

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – July 17, 2007

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 17th day of July, 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. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Ehrlich
Paul Livieri
Hank Schneider
Elaine Steiner

Absent: John Frendreis
Jim Kaczowski
Tanja Tuck

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Absent: None

Visitors: Terry Baranowski
Dan Farinosi
Natalie Dandino

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

Vice President Hank Schneider asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. The new interim principals for Old Orchard Junior High School, Terry Baranowski and Dan Farinosi, were introduced.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Schneider 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 Livieri, seconded by Member Steiner, 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: J. Klipsch, S. Murphy, Appoint Interim Principals: T. Baranowski, D. Farinosi, Appoint Dean of Students: K. Foley, Appoint Teachers: J. Burton, A. Clair, L. Freimanis, C. Halverson, A. Hrvojevic, Appoint Psychologist: J. Evans, Appoint Classified Staff: A. Alfaro, D. Auerbach.
- c. Authorization of Expenses for Board Members attending IASB & NSBA Conferences; Authorization for Board Delegate to Vote at IASB Delegate Assembly
- d. Financial Reports
- e. June expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 6/30/07 in the amount of \$453,432.61, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$530,937.21; (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$2,279,002.47, for a total of \$3,263,372.29 checks issued for June.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. END-OF-YEAR PROGRESS ON ANNUAL PRIORITIES: 2006-07

Superintendent McTague used the Performance Scorecard to provide a summary of our status in various goal areas. She noted that the Scorecard is a work in progress and will be fine-tuned over the next year. Acting President Schneider thanked Superintendent McTague for her report.

5. OLD ORCHARD JR. HIGH SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS SURVEY RESULTS

Superintendent McTague presented the results of the *School Perceptions* survey which was administered to students, parents, and faculty last fall at Old Orchard Jr. High School. She noted that the survey will be readministered this fall so that longitudinal data can be analyzed. There was a suggestion that students be involved in the data analysis.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider reported on the June 26, 2007, meeting of the Niles Township Department of Special Education #807. He informed the Board that an interim Director for NTDSE has been appointed for 2007-08.

7. 2007-08 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISIONS

Superintendent McTague reviewed the new 2007-08 calendar based on a change in the primary election date as well as an agreement with teachers to restructure Institute and Parent Conference days.

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Livieri, to revise the 2007-08 School Calendar, as follows: provide two additional Teacher Institute Days; cancel school on primary election day, February 5, 2008, and hold classes on March 18, 2008, (see 2007-08 Calendar: Attachment A).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. ADOPTION OF THE 2007-08 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Assistant Superintendent Beth Millard presented the tentative budget for 2007-08. She noted that the budget is projected to be balanced, with operating revenues slightly exceeding expenditures. Revenues are projected to increase 4% largely due to recent commercial property developments in the District which will bring in significant new tax dollars. Overall expenditures are anticipated to increase only 3%, primarily due to staff turnover and various cost containment measures. Acting President Schneider thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education adopt the 2007-08 Tentative Budget, as prepared by the Superintendent and submitted at this meeting, and direct that a copy be made available for public inspection for a period of not less than 30 days expiring on or before September 18, 2007, and that the Secretary be directed to publish a notice of said availability in the Pioneer Press newspaper on July 26, 2007.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. APPROVAL OF JULY BILL LIST

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education approve July expenditures as follows: accounts payable checks in the amount of \$193,184.93, issued 7/2/07.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:
AYE: Ehrlich, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner
NAY: None
Motion carried.

10. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

11. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Steiner, seconded by Member Livieri, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. and reconvene in closed session to discuss collective negotiating matters per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and a student matter, per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(10).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:
AYE: Ehrlich, Fren dreis, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner
NAY: None
Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

Hank Schneider, Acting President

SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68 SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007-08

August 21-23, 2007	Tuesday-Thursday	New Teachers Report
August 27-28	Monday-Tuesday	District Teachers' Institute Day
August 29	Wednesday	First Day of School for Pupils
September 3	Monday	Labor Day - No School
September 13	Thursday	Rosh Hashanah – No School
October 8	Monday	Columbus Day - No School
November 6	Monday	District Teachers' Institute
November 21	Wednesday	K-8 Parent Conference - No Pupil Attendance
November 22-23	Thursday-Friday	Thanksgiving Recess - No School
December 21	Friday	Last day before Winter Recess
January 7, 2008	Monday	School Resumes
January 21	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No School
February 5	Tuesday	Primary Election – No School
February 18	Monday	Presidents' Day - No School
February 29	Friday	Teachers' Institute Day – No School
March 3	Monday	Casimir Pulaski Holiday - No School
March 20	Thursday	K-5 Parent Conferences & 6-8 Institute Day – No School
March 21	Friday	Good Friday – No School
March 24-28	Monday-Friday	Spring Recess
March 31	Monday	School Resumes
May 26	Monday	Memorial Day - No School
June 6	Friday	Records Day - No School
June 10	Tuesday	Last Day of School
June 16	Monday	Last Day of School - allowing for makeup of snow days