

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – August 18, 2008

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18th day of August, 2008, in regular 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, John Frendreis, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Beller
David Ehrlich
John Frendreis
Paul Livieri
Hank Schneider
Tanja Tuck

Absent: Una McGeough

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal
Kimberly Heath, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal
Luis Illa, Old Orchard Junior High 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: Frances McTague, Superintendent

Visitors: None

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President Frendreis asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. There were no audience comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
 - Regular Board of Education Meeting – July 15, 2008
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting – July 3, 2008
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting – July 15, 2008
- b. Personnel: Teacher Appointment: C. Bora, M. Graul, S. Laniewski, A. Liosatos, R. Phillippose; Revision of Teacher Appointment: R. Borree; Classified Resignation: D. Auerbach; Classified Appointment: R. Cowin, E. Gantz, R. Oberman, H. Patel, E. Saltz,
- c. Financial Reports
- d. July expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 7/31/08 in the amount of \$618,136.51, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$254,482.98, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$337,022.35 , for a total of \$1,209,641.84 checks issued for July.
- e. Designation of Funds to Receive Interest Revenue
 - Direct the Township School Treasurer to transfer and assign 2008-09 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.
- f. Interfund Transfer
 - Direct the Township School Treasurer to permanently transfer monies between funds as follows: Transfer \$1,000,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund. Transfer \$100,000 from the Education Fund to the Debt Service Fund.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Livieri, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. 2007-08 PROMOTION/RETENTION REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Barbara Phillips presented the 2007-08 Promotion/Retention Report. A number of interventions in place for struggling students were discussed.

President Frendreis thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Assistant Superintendent Beth Millard reported for Member McGeough on the July 22, 2008, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807.

6. TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented an overview of technology in place in the district and summarized the recommendations from the Technology Review completed by outside consultants this spring. She noted that a number of the recommendations have already been implemented. She also reported that an Educational Technology Committee will be created made up of a cross section of District staff. The committee will study recommendations and develop an action plan for implementation. The committee will also provide recommendations from the Technology Review for the future direction of technology in the District. There was discussion about using a “Learning Team” approach for this charge; the committee would research best practice and have students involved in the process as appropriate.

There was also discussion about the importance of using technology as a communication tool between parents and the school. Assistant Superintendent Millard noted that the parent access component of the student administration software, PowerSchool, will be piloted and implemented this school year. This will allow Old Orchard students and parents to access attendance, homework and grade information. There was strong support from the Board for teachers to use their websites to provide information for parents and students.

President Frendreis thanked the administration for their work in this area.

7. DISTRICT PRIORITIES 2008-09

The Board reviewed the revised listing of District priorities for 2008-09 including the changes resulting from the discussion at the July Board meeting.

8. REVISION OF POLICY 5124: REPORTING TO PARENTS DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed suggested revisions to Policy 5124: Reporting to Parents.

9. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed a communication item.

10. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Beller, and unanimously approved, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

John Frendreis, President