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

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on March 15, 2018

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 15th day of March 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 7:00 p.m. by the President of the Board, Una McGeough, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
Katrina Bell-Jordan
Richard Berk
Meghan Espinoza
Una McGeough
Joseph Ruffner

Absent: Frank Alkyer

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

The Education Foundation

Ms. Alyse Burman and Ms. Gail Paskind, from The Education Foundation, gave a presentation to the Board of Education on the many different ways that the Foundation provides support to the students of Niles Township. Following are examples of what the Foundation has funded: school supplies, a breakfast bar program, paying for student AP and college entrance exams, college visits, food to needy families, summer mentoring programs, and grant and scholarship monies.

Bond Sale Planning

Mr. Ryan Berry, assistant superintendent of business and chief school business official; and Mr. Thomas Chapman, of Raymond James, presented information on the timeline that the District will be following in order to issue working cash bonds to supplement the District's operating funds.

In order to authorize the issuance of working cash fund bonds the Board of Education needs to approve a resolution of intent to issue the bonds. The Board must then hold a public hearing on the issuance prior to approving the bond resolution authorizing the issuance. The timeline for the proposed financing schedule begins with the April 19th Board meeting with the approval of the resolution of intent. The public hearing is proposed to be held at the May 17th meeting and the bond resolution would be approved at the June 21st meeting. The bonds would be issued and closed in July 2018 in the 2018-19 fiscal school year

Old Orchard Junior High Grading Learning Team Report

Mrs. Lisa Schwartz, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, along with teachers Nicholas Joe, Stephanie Saint Martin, Kelly Thompson, Dave Wiviot, who were members of the Learning Team, gave a presentation to the Board of Education on the two-year process that has led the junior high school to move to standards-based grading beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) Report

Mrs. Schwartz informed the Board of Education that the 2016 ISA scores were just released in February 2018. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) credited this timeline to lack of a state budget for more than two years. The lack of this budget delayed ISBE's ability to enter into contracts with vendors to score the tests. The 2017 scores were received about two weeks after the 2016 results.

The District 68 results show that the 2016 and 2017 scores for fifth and eighth grade both have more students who are proficient than non-proficient. The District 68 average scale scores for each grade and year are higher than the state. Results for both 2016 and 2017 have been sent home.

Superintendent's Report

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

- A reminder to board members that the North Cook Division spring dinner meeting is taking place on March 21, 2018.
- Inquired about board member's interest in the District researching cost information to install an electronic marquee in front of the Educational Service Center as an additional communication tool to help us reach families and community members. It was agreed that this was worth investigating. More information will come forth at a future board meeting for consideration.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

- February 15, 2018, Board of Education Regular Meeting
- February 15, 2018, Board of Education Closed Session
- February 21, 2018, Board of Education Special Meeting

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berk, 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
D. Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recording: September 15, 2016

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: 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

Dr. Berk, District 68 representative, reminded the board that the trivia night fund-raiser sponsored by the Niles Township District for Special Education will take place on April 28, 2018.

ACTION ITEM(S)

School Bus Leases

Dr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruffner, to approve a lease agreement with Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc., for a five-year lease for two (2) New 2019 IC CE 71 passenger buses for a lease price of $11,255 per year, one (1) New 2019 IC CE 42 passenger bus for a lease price of $10,622 per year, and two (2) New 2019 Chevy/Collins 32 passenger buses for a lease price of $7,753 per year, as recommended.

A roll call was held with the following results:
AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

ELL Parent Center Intergovernmental Agreement

Dr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Dr. Anson, to approve Skokie School District 68's participation in the Niles Township ELL Parent Center Intergovernmental Agreement for the years 2018-2021, as recommended.

A roll call was held with the following results:
AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

Resolution – Honorable Dismissal of Licensed Staff

Mr. Ruffner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Anson, to approve the Resolution for the honorable dismissal of the following licensed staff:

Jane Feit	DeAnn Saykawlard
Isabel Lopez	Diana Schmidt
Ariane Petyt	Molly Siegel
Elizabeth Piper	

A roll call was held with the following results:
AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Freedom of Information Act Requests and/or Reponses

Mrs. McGeough reported on one (1) Freedom of Information Act request received and/or response given, by the District during the period of February 10, 2018, through March 9, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll call was held with the following results:
AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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Richard Berk, Secretary
Board of Education

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Una McGeough, President
Board of Education