

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 68, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Board of Education Meeting – September 19, 2006

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 19th day of September, 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
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	Barbara Greenberg	Norma Moreno
Bobby Berry	Gail Grewe	Elizabeth Nielsen
Maria Bolos	Jim Hamilton	Tim Olson
Natalie Dandino	Mary Hinsey	Diana Schmidt
Jay Denbsly	Curtis House	Jolan Silcroft
Lisa Edelson	Cindy Latin	Gerry Sloan
Kristy Frick	Lisa Lipin	Christine Toy
Steve Gardner	Una McGeough	Katie Weil
Lisa Gold		

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. An audience member read a statement of support for the Early Childhood Center.

3. 2006-07 BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION

President Beller opened the public hearing on the 2006-07 budget and invited audience members to make statements regarding the proposed budget. There being no comments, he closed the budget hearing.

3. ADOPTION OF THE 2006-07 BUDGET

President Beller called for adoption of the budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year and called on the Secretary to present the budget resolution as follows:

BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Public School District N^o. 68, County of Cook, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon:

AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 19th day of September, 2006, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of said District as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.

Section 2: That the budget in its final proposed form be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this School District for the said fiscal year, thereby appropriating

the sum of \$19,431,368 from the Educational Fund, and

the sum of \$2,915,145 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and

the sum of \$2,258,740 from the Bond and Interest Fund, and

the sum of \$1,051,174 from the Transportation Fund, and

the sum of \$673,600 from the Municipal Retirement Fund which amount includes \$414,200 for Social Security/Medicare, and

the sum of \$15,000 from the Fire Prevention and Safety Fund

and that a copy of said Budget Resolution be filed with the official records of this meeting.

Adopted by the Board of Education this 19th day of September, 2006.

/s/ Beth Millard
Beth Millard, Board Secretary

/s/ David Beller
David Beller, President

Assistant Superintendent for Business Beth Millard summarized the changes from the tentative budget adopted by the Board in July.

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Kaczkowski that the Board of Education adopt the 2006-07 Budget.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
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- b. Personnel
 - i. Appointment of teachers: Catalin Eckert, Katherine Sprague
 - ii. Appointment of classified staff members: Daniel Gilbert, Naomi Kaplan, Jackie Lustig, Jennifer McMahon, Marie Muniz, Sarah Newcorn, Kara Pfitzenmaier, Sarah Phipps, Sarah Vittenson, Maria Zambonino
 - iii. Resignation of regular staff member: Kathy Fergus
- c. Revision of Board of Education Policy 5145
- d. 2006-07 Application for Recognition of Schools
- e. Financial Reports
- f. August expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 8/31/06 in the amount of \$292,569.19, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$266,574.90, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$263,324.43, for a total of \$822,468.52 checks issued for August.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. K-8 OPENING ENROLLMENT 2006-07

Superintendent McTague presented a report on the 6th day enrollment of the District along with historical enrollment information. President Beller thanked Dr. McTague for her report.

4. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Director of Special Services, Connie Powell, presented information on the opening enrollment of various programs at the Early Childhood Center. She noted that the Pre-school and Pre-Kindergarten program enrollments were dramatically higher, largely due to the efforts of the parent group that formed last year to assist with marketing the program. The child care program appeared headed for a decrease in enrollment, however, an unusual number of last minute enrollments resulted in an increase in this program as well. The increase in enrollment puts the program on much more solid footing financially. It was that agreed that the increased marketing efforts should continue and it was suggested that current parents be surveyed to assess the reasons they selected the program. President Beller thanked Mrs. Powell for her report and thanked the parent group for their strong support of the program.

5. BOARD GOALS

The Board engaged in a discussion about Board priorities and goals. Each Board member identified their two top priorities, which will be compiled in a draft “balanced scorecard”, or an ongoing district performance-monitoring template. The template will be presented to the Board for review in November.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider presented a report on the August 29, 2006, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. He also highlighted some interesting statistics regarding enrollment in NTDSE programs. President Beller thanked Member Schneider for his report.

7. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President