

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – May 20, 2008

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 20th day of May, 2008, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m. by the President of the Board John Frendreis, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: John Frendreis
 Paul Livieri
 Hank Schneider
 Tanja Tuck

Absent: David Beller
 David Ehrlich

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Dan Farinosi, Old Orchard Jr. High School, Interim 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
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Absent: None

Visitors:

Albert Chan	Linda Hunsicker
Jacquie Burton	Julie Kim
Natalie Dandino	Susan Wagner
Jennifer Dine	

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 Schneider, seconded by Member Livieri, that the Board of Education approve items on the Consent Agenda, which contained the following:

- a. Minutes
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- b. Personnel: Resignation: S. Abraham, L. Freimanis, S. Phipps, K. Sprague;
Family Medical Leave: S. Woleben; Personal Absence Leave: M. Faith; Teacher Appointments: R. Ahles, K. Arnold, B. Barnett, A. Fruchtman, S. Rose, S. Ryder, N. Tarantello; Classified Appointments: A. Abraham, A. Alfaro, M. Arends, D. Auerbach, J. Baumgartner, M. Byrne, C. Bora, E. Frankovich, T. House, M. Larsen, R. Phillippose, D. Chambers, L. Zajackowski
- c. Financial Reports
- d. April expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks for April in the amount of \$331,855.05, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$181,980.59, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,300,298.79, for a total of \$1,814,134.43 checks issued for April.
- e. Authorization of FY09 Grant Applications

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Frendreis, Livieri, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. OOJH ENCORE (FINE/APPLIED ARTS) PROGRAM

Superintendent McTague presented the recommendations from the final phase of the OOJH study which began in 2003 and concludes with proposed enhancements to the Encore program. The recommendations also include transitioning back to the trimester schedule, better aligning with parent/teacher conferences and the elementary school schedule. There were several positive comments about the recommendations.

4. MUSIC LEARNING TEAM

Assistant Superintendent Phillips presented information on the Music Learning Team which will begin its work this fall. President Frendreis thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider presented a report on the April 22, 2008, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education.

6. APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT BOARD MEMBER

Superintendent McTague reviewed the rules and process for filling the vacancy on the Board. There was discussion about an interview process for interested candidates.

7. BOARD REORGANIZATION

The replacement Board member will serve as the new representative to the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. Board member Tanja Tuck will serve as the alternate.

8. DESIGNATION OF TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS

It was moved by Member Tuck, seconded by Member Livieri, that the Board of Education designate the 3rd Tuesday of every month (unless rescheduled) during the coming year as the regular meeting date. Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Service Center, 9440 Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:
AYE: Frendreis, Livieri, Schneider, Tuck
NAY: None
Motion carried.

9. NILES TOWNSHIP ELL PARENT CENTER: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Superintendent McTague presented an update on the ELL Parent Center. She noted that District 68 will serve as the administrative agent for the center and that the Intergovernmental Agreement is in the process of finalization.

10. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT OLD ORCHARD JR. HIGH SCHOOL

The Board discussed the School Resource Officer (SRO) at OOJH. Superintendent McTague recommended that the position be increased to full time next year. There was discussion about the role and job description. The Board supported the move to a full time SRO.

11. DEVONSHIRE ASBESTOS REMOVAL BID

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Livieri, that the Board of Education award a contract to DEM Services in the amount of \$19,212 and accept Alternates #1, #2 and #3.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:
AYE: Frendreis, Livieri, Schneider, Tuck
NAY: None
Motion carried.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed several communication items.

13. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Tuck, to move the meeting to closed session at 8:50 p.m., to discuss matters of personnel, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057, to discuss the resignation and appointment of a replacement board member per 5 ILCS 120/ 2(c)(3), and student disciplinary matters per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:
AYE: Frendreis, Livieri, Schneider, Tuck
NAY: None
Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Secretary

John Frendreis, President