# Skokie School District 68 Board Briefs



District 68 strives to be a learning community that inspires our students to reach their fullest academic and human potential, encourages continuous improvement, and contributes positively to our diverse, multicultural society.

Our mission is to develop children who are confident and creative learners. We provide a rigorous curriculum and a supportive school environment that promotes high achievement, encourages personal growth, and meets the unique needs of each child.

### **Board Briefs**

A summary of action and discussion at the School Board meeting.

### **School Board Meetings**

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend Board meetings which are usually held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Educational Service Center.

#### **Board of Education**

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At its February 15, 2024, Board of Education meeting the Skokie School District 68 Board of Education:

- Heard Public Comments
- Heard a Report about Elementary Science Instruction at Highland School
- Heard a Report on the Districts Annual Financial Audit
- Heard a Report on the District's Progress on the Strategic Plan Goal – Teaching and Learning
- Heard a Report on the Standards-Based Grading Learning Team's Recommendations
- Approved the Minutes for the January 18, 2024, Board of Education Regular Meeting
- Approved the Consent Agenda:
  - Personnel Report
  - Financial Reports
  - Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures
  - Board of Education Policy Second Reading
    - 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
    - 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
  - 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
  - 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
  - 5:210 Resignation
  - 5:220 Substitute Teachers
  - 6:30 Organization of Instruction
- Heard a Report on the February ED-RED Meeting
- Heard a Report on the Triple I Conference Resolutions Committee
- Heard a Report on the Building Plans for the Early Childhood Facility
- Discussed the Draft ELL Parent Center Intergovernmental Agreement for 2024-2027
- Heard a Report on the Learning Environment Learning Team Recommendations for Classroom Furniture
- Heard a Report about 2024-2025 Staffing Needs
- Discussed Policy First Readings:

- 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:230 Library Media Program
- 7:60 Residence
- Shared Communication and Information:
  - Nania Energy Correspondence
  - Freedom of Information Act Request(s)
- Conducted a Closed Session Meeting for the following purpose: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- Approved a Resolution to Issue a Notice to Remedy to an Employee

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