

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

Special Board of Education Meeting – February 19, 2008

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, in special session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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  
Tanja Tuck

Absent: Hank Schneider  
Elaine Steiner

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Ehrlich, to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. and reconvene in closed session 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, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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John Frendreis, President

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Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 19, 2008

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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  
Tanja Tuck

Absent: Hank Schneider  
Elaine Steiner

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent  
Dan Farinosi, Old Orchard Jr. 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 for Instruction  
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: None

Visitors:

Sally Abraham	Colette Halverson	Melinda Russo
Natalie Dandino	Lisa Montgomery	Diana Schmidt
Cathie Elsbree	Jennifer Oluwole	Matt Tomenillie
Ellen Gaffney	Sarah Phipps	

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

- a. Minutes
  - Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 15, 2008
  - Special Board of Education Meeting - January 15, 2008
  - Closed Board of Education Meeting (1) – January 15, 2008
  - Closed Board of Education Meeting (2) – January 15, 2008
- b. Personnel: Teacher Resignations: G. Bernero, M. Bolos, A. Warner; Family Medical Leave: S. Schooley; Classified Resignation: J. Karzen, M. Wadhwa; Administrator Resignation: C. Powell
- c. Financial Reports
- d. January expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 1/31/08 in the amount of \$187,342.66, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$178,230.68, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,284,647.33, for a total of \$1,650,220.67 checks issued for January.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Livieri, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. ELL NEWCOMERS CENTER

Superintendent McTague reviewed the proposal for the Niles Township ELL Newcomer Center as previously discussed with the Board. President Frendreis thanked Dr. McTague for her work on this project.

It was moved by Member Livieri, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education allocate funds to support the Niles Township ELL Newcomers Center for three years (FY 08-09, 09-10, and 10-11), at a maximum annual cost of \$12.50 per student.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Livieri, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

The NTDSE #807 meeting report was deferred due to Hank Schneider's absence.

5. 2008-09 SCHOOL CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Tuck, to adopt the 2008-09 School Calendar, as follows:

## SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68 SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008-09

August 19-21, 2008	Tuesday-Thursday	New Teachers Report
August 25-26	Monday-Tuesday	District Teachers' Institute
August 27	Wednesday	<b>First Day of School for Pupils</b>
September 1	Monday	Labor Day - <b>No School</b>
September 30	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah – <b>No School</b>
October 9	Thursday	Yom Kippur – <b>No School</b>
October 13	Monday	Columbus Day - <b>No School</b>
November 4	Tuesday	District Teachers' Institute - <b>No School</b>
November 11	Tuesday	Veterans' Day – <b>No School</b>
November 26	Wednesday	K-8 Parent Conference - <b>No Pupil Attendance</b>
November 27-28	Thursday-Friday	Thanksgiving Recess - <b>No School</b>
December 19	Friday	<b>Last day before Winter Recess</b>
January 5, 2009	Monday	<b>School Resumes</b>
January 19	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – <b>No School</b>
February 16	Monday	Presidents' Day - <b>No School</b>
February 27	Friday	Teachers' Institute Day – <b>No School</b>
March 2	Monday	Casimir Pulaski Holiday - <b>No School</b>
March 20	Friday	K-5 Parent Conferences & 6-8 Teachers' Institute Day - <b>No Pupil Attendance</b>
March 23-27	Monday-Friday	Spring Recess
March 30	Monday	<b>School Resumes</b>
April 7	Tuesday	Consolidated Election – <b>No School</b>
April 10	Friday	Good Friday – <b>No School</b>
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day - <b>No School</b>
June 5	Friday	Records Day - <b>No School</b>
June 11	Thursday	<b>Last Day of School</b>
June 17	Wednesday	<b>Last Day of School - allowing for makeup of snow days</b>

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Livieri, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

### 6. 6-8 READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Barbara Phillips, consultant Cathie Elsbree, and staff members highlighted the Reading and Language Arts curriculum implementation process and the

impact on instruction across subject areas. President Frendreis thanked everyone for their work on this exciting implementation.

7. BOARD TOUR OF SCHOOLS

The tour is scheduled for April 14, 2008, at 9:00 A.M. Board members will be transported between the schools by school bus.

8. ARCHITECT SELECTION FOR DEVONSHIRE RENOVATION

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Tuck, that the Board of Education appoint Ruck Pate Architecture as the District architect for the Devonshire Renovation project for a fee of 8.5% of the construction cost for the project.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Livieri, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed several communication items.

10. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Livieri, to move the meeting to closed session at 8:17 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, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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John Frendreis, President