

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on October 18, 2018

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18th day of October 2018, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, 9440 Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the President of the Board, Una McGeough, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson (arrived at 7:07 p.m.)
Frank Alkyer
Katrina Bell-Jordan
Richard Berk
Meghan Espinoza
Una McGeough
Joseph Ruffner

Absent: None

Also present were: James Garwood, Ed.D., superintendent of schools; Christie Samojedny, Ed.D., assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; Ryan Berry, assistant superintendent of business and chief school business official; Peg Lasiewicki, Ed.D., executive director of special services; Barbara Marler, Ed.D., director of EL services; Nancy Battaglia, director of technology; Karen Bradley, Ed.D., principal; Robyn Huemmer, Ed.D., principal; Susan O'Neil, principal; Hal Schmeisser, principal; Greg Hanson, assistant principal; Phyllis Carlstrom, recording secretary, and members of the staff and community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Curriculum Review Cycle

Dr. Samojedny, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, presented on the District's current initiatives, including the professional development that is taking place to support them. She also shared a curriculum review cycle developed to ensure all of our curricular areas have been through a review by the end of 2023. A draft of the Instructional Framework that is being developed was also shared with the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Garwood, superintendent of schools, reported on the following:

- The school district electronic sign road sign has gone through all the necessary approvals by the Village of Skokie, and installation is scheduled to begin the week of October 22, 2018.
- The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Those Who Excel Dinner is taking place on October 20, 2018, and of our two award recipients, Mike Flood and Cozeake Nelson, Mr. Nelson will be attending this event.
- ISBE has notified school districts that there were errors in the calculations to determine school district pre-designations for the school report cards so they have notified districts that corrections are being made and districts will be notified when the designations have been updated.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruffner, that the minutes from the following meeting of the Board of Education be approved and placed on file:

- September 20, 2018, Board of Education Regular Meeting

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Ruffner made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved, as presented, which included the items below:

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Pay Orders and Expenditures

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE) #807 Report

- He also noted that beginning in fiscal year 2020, IDEA flow-through and preschool allocations will be provided directly to all school districts instead of special education cooperatives.

Draft 2019-2020 School Calendar

The draft school calendar for 2019-2020 was presented for discussion with Tuesday, August 27, 2019 being the first day of school and Monday, June 8, 2020, being the last day of school if no emergency weather days are used. No changes were recommended. The calendar will return for action at the November board meeting.

Illinois Association of School Board 2018 Resolution Report

Dr. Garwood reviewed the items to be voted upon at the 2018 assembly with the board members to determine consensus so that Mr. Alkyer, District 68 board representative attending the Delegate Assembly, can accurately represent the whole board when placing the vote for School District 68.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Freedom of Information Act Requests and/or Responses

Mrs. McGeough reported on three (3) Freedom of Information Act requests received and/or response given, by the District during the period of September 15, 2018, through October 12, 2018.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza, to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried. The Board recessed at 8:12 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 8:47 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Alkyer, and seconded by Mr. Ruffner.

The motion carried unanimously by the members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Bell-Jordan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruffner, to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Richard Berk, Secretary
Board of Education

Una McGeough, President
Board of Education