

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 68, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 16th day of December, 2008, 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, John Frendreis, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

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

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
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: None

Visitors: Mike Isaacs

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. He asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. There were no comments.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting – November 18, 2008
Closed Board of Education Meeting – November 18, 2008
- b. Personnel: Certificated Resignation/Retirement: C. Hills, R. Ward
- c. Financial Reports
- d. November expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 11/30/08 in the amount of \$393,251.23, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$12,251.24, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,364,270.50, for a total of checks issued for November: \$1,769,772.97

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Phillips presented a report on the health services program in the District and described the current staffing and operation of the health offices in all four schools. She noted that there has been an increase in incidence of asthma and allergies in recent years. There was discussion about the various staffing options presented and the District preparedness for emergencies. There was a suggestion to train all teachers in CPR and first aid and a concern that upgrading the junior high position would not alleviate the risk at the elementary schools. It was agreed that the K-5 health clerks should receive additional training, that protocols be established for all schools to deal with various health issues, and that further discussion continue on increasing staffing for the health clerk position in the K-5 schools.

President Frendreis thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

4. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member McGeough reported on the November 25, 2008 meeting of the Niles Township District For Special Education #807. She noted that there was discussion about space, transportation billing issues and the increase in requests for private placement for special education students.

5. 2008 TAX LEVY HEARING

Board President John Frendreis called the hearing to order and read the Statement of Purpose of Public Hearing. Assistant Superintendent for Business Millard presented the proposed 2008 levy. There were no questions or comments. The hearing was closed.

6. 2008 TAX LEVY

In accordance with the discussion of the Board of Education on November 18, 2008, President Frendreis stated that it was necessary at this time for the Board of Education to adopt the tax levy resolution for the tax year 2008, 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	\$17,305,000	for educational purposes, and
the sum of	3,512,300	for operations and maintenance purposes, and
the sum of	740,100	for transportation purposes, and
the sum of	0	for working cash purposes, and
the sum of	319,100	for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes, and
the sum of	542,700	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	173,900	for special education purposes

on the equalized assessed valuation of all the taxable property in School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, for the year 2008.

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Beller, 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, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Livieri, McGeough, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NET AGGREGATE METERING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Tuck, to adopt the following Resolution to Support Net Aggregate Metering for School Districts. Assistant Superintendent for Business Millard explained that the purpose of the resolution is to show support for proposed legislation that would require electric utility companies to credit school districts for energy generated from participation in a wind farm.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, many school districts have been working to improve the environment through the implementation of a renewable source of energy that may provide electricity to all their buildings; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has passed legislation that will allow school districts in Illinois to own and operate wind turbine farms; and

WHEREAS, current legislation does not mandate that the three electrical providers in Illinois allow school districts who own a wind turbine farm to have net aggregate metering for the electricity; and

WHEREAS, Representative Crespo has proposed amended legislation to mandate that electrical providers offer net aggregate metering to all school districts that own a wind turbine farm;

THERE, BE IN RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Skokie School District 68 supports legislation in their renewable energy initiative on behalf of all school districts in the State of Illinois.

Signed this 16th day of December, 2008

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:
AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Livieri, McGeough, Schneider, Tuck
NAY: None
Motion carried.

7. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A 403(b) PLAN DOCUMENT

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Livieri, to adopt the following Resolution to Adopt a 403(b) Plan Document (see Exhibit A: 403(b) Plan Document). Assistant Superintendent for Business Millard noted that this adoption is part of the new IRS requirements for 403(b) plans.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A 403(B) PLAN DOCUMENT

RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby adopt the Plan Document which will, at all times, conform to the requirements of Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable regulations.

FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the Board that the 403(b) program will conform with all federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to 403(b) plans, except that the program set forth above shall not be subject to the requirements of Title I of ERISA because the employer is exempted from such requirements.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes TSA Consulting Group, Inc. (TSACG) to act on the Board's behalf with respect to this plan, and to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to implement, maintain and administer the plan set forth above in accordance with the Board's intentions, and all applicable state and federal laws.

Signed this 16th day of December, 2008

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

9. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Tuck, to move the meeting to closed session at 8:35 p.m., to discuss personnel matters, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

John Frendreis, President