

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 68, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 20, 2006

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006, 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  
John Frendreis  
Jim Kaczkowski  
Hank Schneider  
Elaine Steiner

Absent: David Ehrlich

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent  
Margaret Clauson, 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

The following visitors were signed in as present:

Maria Bolos	Curtis House
Ed Boundy	Marlene Miller
Natalie Dandino	Pat Schuffert
Laura Doherty	Jolan Silcroft
Mary Hinsey	Steve Spiegel

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

President Beller asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. He then called for statements to the Board from the audience regarding topics not listed on the meeting agenda. There were no comments.

#### 2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Kaczowski, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Regular Board of Education Meeting – May 16, 2006

Closed Board of Education Meeting – May 16, 2006

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

#### 3. END OF YEAR GOALS REPORT

Superintendent McTague presented a summary report on the status of work on 2006-07 district goals. She highlighted the extensive work in multiple curricular areas. She also presented an overview of plans for 2006-07 for each of the strategic initiatives identified in the 2006 Strategic Plan. There was discussion about the goals including the need to focus on strategies to better serve and communicate with ESL families.

Superintendent McTague then presented achievement data. There was discussion about intervention for failing students and the philosophy of setting benchmarks to measure our level of success. There was discussion about development of a “balanced score card” and that identification of the key indicators should be a Board priority. President Beller thanked Superintendent McTague for her report.

#### 4. PE/HEALTH LEARNING TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

Assistant Superintendent Phillips presented a report on the work of the PE/Health Learning Team. She summarized the recommendations and highlighted several of the issues to be addressed by the Implementation Team.

President Beller thanked Assistant Superintendent Phillips for her report.

5. STUDENT PROMOTION POLICY

The Board discussed the student promotion policy in light of the current research regarding student retention. It was agreed that the current policies and practices, which include consideration of specific circumstances of each individual, are in the best interest of the student.

6. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Kaczowski, that the Board of Education

a. appoint the following teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Lane &amp; Step</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Christina Lee	7 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Sp. Ed. Teacher Old Orchard J.H. School	BA Step 1	8/15/06
Melinda Russo	7 <sup>th</sup> Gr. L.A. Teacher Old Orchard J.H. School	MA Step 1	8/15/06

b. accept the resignation of the following regular staff member:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Position</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Jonathan Hallmark	Dean of Students	7/10/06	8/9/04-7/7/06

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. 2006-07 SALARIES

It was moved by Member Kaczowski, seconded by Member Frendreis, that the Board of Education

a. Adopt the Classified Salary Schedule (Policy 4231.2) (see attached Exhibit A), to be effective July 1, 2006; and authorize the Board President to sign the Amendment to the Professional Negotiations Agreement between Skokie School District 68 and District 68 Classified Organization Representing Employees (see attached Exhibit B);

b. Authorize the salaries for other classified staff, psychologists, and administrators, effective July 1, 2006 (see attached Exhibit C);

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- c. Renew administrators' contracts for 2006-07 (see attached Exhibit D) and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the individual contracts
- d. Amend the superintendent's employment contract for 2006-07 (see attached Exhibit E).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. 2005-06 SALARY AND STAFF INFORMATION

Assistant Superintendent Millard presented some statistical data on the makeup of the teaching staff.

President Beller thanked Assistant Superintendent Millard for her report.

9. NILES TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider presented a report on the May 30, 2006, meeting of the Niles Township Department of Special Education #807. President Beller thanked Member Schneider for his report.

10. PREVAILING WAGE RESOLUTION

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution pertaining to the payment of prevailing rates of wages in contracts:

**RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE PAYMENT OF  
PREVAILING RATES OF WAGES IN CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, as amended, being Chapter 820 ILCS 130/1-12, Illinois Compiled Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Act requires that the Cook County School District 68 of Skokie, Illinois investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers in the locality of said Village employed in performing construction of public works, for said Village.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 68:

SECTION 1: To the extent and as required by “An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works,” approved June 26, 1941, as amended, the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in the construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of this school district hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in the Cook County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June 2006, a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The definition of any terms appearing in this Ordinance which are also used in aforesaid Act shall be the same as in said Act.

SECTION 2: Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply said general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work or employment except public works construction of this school district to the extent required by the aforesaid Act.

SECTION 3: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of this school district this determination of such prevailing rate of wage. A copy of this determination or of the current revised determination of prevailing rate of wages then in effect shall be attached to all contract specifications.

SECTION 4: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers, and to any person or association of employees who have filed or file their names and addresses, requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.

SECTION 5: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall promptly file a certified copy of this Ordinance with both the Secretary of State Index Division and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 6: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area a copy of this Ordinance, and such publication shall constitute notice that the determination is effective and that this is the determination of this public body.

Passed this 20th day of June, 2006.

APPROVED:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
 President, Board of Education  
 Skokie School District 68

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ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, Board of Education  
Skokie School District 68

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Fren dreis, Kaczkowski, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL AND LUNCH PRICES FOR 2006-07

It was moved by Member Kaczkowski, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education renew the food service contract with Arbor Management, Inc., for the 2006-07 school year at the per meal cost of \$1.930 plus a management fee of \$.0639 per meal.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Fren dreis, Kaczkowski, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL

It was moved by Member Kaczkowski, seconded by Member Fren dreis, that the Board of Education renew coverage for Workers' Compensation insurance for the period of July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, with the School Employers Loss Fund (SELF) Cooperative for a premium of \$115,418.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Fren dreis, Kaczkowski, Schneider, Steiner

NAY: None

Motion carried.

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS

After review of the financial statements for reports of Activity Fund balances, investments, and the financial statements were accepted for filing.

14. APPROVAL OF PAY ORDERS AND EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education approve the following expenditures: (a) accounts payable checks dated 5/31/06, in the amount of \$265,167.86, (b) handwritten checks dated during May, including imprest, in

the amount of \$205,741.54, (c) total payroll for May in the amount of \$1,238,664.83. Total checks issued for May \$1,709,574.23.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

15. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed the report of student disciplinary actions as well as other communication items.

16. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member del Rosario, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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David Beller, President