

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 21, 2006

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 21st day of March, 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
John Frendreis
Jim Kaczowski
Hank Schneider
Elaine Steiner

Absent: David Ehrlich

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 for Instruction
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: None

The following visitors were signed in as present:

Lila Ardell	Sue Hagedorn	Jan Parrilli
Ruth Berk	Jamie Hindin	Anne Rutherford
Gail Bernero	Curtis House	Pat Schuffert
Maria Bolos	Anne Kramer	Jolan Silcroft
Susan Dombrowski	Cindy Latin	Gerry Sloan
Kristie Frick	Julie Liebman	Erica Souder
Joanne Fuller	Jillian Light	Steve Spiegel
Ellen Gaffney	Trisha Lopez	Matt Tomenillie
Barbara Greenberg	Ellan Miller	Roseanne Ward
Gail Grewe	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. Statements were read by District 68 Education Association (EA) leadership recapping last month’s meeting and requesting written response to their request to have informal meetings with the EA.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 21, 2006
- Closed Board of Education Meeting – February 21, 2006

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Schneider, Steiner
 NAY: None
 Motion carried.

3. GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Barbara Phillips presented an overview of the Gifted Education program in District 68. There were a number of questions about the program and additional information was provided by the Gifted Education teachers. President Beller thanked Assistant Superintendent Phillips and the teachers for their report.

4. PERSONNEL

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

- a. accept the resignation of the following certified staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Position</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Alison Georgacakis	Language Arts Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	6/7/06	6/17/05 – 6/7/06
Marissa Hyman	1 st Grade Teacher Devonshire School	6/7/06	8/17/05 – 6/7/06
Julia Keach	Special Education Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	6/7/06	8/17/05 – 6/7/06

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

5. TEACHER CONTRACTS FOR 2006-07

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

- (a) Issue an employment contract for Continued Contractual status (Tenure) to eleven certificated staff members, beginning with the 2006-07 school year, in accordance with *The School Code of Illinois*, Section 24-11 (see Attachment A entitled "Going on Tenure" School Year 2006-07, page 7).
- (b) Authorize and direct the Superintendent to issue annual notification of employment and salary for the 2006-07 school year to thirty-six certificated staff members who are to remain on continued Probationary status (see Attachment A entitled "Continuing on Probation" School Year 2006-07, page 7).
- (c) Issue part-time annual contracts for 2006-07 to eight part-time certificated staff members who are not eligible for tenure because of part-time status and whose employment must be annually approved by the Board (see Attachment A entitled "Annual Contracts - Part-Time Staff Members" School Year 2006-07, page 8)
- (d) Adopt a resolution of non-reemployment of one first-year probationary teacher and two part-time teachers (see Attachment A, pages 9-10.)
- (e) Adopt a resolution of non-reemployment of one temporary intern psychologist (see Attachment A, page 11).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. HONORABLE DISMISSAL OF CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, that the Board of Education adopt a resolution authorizing reduction in force of educational support personnel and authorize the President and Secretary of the Board to give these staff members written Notice of Honorable Dismissal by first class mail at least thirty days before the end of the school term (see Attachment B, pages 12-14).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider reported on the February 28, 2006 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. He noted that additional IDEA monies have been applied to this year's budget reducing the per pupil instructional cost. He also noted that there are ongoing concerns about the busing contract. President Beller thanked Member Schneider for his report.

8. COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD

President Beller recapped the past discussions about Board communication and read a statement to open the discussion among Board members about the function of the Board as a governing and policy making body of the District. There was extended discussion about current avenues of communication and additional options to enhance Board member accessibility and communication with the school community.

9. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Superintendent McTague presented an update on the strategic planning process currently underway in the District.

10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2005-06 FINANCIAL RECORDS

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, that the Board of Education appoint William F. Gurrie & Co., Ltd. to conduct an audit of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. The audit fee will be \$22,500 including preparation of the Annual Financial Report and the Federal Program audit if necessary. There was discussion about the reasons for the significant increase in audit fees. Assistant Superintendent Millard indicated that the District would prepare a request for proposal (RFP) and do an extensive study of alternatives for the following year.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. STUDENT FEES 2006-07

It was moved by Member Kaczkowski, seconded by Member Frendreis, that the Board of Education adjust student fees as follows, effective for the 2006-07 school year:

	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
Books and materials ^(a)		
Kindergarten	\$ 65	\$ 70
Grades 1-5	\$ 75	\$ 80
Grades 6-8	\$ 90	\$ 95
	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
Jr. High Yearbook – optional ^(b)	\$ 17	\$ 20
Bus Service – optional ^(c)	\$185	\$195

- (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 \$22 if purchased through the school store.
- (c) Bus service is free for students who reside over 1 ½ miles from school or live in a designated hazard zone.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. STUDENT INFORMATION SOFTWARE PURCHASE

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education approve a contract for the purchase and implementation of PowerSchool, a student information management software package, in the amount of \$46,035.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

14. APPROVAL OF PAY ORDERS AND EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Member Steiner, seconded by Member Kaczowski, that the Board of Education approve the following expenditures: (a) accounts payable checks dated 2/28/06, in the amount of \$244,488.58, (b) handwritten checks dated during February, including imprest, in the amount of \$318,814.05, (c) total payroll for February in the amount of \$1,213,609.86. Total checks issued for February \$1,776,912.49.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

15. COMMUNICATION

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Kaczowski, seconded by Member Schneider and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to immediately reconvene in closed session.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President