

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 68, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Rescheduled Board of Education Meeting – November 14, 2006

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006, in rescheduled 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 for Instruction  
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Visitors:

Gail Bernero	Sue Hagedorn	Renee Rowen
Maria Bolos	Jim Hamilton	Jennifer Salpietro
Katie Bomba	Curtis House	Lisa Sarnoff
Iida Covington	Mike Isaac	Pat Schuffert
Natalie Dandino	Cindy Latin	Jolan Silcroft
Tamara Deppen	Ellen Mocogni	Steve Spiegel
Kathy Fergus	Sean Murphy	Amy Uyeda
Jennifer Greene	Mary Neuhaus	Kate Walker

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

President Beller asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Beller called for statements to the Board from the audience regarding topics not listed on the meeting agenda. There was a request to make sure communications to parents are worded to include all family types.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Kaczowski, that the Board of Education approve items on the Consent Agenda, which contained the following items:

- a. Minutes  
Regular Board of Education Meeting – October 17, 2006
- b. Destruction of Verbatim Closed Meeting Minutes
- c. Personnel: Appoint J. Rowe
- d. Financial Reports
- e. October expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 10/31/06 in the amount of \$224,340.10, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$235,117.26, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,274,425.51, for a total of \$1,733,882.87 checks issued for October.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. REVIEW OF ANNUAL AUDIT

Tim Cole, a partner with the District's independent audit firm Virchow Krause & Company, presented the annual audit report and management letter to the Board. He commended the District for its prudent management and highlighted some future changes in audit procedures. President Beller thanked Mr. Cole for his report.

5. 2006 FALL MAP REPORT

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Phillips presented an overview of the recently completed Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing in the District. She explained how MAP testing works and reported on the mean RIT scores in reading and math. There was discussion about various aspects of the program and interpretation of the data. President Beller thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

6. BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

It was moved by Member Kaczowski, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education revise policies 1100 Board Election and 1120 Board of Education Meetings, as follows:

**Board Election**

**1100**

Elections conducted by the School District are non-partisan elections governed by the general election laws of the State and include the election of School Board members, various public policy propositions, and advisory questions. School Board members are elected at the consolidated election held on the first Tuesday in April in odd-numbered years.

The term of office for a School Board member begins immediately after both of the following occur:

1. The election authority canvasses the votes and declares the winner(s); this occurs within 21 days after the consolidated election held on the first Tuesday in April in odd-numbered years.
2. The successful candidate takes the oath of office as provided in Board policy 1101, *Board Member Oath*.

The term ends 4 years later when the successor assumes office.

Legal ref.: 10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1, 5/22-17, and 5/22-18  
105 ILCS 5/10-10, 5/10-16, and 5/10-16.5

Policy adopted 3/15/05  
Policy Revised 11/14/06

**Board of Education Meetings**

**1120**

It is the policy of the Board to announce in advance, and in accordance with existing statute, the date, time and place of all regular, adjourned, closed and special meetings and the agenda of the business to be discussed. It shall be a duty of the Secretary to supervise the execution of this policy.

The meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, but the Board may hold closed sessions for purposes provided by *The School Code* and the Illinois Open Meetings Act, at which sessions only the members of the Board and/or the persons invited shall be present.

Official action by the Board may only occur at a duly called and legally conducted meeting at which a quorum is physically present.

Legal Ref.: 105 ILCS 5/10-6  
5 ILCS 120/2.02 & 2.03  
5 ILCS 120/1.02  
105 ILCS 5/10-1, 5/10-10, 5/10-12, 5/10-16.7, and 5/10-20.5

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY

It was moved by Member Frendreis and seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education adopt policy 1101 Board Member Oath, as follows:

**Board Member Oath**

**1101**

Each School Board member, before taking his or her seat on the Board, shall take the following oath of office:

I, (*name*), do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Skokie School District 68, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further affirm that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting; and

I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.

The Board President will administer the oath in an open Board meeting; in the absence of the President, the Vice President will administer the oath. If neither is available, the Board member with the longest service on the Board will administer the oath.

Legal Ref.:105 ILCS 5/10-16.5

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider presented a report on the October 30, 2006, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. He noted that the NTDSE Board is completing its process of adopting governing policies. He also reported that the District is planning to rebid transportation services for next year. President Beller thanked Member Schneider for his report.

9. DISTRICT PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

Superintendent Frances McTague asked for feedback and input on the draft of the District 68 Performance Scorecard that had been previously requested by the Board. There was support for the format and content of the draft. Discussion continued about the process to complete the scorecard with identification of goals/objectives for each priority and the metrics to be used for each goal. It was agreed that the Board would work on the student achievement area of the scorecard at the December meeting.

10. ADOPTION OF 2006 TAX LEVY

It was moved by Member Fren dreis, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, that the Board of Education adopt an estimated tax levy for the tax year 2006 in the amounts as follows:

the sum of	\$15,360,800	for educational purposes, and
the sum of	3,123,400	for operations and maintenance purposes, and
the sum of	665,600	for transportation purposes, and
the sum of	0	for working cash purposes, and
the sum of	275,000	for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes, and
the sum of	450,000	for social security and Medicare purposes, and
the sum of	0	for fire prevention, safety, environmental, and energy conservation purposes, and
the sum of	0	for tort immunity purposes, and
the sum of	204,800	for special education purposes

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM WORKERS' COMPENSATION COOPERATIVE

**SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68  
RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of School District No. 68 is member of School Employee Loss Fund, an Intergovernmental Cooperative for Illinois School Districts and Special Education Cooperatives which provide Workers' Compensation insurance protection for its members; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of said Board of Education to investigate alternative means of providing Workers' Compensation protection, and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Bylaws permit a member to withdraw from the Cooperative at the end of any fiscal year after serving upon the Chairman of the Cooperative Board of Directors a certified copy of a Resolution of Withdrawal passed by the member's Governing Board.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Board of Education School District 68, by this Resolution, gives notice to the School Employee Loss Fund that this School District **may** withdraw from the Cooperative at the end of the 2007 fiscal year. The Board of Education reserves the right to rescind such notice within the six (6) months notice period under terms established for readmission by the Executive Committee and By-Laws.

SECTION 2: The Board of Education directs its Business Manager to serve a certified copy of this Resolution of Withdrawal upon Chairman of the Cooperative Board of Directors no later than December 31, 2006.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 14<sup>h</sup> day of November, 2006.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The President declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted.

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David Beller  
President, Board of Education

Attest:

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Beth Millard, Secretary

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Kaczkowski, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education move to closed session at 9:40 p.m. to review closed meeting minutes and discuss collective bargaining.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

13. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

14. REVIEW OF CLOSED MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Member del Rosario, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education, in compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, take the following action as shown below on the minutes of closed meetings:

**Transfer to Open Meeting Minutes**

<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Topic of Meeting</u>
May 16, 2000	Personnel
October 18, 2005	Personnel
December 20, 2005	Personnel
March 21, 2006	Personnel, Collective Bargaining

**Retain as Closed Meeting Minutes**

February 19, 2002	Personnel
April 18, 2006	Collective Bargaining, Review of Closed Meeting Minutes, Personnel
May 16, 2006	Personnel

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

15. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

16. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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David Beller, President