

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – August 21, 2007

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 21st day of August, 2007, 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. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Ehrlich (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
John Frendreis
Jim Kaczkowski
Paul Livieri
Hank Schneider
Tanja Tuck

Absent: Elaine Steiner

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Terry Baranowski, Old Orchard Jr. High School, Interim Principal
Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: None

Visitors: Mike Isaacs

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

President John Frendreis asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Frendreis called for statements to the Board from the audience regarding topics not listed on the meeting agenda. There were no comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, that the Board of Education approve items on the Consent Agenda, which contained the following items:

- a. Minutes
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- b. Personnel:
Appt Teachers: R. Levin, L. Montgomery, D. Mustis, C. Novy-Bennewitz, P. Vale, Appt. Classified Staff Members: A. Ander, M. Arends, J. Baumgartner, M. Byrne, P. Donado, E. Frankovich, T. House, J. Karzen, M. Larsen
- c. Designation of Funds to Receive Interest Revenue
- d. Financial Reports
- e. July expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 7/31/07 in the amount of \$729,214.85, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$260,393.02; (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$339,201.82, (d) checks approved 7/17/07 in the amount of \$193,184.93, for a total of \$1,521,994.62 checks issued for July.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Livieri, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. SCHEDULE OF REPORTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

There was an extended discussion about how the performance scorecard should be used. It was agreed that it would be available as a reference at each meeting, but it would be studied in depth at least once each year.

5. ELL NEWCOMER CENTER

Superintendent McTague presented an update on the planning for a possible Township ELL Newcomer Center in the ESC rental space. She noted that all of the Township schools are discussing this concept with their Boards. We will have a better sense of their commitment after those discussions. There was also discussion about partnering with the Village and other agencies as well. There was strong Board support for developing the ELL Newcomer Center. President Frendreis thanked Superintendent McTague for her work on this project.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider reported on the July 24, 2007, meeting of the Niles Township Department of Special Education #807.

7. PROMOTION/RETENTION REPORT

Superintendent McTague presented the 2006-2007 Promotion/Retention data. There was discussion about root causes and remediation strategies for these students. President Frendreis thanked Superintendent McTague for her report.

8. 2007-08 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

The Board discussed the possibility of moving the date of the November Board meeting which is currently scheduled on the evening of parent-teacher conferences, November 20, 2007. Formal Board action to reschedule the meeting will be included in the September Board meeting.

9. COMMUNICATION

Member Livieri presented information about low income housing in Skokie as well as some other demographic information. There was discussion about how we can best serve the needs of our changing community. President Frendreis thanked Member Livieri for providing this information.

A short video highlighting Molloy students was viewed.

The Board reviewed several communication items.

11. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Kaczowski , seconded by Member Livieri, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. and reconvene in closed session to discuss collective negotiating matters per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and a student matter, per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(10).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Frendreis, Kaczowski, Livieri, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

John Frendreis, President