

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 20, 2007

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 20th day of February, 2007, 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
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
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: Kimberly Heath, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal

Visitors:

Maria Bolos	Jillian Light
Kathy Fergus	Maureen Markelz
Gail Grewe	Peter Matalas
Curtis House	Lisa Nimz
Oliver Jones	Brooke Rolek
Jeanne Kerl	Alisa S. Rosenberg
Cindy Latin	Jolan Silcroft

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

President David Beller asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Beller 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 Ehrlich, that the Board of Education approve items on the Consent Agenda, which contained the following items:

- a. Minutes
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- b. Personnel: Resignation: E. Bailis, S. Dorfman, A. Harris, J. Malone
- c. 2007-08 Student Fees
- d. School Bus Purchase
- e. Financial Reports
- f. January expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 1/31/07 in the amount of \$249,961.08, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$167,239.08, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,264,710.91, for a total of \$1,681,911.07 checks issued for January.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Phillips presented an update of the implementation of full day kindergarten. She noted that the committee was looking at possible daily schedules and the administration was working on facility issues related to the implementation. President Beller thanked Assistant Superintendent Phillips for her report.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider presented a report on the 1/30/07 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. He explained the sunset provision of the financial section of the joint agreement and noted that the business managers were reviewing the current formula to bring a recommendation to the NTDSE Board which ultimately must be ratified by each District's Board of Education. President Beller thanked Member Schneider for his report.

6. DISTRICT PERFORMANCE SCORECARD: COMMUNICATION

The Board discussed the Communication Priority section of the District Performance Scorecard. It was agreed to merge the Communication and Community Engagement sections. There was discussion about disaggregating data to better understand it.

7. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION PROCESS

Superintendent McTague reviewed the superintendent evaluation process and asked that individual board members send their input to President Beller by March 7.

8. SCHOOL PROPERTY LINE CHANGES

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education approve the dedication of land at the northeast corner of the ESC site (Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue) and portions of Keystone Avenue and Noyes Street adjacent to the Highland School site to the Village of Skokie; application for consolidation of the lots at Highland School; and authorize the Township School Trustees to file the required paperwork.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

10. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member del Rosario, that the Board of Education move to closed session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

12. NOTICE TO REMEDY

It was moved by Member del Rosario, seconded by Member Schneider, to adopt a resolution authorizing a Notice to Remedy to be served on a tenured teacher as named in the minutes of the closed session.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Frenkreis, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Ehrlich

Motion carried.

13. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education confirm the suspension of the certificated staff member previously discussed in closed session.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Frenkreis, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Ehrlich

Motion carried.

14. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Frenkreis, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President