance (\$2,525 to \$2,600 per year for a five day-a-week program).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed several communication items.

9. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Livieri, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Fren dreis, Livieri, McGeough, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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John Fren dreis, President

**2009-2010 STUDENT FEES**

	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Books and materials <sup>(a)</sup> All Grades	\$ 100	\$105
Jr. High Yearbook – optional <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 21	\$ 22
Bus Service – optional <sup>(c)</sup>	\$210	\$215

- (a) These fees may be reduced or waived for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch under the Child Nutrition Act.
- (b) Cost if paid with fees. The charge for the Yearbook will be \$27 if purchased through the school store.
- (c) Bus service is free for students who reside over 1½ miles from school or live in a designated hazard zone. Bus fees may be reduced or waived for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch under the Child Nutrition Act.