

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 68, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 21st day of October, 2008, 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 Acting President of the Board, Hank Schneider, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Beller
David Ehrlich
Paul Livieri
Una McGeough
Hank Schneider
Tanja Tuck

Absent: John Frendreis

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
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: None

Visitors:

Elizabeth Bottonari	Karen Foley	Molly Siegel
Mirian Cuenca	David Koder	Nick Tarantello
Natalie Dandino	Elizabeth Nielsen	Rosemary Tate
Heather Doane	Melissa Rothman	

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Acting President Schneider asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. Principal Randy Needlman introduced his Fulbright Scholar counterpart from Argentina, Mirian Cuenca. NTDSE representative David Koder presented Mr. Schneider a recognition award for his service on the Board of NTDSE.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting – September 16, 2008
Closed Board of Education Meeting – September 16, 2008
- b. Personnel: Teacher Resignation/Retirement: J. Silcroft; Classified Staff Appointment: S. Melendez, A. Nelson
- c. Financial Reports
- d. September expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 9/30/08 in the amount of \$300,502.36, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$243,637.84, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,370,040.15, for a total of checks issued for September \$1,914,180.35

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. 2008 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT AND FEES FOR 2009

Assistant Superintendents Millard and Phillips presented programmatic and financial information about the 2008 summer school program and recommendations for the 2009 program. There was discussion about the impact of the summer program on the achievement of students in the remedial and ELL program and the increased financial contribution for this portion of the program.

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member McGeough, that the Board of Education approve the 2009 Summer School fees, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. 2008 ISAT REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Phillips presented the results from the Spring 2008 ISAT testing. She noted that the results showed overall improvement from last year. There was discussion about the relationship among ISAT, Illinois state standards, and the curriculum review process in the District. Acting President Schneider thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member McGeough reported on the September 23, 2008, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807.

6. REVISION OF POLICY 5124: REPORTING TO PARENTS

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member McGeough, that the Board of Education revise Policy 5124: Reporting to Parents, as follows:

Reporting to Parents

5124

Open and effective communication between the home and school is important. In addition to the formal reporting periods, both parents and teachers are encouraged to confer whenever either deems it desirable for the welfare of the student.

Formal Reporting Periods

Grades Kindergarten – Five ~~Eight~~

Parents are formally invited to meet with the teacher twice during the school year, late fall and early spring. The teacher will provide the parents with a written report form, discuss the student's progress, and share other data, such as test scores and daily work samples.

At the end of the school year, the parents will be mailed a final report form.

~~Grades Six-Eight~~

~~Parents of sixth, seventh and eighth grade children shall be invited to meet with the pupil's teachers in the late fall of each year. Parents shall be provided with a report card at the end of each marking period.~~

Policy adopted by the Board of Education in February, 1968
Readopted 4/23/96, last revised 11/27/07

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION ON THE REVISION OF POLICY 3310: PURCHASES

The Board reviewed suggested revisions to Policy 3310: Purchases which were made based on recent changes to the legislation.

8. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

9. MOVE THE MEETING TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Ehrlich, to move the meeting to closed session at 8:48 p.m. for the semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes, as mandated by Sec. 2.-06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), and to discuss matters of personnel, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

10. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting was reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

11. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Tuck, that the Board of Education confirm the suspension of a staff member, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member McGeough, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Hank Schneider, Acting President