

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 68, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 18, 2006

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by the President of the Board, David Beller, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Beller  
Ross del Rosario  
David Ehrlich  
John Frendreis  
Jim Kaczkowski  
Hank Schneider  
Elaine Steiner

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent  
Margaret Clauson, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal  
Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal  
Kimberly Heath, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal  
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal  
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction  
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal

The following visitors were signed in as present:

Ed Boundy	Sue Hagedorn	Jillian Light
Natalie Dandino	Curtis House	Lisa Lipin
Christine Dimoulis	Jim Hamilton	Bobbi Michaels
Sheryl Dorfman	Cindy Latin	Ellen Mocogni

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

President Beller asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. He then called for statements to the Board from the audience regarding topics not listed on the meeting agenda. There were no comments from the audience.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 21, 2006  
Closed Board of Education Meeting – March 21, 2006

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. DISTRICT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Assistant Superintendent Barbara Phillips presented an overview of the work of the District Discipline Committee. This committee has been meeting over the past two years to develop a plan to implement a comprehensive District-wide system of common expectations and behaviors. There was discussion about some of the specifics of the program. President Beller thanked Assistant Superintendent Phillips and the committee for their report.

4. STUDENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Superintendent McTague summarized the work of the Student Assessment Committee which has selected *Measures of Academic Progress* (MAP) as the new assessment protocol. She also presented an overview of the testing that occurs throughout the district by subject and by grade level. There was a request to provide an overview of the types of assessments used by the District and what each assessment measures. Superintendent McTague indicated that this information would be reported to the Board in May. President Beller thanked Superintendent McTague for her report.

5. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Frendreis, that the Board of Education

- a. grant leave to the following staff member under Article 7.4 of the Professional Negotiations Agreement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Position</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Jennifer Malone	Special Ed. Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	2006-07 School Year	8/22/01 – 6/7/06

b. accept the resignation of the following regular staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Position</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Sylvia Accardi	LMC Director Old Orchard Jr. High School	6/08	1/14/91 – 6/08
Sarah McGowan	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher Jane Stenson School	6/7/06	8/14/04 – 6/7/06

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider presented a report of the March 23, 2006, meeting. President Beller thanked Member Schneider for his report.

7. SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education designate the area west of the Edens Expressway and north of Golf Road, which is currently included in the Highland School attendance area, as part of the Jane Stenson School attendance area, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Superintendent McTague described the draft Board Communication materials that were prepared by a subcommittee consisting of Board Members Frendreis and Kaczkowski and Superintendent McTague. Todd Faulkner, Board of Education attorney provided information on the possible impact of the Freedom of Information Act and/or the Open Meetings Act on the logistics of the various methods of communication being considered. A number of issues were discussed and the written materials were edited. It was agreed to add Board member biographical information to the website, use the updated materials folder for Board meetings and include that information on the district calendar/handbook, set up an *Email the Board* link on the website that will automatically distribute to all Board members and create a Board voicemail account to be answered by the Board President. It was also agreed that the Board and Administration would continue to look for additional avenues to communicate information and solicit input from the community.

9. NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE REPORT

Members Schneider, Ehrlich, del Rosario and Kaczkowski reported on the NSBA Conference held last month in Chicago. In follow up to a report on Board operations, Superintendent McTague offered to investigate Board self-evaluation options.

10. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Niles Township District for Special Education #807

Delegate Hank Schneider  
Alternate Jim Kaczkowski

Administrative-Board-Classified Council

Co-Chair David Ehrlich

Illinois Association of School Boards – North Cook Division

Delegate John Frendreis

ED-RED Council

Representative Ross del Rosario

11. DESIGNATION OF TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, that the Board of Education designate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month (unless rescheduled) during the coming year as its regular meeting date. Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Service Center, 9440 Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. EMPLOYEE INSURANCE COOPERATIVE

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution to terminate the Northern Illinois School Benefits Cooperative (NISBC) and to approve the proposal from Employee Benefits Cooperative (EBC) to provide these services:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution of 1970, Art. 7, Section 10 and Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS, Sec. 220/1 et seq.) provide that units of local governmental and school districts may contract or otherwise associate among themselves to obtain or share services or to exercise, combine, or transfer any power of function in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Skokie School District 68 (the “District”) presently participates in the Northern Illinois School Benefits Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) which is established pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to terminate the Cooperative and become a Member of the Educational Benefits Cooperative (“EBC”) regarding a program for funding and administering benefit programs for its employees and the employees of other Members of the Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received a copy of the current Contract and By-Laws document, under which the EBC operates, and has reviewed the terms and conditions of that Contract and By-Laws and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions in its current form and as it may be amended in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68 DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, as follows:

SECTION 1: The District wishes to end its participation in the Northern Illinois School Benefits Cooperative effective midnight, CST September 30, 2006 and authorizes its officers and employees to send to the Cooperative such notices or take such other actions as are consistent with its right to withdraw from and to take such actions as it may be permitted to do to vote for the termination of the Cooperative.

SECTION 2: Having reviewed and approving of the terms of the Contract and By-Laws of the EBC, the School District does hereby apply to become a member of the EBC effective 12:01 am, CST October 1, 2006 and, upon such approval from the EBC, it agrees to accept and be bound by the terms and conditions of the Contract and By-Laws of the EBC as it currently exists and as it may be amended in the future. The passage of this Resolution shall constitute acceptance of and the binding of this School District as a party to that Contract and By-Laws. The officers and other parties are hereby authorized to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the EBC to acknowledge its agreement to the commencement of a contractual relationship.

PASSED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

/s/ David Beller  
Board President

ATTEST:

/s/ Beth Millard  
Board Secretary

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS

After review of the financial statements for reports of Activity Fund balances, the financial and investment statements were accepted for filing.

14. APPROVAL OF PAY ORDERS AND EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Member Kaczowski, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education approve the following expenditures: (a) accounts payable checks dated 3/31/06, in the amount of \$559,704.38, (b) handwritten checks dated during March, including imprest, in the amount of \$185,350.67, (c) total payroll for March in the amount of \$1,833,211.40. Total checks issued for March \$2,578,266.45.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frenreis, Kaczowski, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

15. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed the report of student disciplinary actions as well as other communication items.

16. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Kaczowski, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m. to immediately reconvene in closed session.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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David Beller, President