

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – July 19, 2005

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 19th day of July, 2005, 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
John Frendreis
Hank Schneider
Elaine Steiner

Absent: Jim Kaczowski

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

The following visitors were signed in as present:

Susan Neyrinck

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 from the audience.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 21, 2005
Closed Board of Education Meeting – June 21, 2005

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Barbara Phillips presented an update on the progress of the new Social Studies curriculum implementation. She noted that the new curriculum will be implemented during the 2005-06 school year at grades 6-8. Grades K-5 are scheduled to implement the new social studies curriculum in 2006-07. There was discussion about how the integration of Social Studies and Language Arts will actually work for both instruction and grading in the new 6th grade model. President Beller thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

4. AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSES FOR BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING IASB AND NSBA CONFERENCES; AUTHORIZATION FOR BOARD DELEGATE TO VOTE AT IASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

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

- (1) Authorize registration, travel, lodging and meal expenditures for Board Members attending the National School Boards Association Conference to be held on April 8 - 11, 2006, in New Orleans, Louisiana
- (2) Authorize registration, travel and meal expenditures for Board Members attending the Fall Conference of the Illinois Association of School Boards to be held November 18 – 20, 2005, in Chicago, Illinois
- (3) Authorize the Board’s delegate to the November, 2005 Delegate Assembly of the Illinois Association of School Boards’ Fall Conference to vote at his/her discretion on all resolutions that come before the Assembly.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

5. PERSONNEL

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

a. appoint the following teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Lane & Step</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Gina Govostis	2 nd Grade Teacher Devonshire School	BA Step 1.5	8/17/05
Anu Sharma	1 st Grade Teacher Jane Stenson School	BA Step 1	8/17/05
Molly Dorgan	LMC Director Jane Stenson School	MA Step 3	8/17/05

b. appoint the following classified staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Grade & Step</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Owen Douglas	1-1 Teaching Assistant Devonshire School	S-2 Step 4	8/22/05
Richard Jacobs	1-1 Teaching Assistant Old Orchard Jr. High School	S-2 Step 7	8/22/05
Vicki Moody	1-1 Teaching Assistant Highland School	S-2 Step 7	8/22/05
Shawn Smith	1-1 Teaching Assistant Highland School	S-2 Step 6	8/22/05

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider reported on the July 13, 2005 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. Following discussion about the proposed Articles of Agreement, it was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education ratify the Restated Articles of Joint Agreement, to become effective July 1, 2005.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. DISTRICT WEBSITE

Superintendent Frances McTague previewed the proposed format and detailed the planned content of the District Website based on the work of the Board Communication Subcommittee. During discussion, it was suggested that the PTA presidents be given the opportunity to preview and provide input before the website is finalized; Superintendent McTague will follow up with the PTAs. There was also discussion about providing direct access to the Board through an email link on the website. While there was support for additional communication opportunities for the community, Superintendent McTague cautioned the Board to carefully consider possible issues related to the process. It was agreed that the Administration will contact other districts with similar websites to get information on their experience and the Board will discuss further in August. President Beller thanked Board members Kaczkowski and Steiner and the rest of the committee for their fine work on this much improved website.

8. NCLB UPDATE

Superintendent McTague explained the requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) for the District for this year. Even though all groups and sub-groups in the District achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for this year, we are still required to offer school choice like we did last year. She will proceed with the required notifications.

7. RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE WORKING CASH BONDS

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Frenkreis, that the Board of Education adopt the following Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Bonds:

RESOLUTION declaring the intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds of School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the “Code”), a fund to be known as a Working Cash Fund (the “Fund”) may be created, maintained, administered and operated in and for School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), in the manner prescribed in the Code, for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for ordinary and necessary expenditures for corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District has heretofore created, maintained, administered and operated such Fund in the manner prescribed by the Code; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Code, the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) is authorized to incur an indebtedness and issue bonds as evidence thereof (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of increasing the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Fund be increased and that the District incur an indebtedness and issue Bonds as evidence thereof in the amount of \$4,400,000 for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, before such Bonds may be issued for said purpose, the Board must adopt a resolution declaring its intention to issue such Bonds for said purpose and direct that notice of such intention be published as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Declaration of Intent. The Board hereby declares its intention to avail of the provisions of the Code, and to issue Bonds in the amount of \$4,400,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fund and enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for ordinary and necessary expenditures for corporate purposes.

Section 3. Notice of Intent. In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, notice of said intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the Code and to issue Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Fund shall be given by publication of such notice at least once in the *Skokie Life*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Section 4. Form of Notice. The notice of intention to issue the Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF INTENTION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 68
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TO ISSUE \$4,400,000
WORKING CASH FUND BONDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 19th day of July, 2005, the Board of Education (the "*Board*") of School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois (the "*District*"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$4,400,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained, administered and operated in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for ordinary and necessary expenditures for corporate purposes. Said Working Cash Fund is to be used to provide moneys with which to meet ordinary and necessary disbursements for salaries and other school purposes in anticipation of the collection of taxes lawfully levied for any and all purposes and said Working Cash Fund is to be reimbursed to the extent of funds so advanced when such taxes shall have been collected.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "*Secretary*") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 1,140 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten per cent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 21st day of March, 2006. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election

Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois.
DATED this 19th day of July, 2005.

Beth Millard, Secretary
Board of Education
School District No. 68, Cook County, IL

David Beller President
Board of Education
School District No. 68, Cook County, IL

Section 5. Further Proceedings. If no petition signed by the requisite number of voters is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of such notice of intention to issue the Bonds, the Board shall, by appropriate proceedings to be hereafter taken, fix the details concerning the issue of the Bonds and provide for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the same.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. Repealer and Effective Date. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted July 19, 2005.

/s/ David Beller
President, Board of Education

/s/ Beth Millard
Secretary, Board of Education

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. TENTATIVE 2005-06 BUDGET

Assistant Superintendent Beth Millard presented the tentative budget for 2005-06. She noted that the budget reflects an operating deficit of \$1.6 million but that projected reserves will increase as a result of the Working Cash bond sale. Revenues are projected to increase 2.4% while expenditures exclusive of construction are anticipated to increase 4.1%. She highlighted key factors impacting this year's budget including staffing and new curriculum implementations. There was discussion about the costs of all day Kindergarten and the impact of implementing this program in light of existing deficits. President Beller thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Frendreis, that the Board of Education adopt the 2005-06 Tentative Budget, as prepared by the Superintendent and submitted at this meeting; that a copy be made available for public inspection for a period of not less than thirty (30) days expiring on or before September 20, 2005; that a public hearing on the said Tentative Budget be held September 20, 2005, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.; and further that the Secretary be directed to have inserted in the issue of local newspaper, the Pioneer Press Newspaper, on July 28, 2005, the following notice of said availability for inspection and public hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of School District Number 68 in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection in the Educational Service Center at 9440 North Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in this School District from and after 8:00 a.m. on the 28th day of July, 2005.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on the 20th day of September, 2005, in the Educational Service Center at 9440 North Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in this School District Number 68.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2005

Board of Education of School District Number 68
in the County of Cook of the State of Illinois

/s/ Beth L. Millard, Secretary

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. APPROVAL OF PAY ORDERS AND EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Frendreis, that the Board of Education approve the following expenditures: (a) accounts payable checks dated 6/30/05, in the amount of \$574,413.55, (b) accounts payable checks dated 7/1/05, in the amount of \$165,351.69, (c) handwritten checks dated during June, including imprest, in the amount of \$169,607.00, (d) total payroll for June in the amount of \$2,123,741.51. Total checks issued for June \$3,033,113.75.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Frendreis, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

/s/ David Beller

David Beller, President

/s/ Beth Millard

Beth Millard, Board Secretary