

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

Special Board of Education Meeting – January 15, 2008

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 15th day of January 2008, in special session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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
Elaine Steiner

Absent: Tanja Tuck

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 6:06 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, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

John Frendreis, President

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Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 15, 2008

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 15th day of January, 2008, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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
Elaine Steiner
Tanja Tuck

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Terry Baranowski, 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 for Instruction
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: None

Visitors:

Nicole Alvear	Karen Foley	Luis Illa
Natalie Dandino	Susan Gustafson	Mike Isaacs
Heather Doane	Sue Hagedorn	Cindy Latin
Laura Doherty	Kate Hanson	Ellan Miller
Sheryl Dorfman	Curtis House	Jolan Silcroft

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

- a. Minutes
 - Regular Board of Education Meeting (corrected) – December 18, 2007
(Correction to Regular Minutes: Attendance: Member Paul Livieri added, Member Jim Kaczowski deleted)
 - Special Board of Education Meeting - December 18, 2007
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting – December 18, 2007
- b. Personnel: Resignation K. Mindel
- c. Student Fees for 2008-09
- d. Financial Reports
- e. January expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 1/31/08 in the amount of \$208,054.26, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$2,441,250.55, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,306,407.37, for a total of \$3,955,712.18 checks issued for January.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. APPOINTMENT OF OLD ORCHARD JR. HIGH PRINCIPAL

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Beller, that the Board of Education appoint Luis Illa as principal of Old Orchard Jr. High School, effective July 1, 2008, as listed in the agenda materials. President Frendreis welcomed Mr. Illa to the District and introduced him to the audience.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. OLD ORCHARD JR. HIGH P.E. AND HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Superintendent McTague and members of the Old Orchard Jr. High P.E./Health Implementation Team presented the recommendations of the committee. Members reviewed the various options that the committee considered during the implementation planning and the rationale behind the final recommendations. President Frendreis thanked the committee for their work.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider reported on the search for a new executive director.

6. 2008-09 SCHOOL CALENDAR DISCUSSION

Superintendent McTague presented the proposed options for the 2008-09 calendar. She noted that the key question is whether to close for the April 7, 2009 election day. During discussion there was support for closing on that date.

7. ELL NEWCOMER CENTER PROPOSAL

Superintendent McTague presented the proposal for a township ELL Newcomer Center. There was strong support from the Board to move forward with the center.

8. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT AND FEES FOR 2008-09

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented the fee recommendations. It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education

- (1) Adjust the hourly rate for Child Care services from \$5.50 per hour to \$5.60 per hour, with fees discounted by 5% for children enrolled for at least 3 days per week and by 20% for children enrolled 5 days.
- (2) Increase the annual fee for the Pre-Kindergarten program from \$495 to \$505 per day of attendance (\$2,475 to \$2,525 per year for a five day-a-week program).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed several communication items.

9. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Ehrlich, to move the meeting to closed session at 8:35 p.m.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

John Frendreis, President