

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting held on December 15, 2016

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 15th day of December 2016, 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 7:01 p.m. by the President of the Board, Una McGeough, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Frank Alkyer
Katrina Bell-Jordan
Richard Berk
Una McGeough
Mark Weil

Absent: Amy Anson (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
Menucha Levy (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

Also present were: James Garwood, Ed.D., superintendent of schools; Lisa Schwartz, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction; Ryan Berry, chief school business official; Peg Lasiewicki, Ed.D., director of student services; Nancy Battaglia, director of technology; Barbara Marler, director of EL services; Karen Bradley, Ed.D., principal; Robyn Huemmer, principal; Phyllis Carlstrom, recording secretary; other staff, and members of the community, and a member of the press.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Elementary Report Card Implementation Update

Lisa Schwartz, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, reviewed the process that took place to develop the standards-based report card being implemented in the 2016-2017 school year in Skokie School District 68. Mrs. Schwartz stated that teachers will be given opportunities to provide feedback on the new report card and grading, as will parents and students. Professional development will continue to assist teachers during this transition from standard grading.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mrs. Levy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weil, that the minutes from the following meeting(s) of the Board of Education be approved and placed on file:

- November 17, 2016, Board of Education Regular Meeting
- November 17, 2016, Board of Education Closed Session

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alkyer, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved, as presented, which included the following items:

- 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, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

IASB Delegate Assembly Report

Mr. Alkyer, as the Board representative, reported on his experience at the Delegate Assembly that took place in November 2016. He specifically pointed out two proposed resolutions that did not pass. The first was a resolution that have supported a position by IASB to not require a school district to be financially accountable for a student's special education services beyond their 19th birthday if the student has enough credits to graduate. The vote against this resolution was 160 to 119.

The second resolution was an amended position that would have prohibited school buildings from being used as polling places. Again, after vigorous debate, that was voted down 173-143. The most effective point against the resolution was that schools are the only venue available for voting in small towns.

NTDSE #807

Dr. Berk, as the Board's representative, reported on the December meeting of the NTDSE Board. He highlighted the following: Trivia Night Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Teams number eight people and space is limited. NTDSE has created a video explaining their funding. The NTDSE Board enjoyed a visit from a student with very limited mobility who demonstrated the adaptations that have been made to her wheelchair to allow her some limited control of her freedom. NTDSE received a \$5,000 grant for after-school activities. Bus drivers are very difficult to find, therefore their hourly rate has been increased. Due to the increase in fingerprinting cost for new employees, NTDSE will implement a new in-house system. They are holding a bake-off on December 19, 2016. NTDSE raised \$600 for their SEED program.

Policy 7:70 Attendance and Truancy

Board member Menucha Levy asked the Board to consider changing the language in the policy that specifically refers to parent contact when a child is absent, but the parent has not called in that absence. After discussion, it was agreed that the Policy Committee would review the policy and bring back recommendations to the Board as deemed necessary.

Board Policy – First Reading

Policy 2:30 – School District Elections

Changes are recommended in order to provide language that better describes the duties of the board secretary as it relates to elections defined by Illinois School Code.

Policy 2:120 – Board Member Development

Change are recommended to remove past dates that no longer apply.

ACTION ITEMS

2017-2018 School Calendar

Dr. Anson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berk, to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar, as presented.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Certificate of Tax Levy for 2016

Mr. Weil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alkyer, to approve the Certificate of Tax Levy, as presented, and to include the following tax levy resolutions:

- Certificate of Tax Levy;
- Resolution Authorizing Final Tax Levy for the Year 2016;
- Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2016 Levy Year;
- Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Mrs. McGeough reported that there were two (2) requests and/or responses for information under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of November 12, 2016, through December 9, 2016. Responses to these requests had been sent.

CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Levy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bell-Jordan, to go into closed session to discuss Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried. The Board recessed at 8:04 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:24 p.m. on a motion made by Dr. Anson and seconded by Mrs. Levy.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Alkyer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berk, to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call was held with the following results:

AYE: Alkyer, Anson, Bell-Jordan, Berk, Levy, McGeough, Weil

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Richard Berk, Secretary
Board of Education

Una McGeough, President
Board of Education