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

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on March 21, 2019

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 21st day of March 2019, 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 7:03 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 (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)
Richard Berk
Meghan Espinoza
Una McGeough
Joseph Ruffner

Absent: Frank Alkyer

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., director of special services; Hal Schmeisser, principal; Greg Hanson, interim principal; Phyllis Carlstrom, recording secretary; members of the staff and community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

K-5 Math Adoption

Dr. Christie Samojedny, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, outlined the process used by the K-5 Math Committee, over a year-long process, which has led to *Bridges in Mathematics* as the recommended new K-5 math curriculum. The presentation also showed what implementation support for teachers would look like in 2019-2020, as well as next steps toward following a similar curriculum review for 6-8 grade mathematics.

District Data Dashboard Update

While still a work in progress, Dr. Garwood, superintendent of schools, previewed the District's dashboard with work done on it to date. Many data points have been entered. Work will continue to grow the information on this site to make it more robust.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Traditionally, PTA Presidents' meetings were held during the school day, however current parents serving in this capacity have indicated that due to work schedules they are unable to meet during the day. Therefore, Dr. Garwood has invited them to attend an evening meeting on the same day of the May 2019 board meeting so that they can also attend the meeting and be recognized for their volunteer work.
- Reminder: retirees are recognized at the May board meeting.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

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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 Mrs. Espinoza, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved, as modified (without Item D-Corwin Consulting Services Contract, for separate consideration), 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: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

Mrs. Espinoza made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bell-Jordan, that Item D, Corwin Consulting Services Contract, from the Consent Agenda be approved, 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.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

NTDSE #807 Report

Dr. Berk, District 68 representative, mentioned that Hal Schmeisser, principal of Devonshire Elementary School; and Meghan Hickey, teacher at Old Orchard Junior High were recognized by NTDSE with a Friends of NTDSE award. He also noted that NTDSE held a cultural day; a new transportation agreement had been reached; the Malloy facility's kitchen is being remodeled; NTDSE is investigating whole-building remodeling costs.

Board of Education Policy - First Reading

- 7:100 - Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
  The following paragraph is a proposed addition to the policy per 410 ILCS 315/2e, amended by P.A. 100-741: The District will provide informational materials regarding influenza, influenza vaccinations, meningococcal disease, and meningococcal vaccinations developed, provided, or approved by the IDPH when it provides information on immunizations, infectious diseases, medications, or other school health issues to students' parent(s)/guardian(s). Some additional language modifications are also proposed.

ACTION ITEMS

K-5 Math Adoption

Mr. Ruffner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berk, to approve the adoption, and purchase, of Bridges in Mathematics for Kindergarten through 5th grade from The Math Learning Center for $145,048.85, 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

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

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

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

The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Mrs. McGeough, board of education president, reported on one (1) request and/or response for information under the Freedom of Information Act during the period February 16, 2019, through March 15, 2019.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruffner, 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: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Espinoza, McGeough, Ruffner
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried. The Board recessed at 7:56 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:10 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Ruffner, and seconded by Dr. Berk.

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 Mrs. Espinoza, 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 9:10 p.m.

Richard Berk, Secretary Board of Education	Una McGeough, President Board of Education