

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

Rescheduled Board of Education Meeting – August 23, 2005

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 23rd day of August, 2005, in rescheduled session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 Kaczowski
Hank Schneider

Absent: Elaine Steiner

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
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

The following visitors were signed in as present:

Connie Donnelly	Tim Olson
Sue Hagedorn	Sarah Rose

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. WORKING CASH BOND FUND SALE HEARING

Minutes of a rescheduled public meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois, held in the Board Room in the Educational Service

Center, 9440 North Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in said School District at 7:30 o'clock P.M., on the 23rd day of August, 2005.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, David Beller, the President, and the following members at said location answered present:

Ross del Rosario
David Ehrlich
John Frendreis
Jim Kaczowski
Hank Schneider

The following member was absent: Elaine Steiner

At 7:30 o'clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$4, 400,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds (the "*Bonds*") for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and Assistant Superintendent for Business Beth Millard explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds is to build reserves in the Working Cash Fund.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Additional comments were made by the following: None

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary. None

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comment concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following: None

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Whereupon the President declared the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Beth Millard

Secretary, Board of Education

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – July 19, 2005

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. 2005-2006 DISTRICT PRIORITIES

Superintendent Frances McTague presented an overview of the District priorities for 2005-2006, including

- Implementing the K-5 Reading Program
- Completing the reading training with 6-8 faculty
- Implementing the 6-8 Social Studies curriculum
- Completing the Social Studies training with K-5 faculty
- Initiating a review of the current student assessment programs

President Beller thanked Dr. McTague for her report.

5. END OF YEAR SCIENCE ASSESSMENT DATA AND COMPARISON ANALYSIS

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Barbara Phillips presented a summary of the end of the year science assessment data as well as a comparison with the last three years. There was discussion about interpretation of the data and agreement to eliminate the end of the year local science test. President Beller thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

6. PERSONNEL

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

a. accept the resignation of three regular staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Position</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Marilyn Higgins	Special Ed. Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	6/08	8/27/75 – 6/08
Kelly Murphy	ESL/Spanish Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	6/9/05	8/22/01 – 6/9/05

<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Position</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Brooke Rolek	5 th Grade Teacher Highland School	6/9/05	8/28/01 – 6/9/05

b. accept the resignation of one classified staff member:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Position</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Barbara Max	Teaching Assistant Jane Stenson School	6/9/05	9/3/73 – 6/9/05

c. appoint the following teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Lane & Step</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Merilee Aguirre	50% ESL Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	BA Step 1	8/17/05
Alison Georgacakis	Language Arts Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	BA Step 2	8/17/05
Lisa Gold	50% Kindergarten Teacher, Highland School	MA Step 1	8/23/05
Marissa Hyman	1 st Grade Teacher Devonshire School	BA Step 1	8/17/05
Julia Keach	Special Ed. Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	BA Step 3	8/17/05
Melissa Rothman	5 th Grade Teacher Highland School	MA Step 1	8/17/05
Erika Souder	Social Studies Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	BA+16 Step 1	8/17/05
Catherine Walker	Special Ed. Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	BA Step 1	8/17/05

d. appoint the following classified staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade & Step</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Fran Eres	Reading Assistant Devonshire School	S-2 Step 14	8/23/05
Kokob Fissahaye	Childcare Assistant Early Childhood Center	S-2 Step 1	8/23/05
Danielle Giza	Special Ed. Teaching Asst. Jane Stenson School	S-2 Step 1	8/23/05
Susie Goldstein	Reading Assistant Highland School	S-2 Step 14	8/23/05

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade & Step</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Sandy Hoffman	Reading Assistant Devonshire School	S-2 Step 14	8/23/05
Catherine Jardien	Special Ed. Teaching Asst. Jane Stenson School	S-2 Step 1	8/23/05
Kacie O'Connor	Teaching Assistant Devonshire School	S-2 Step 1	8/22/05
Brooke Rolek	Teaching Assistant Jane Stenson School	S-2 Step 7	8/22/05
Nancy Rosenfield	LMC / Teaching Assistant Jane Stenson School	S-2 Step 1	8/22/05
Cynthia Stevens	Special Ed. Teaching Asst. Jane Stenson School	S-2 Step 1	8/23/05
Elizabeth Tubekis	LMC Assistant Devonshire School	S-2 Step 1	8/24/05
Megan Weinstein	Special Ed. Teaching Asst. Devonshire School	S-2 Step 1	8/22/05

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. SCHEDULE OF REPORTS 2005-2006

Superintendent McTague highlighted the reports planned for the year. After discussion, the following additional reports were requested by the Board:

- Enrollment Report
- Student Discipline Committee Report

8. DISTRICT 68 WEBSITE

Superintendent McTague demonstrated the new District website and thanked several staff members for their hard work in getting the site up and running by the start of school.

9. TRANSFER OF INTEREST

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education direct the Township School Treasurer to transfer and assign 2005-06 interest earned as follows:

From the proceeds of the Treasurer's investment of the district funds, an amount proportional to the fund balances in the Education Fund, Operations & Maintenance Fund, Transportation Fund, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, the Fire Prevention and Safety Fund, and the Working Cash Fund. Interest earned on the fund balances in the Bond and Interest Fund is to be allocated to the Education Fund.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

10. APPROVAL OF PAY ORDERS AND EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, that the Board of Education approve the following expenditures: (a) accounts payable checks dated 7/31/05, in the amount of \$627,349.40, (b) handwritten checks dated during July, including imprest, in the amount of \$300,865.69, (c) total payroll for July in the amount of \$329,610.71. Total checks issued for July \$1,257,825.80.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

David Beller, President

Beth Millard, Board Secretary