

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 20, 2005

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 20th day of December, 2005, 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, David Beller, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Beller  
Ross del Rosario  
David Ehrlich (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)  
John Frendreis  
Hank Schneider  
Elaine Steiner

Absent: Jim Kaczowski

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

Absent: None

The following visitors were signed in as present:

Erica Beall  
Sarah Geisheker  
Gail Grewe  
Jim Hamilton  
Curtis House  
Susan Wagner

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.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

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Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING PROPOSAL

Howard Feddema of The Cambridge Group, Inc., presented his proposal to facilitate the next Strategic Planning process in the District. He described his firm's approach to the process and highlighted some key features.

4. 2006-07 SCHOOL CALENDEAR

Superintendent McTague presented the proposed 2006-07 District 68 school calendar. She presented some background information about Election Day issues. There was discussion about moving polling places out of the schools and communication of the rationale to the community.

5. SUMMER SCHOOL

Assistant Superintendent for Business Millard presented a summary of the 2005 Summer School program and salary and fee recommendations for 2006. There was discussion about the Board subsidy of basic skills classes for low income students.

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education approve 2006 Summer School salaries and fees, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. 2005-06 APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education approve the Applications for Recognition of Schools for Devonshire School, Highland School, Jane Stenson School and Old Orchard Junior High School.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Frendreis, that the Board of Education accept the resignations of the following classified employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Position</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Philip Charak	One-to-one Teacher Asst. Jane Stenson School	1/2/06	8/23/05 – 1/1/06
Danielle Giza	One-to-one Teacher Asst. Jane Stenson School	12/12/05	8/23/05 – 12/9/05

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. NILES TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION #807 REPORT

Member Schneider reported on the October 25, 2005 and November 29, 2005 meetings of the NTDSE Board. President Beller thanked Member Schneider for his report.

9. 2005 TAX LEVY HEARING

Assistant Superintendent for Business Millard presented the proposed 2005 levy. There were no questions or comments.

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education adopt the tax levy for the tax year 2005 in the amounts as follows:

the sum of	\$15,821,100	for educational purposes, and
the sum of	1,848,000	for operations and maintenance purposes, and
the sum of	450,700	for transportation purposes, and
the sum of	0	for working cash purposes, and
the sum of	160,000	for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes, and

the sum of	450,000	for social security and Medicare purposes, and
the sum of	0	for fire prevention, safety, environmental, and energy conservation purposes, and
the sum of	0	for tort immunity purposes, and
the sum of	180,300	for special education purposes

on the equalized assessed valuation of all the taxable property in School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, for the year 2005.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

10. ADOPTION OF 2005 TAX LEVY

In accordance with the discussion of the Board of Education on November 15, 2005, President Beller stated that it was necessary at this time for the Board of Education to adopt the tax levy resolution for the tax year 2005, and asked the Secretary to present the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois, adopt a tax levy resolution as follows:

the sum of	\$15,821,100	for educational purposes, and
the sum of	180,300	for special education purposes, and
the sum of	1,848,000	for operations and maintenance purposes, and
the sum of	450,700	for transportation purposes, and
the sum of	0	for working cash purposes, and
the sum of	160,000	for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes, and
the sum of	450,000	for social security and Medicare purposes, and
the sum of	0	for fire prevention, safety, environmental, and energy conservation purposes, and
the sum of	0	for tort immunity purposes

on the equalized assessed valuation of all the taxable property in School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, for the year 2005.

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the tax levy resolution as presented by the Secretary be adopted and that the certificate of tax levy be filed in the Office of the County Clerk on or before the last Tuesday of December.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF CERTAIN FUND LEVIES FOR THE 2004 LEVY YEAR

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education adopt a resolution authorizing reduction of certain fund levies for the 2005 levy year as follows:

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2005, the Board of Education of Skokie School District No. 68, Cook County, Illinois (“School District”) did adopt a certificate of tax levy for the 2005 levy year to be filed with the County Clerk of Cook County (“County Clerk”); and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has notified each Cook County taxing district which is now subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act (“PTELA”) that it may direct the County Clerk’s Office, by proper resolution, to make specific and necessary reductions to its tax levy for the 2005 levy year to meet the requirements of the PTELA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Skokie School District No. 68, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1: That the Board of Education hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does hereby incorporate them into this Resolution by reference.

Section 2: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the County to make the necessary reductions to the School District’s tax levy for the 2005 levy year in order that the levies by fund shall be no less than the following amounts as indicated:

the sum of	\$15,821,000	for educational purposes, and
the sum of	180,300	for special education purposes, and
the sum of	1,455,900	for operations and maintenance purposes, and
the sum of	80,700	for transportation purposes, and
the sum of	0	for working cash purposes, and
the sum of	160,000	for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes,
and		
the sum of	450,000	for social security and Medicare purposes,
and		
the sum of	0	for fire prevention, safety, environmental, and
		energy conservation purposes, and
the sum of	0	for tort immunity purposes

Section 3: That the Board of Education further authorizes and directs the County Clerk that if any additional reductions are required to be made to the School District’s tax levy beyond those projected and specified by the Board of Education in Section 2 above, that such reductions be made to the School District’s tax levy proportionally.

Section 4: That the Superintendent of Schools of Skokie School District 68

is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Clerk as soon as practicable following its adoption and execution.

Section 5: That all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

Section 6: That the Superintendent of Schools has the authority to supercede the reduction of the levy as stated above when the District receives the agency tax rate report from the Office of the Cook County Clerk.

**ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ David Beller  
President, Board of Education  
Skokie School District 68  
Cook County, Illinois

ATTEST:

/s/ Beth Millard  
Secretary, Board of Education  
Skokie School District 68  
Cook County, Illinois

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Schneider, Steiner  
NAY: None  
Motion carried.

## 12. PICKUP TRUCK BID

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education allow the apparent low bidder (LeMay Auto Group) to withdraw their bid and award the bid to the next low bidder, Oakfield Ford for a 2006 Ford F250 truck. A 1997 Ford F250 truck will be traded in for \$6,377.

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Schneider, Steiner  
NAY: None  
Motion carried.

13. APPROVAL OF PAY ORDERS AND EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education approve the following expenditures: (a) accounts payable checks dated 11/30/05, in the amount of \$232,430.55 (b) handwritten checks dated during November, including imprest, in the amount of \$270,643.79, (c) total payroll for November in the amount of \$1,231,535.21. Total checks issued for November, \$1,734,609.55.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

14. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed the report of student disciplinary action as well as resumes from various committees

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Ehrlich seconded by Member Frendreis and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to reconvene in closed session.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

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David Beller, President

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary