

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –June 21, 2011

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2011, 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 acting president of the Board, Una McGeough, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson  
Katrina Bell-Jordan  
David Beller  
Richard Berk  
Una McGeough  
Hank Schneider  
Darius Zakeri

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent  
Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal  
Robyn Hawley, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal  
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services  
Rob McElligott, 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

Absent: None

Visitors: Lila Ardell Lisa Lipin  
Andy Carpenter Lisa Omori  
Debbie Creed Carmela Pessen  
Daniel Domin Naushina Rahman  
Pete Govis Marilyn Soglin  
Audrey Guidarelli Jon Stotter  
Howard Herman

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President Beller and the Board thanked Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. Barbara Phillips for her service to the district. President Beller made a statement outlining the guidelines for public comment.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Anson, that the Board of Education approve the items on the Consent Agenda, which contained the following:

- a. Minutes
  - Board of Education Meeting – May 17, 2011
  - Closed Board of Education Meeting – May 17, 2011
- b. Personnel: Certificated Appointment: I. Arkis, A. Khan, J. Lathrop, P. McClellan, J. Reyes; Certificated Resignation: S. Griffiths; Family Medical Leave: A. Hrvojevic, M. Layman; Classified Resignation: M. Amanishourbariki, R. Goldman; Classified Appointment: J. Johnson; Personal Leave of Absence: D. Lombardo
- c. Financial Reports
- d. May expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 5/31/11 in the amount of \$501,719.11; (b) handwritten and void checks in the amount of \$8,398.94; (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,496,158.42; for a total of \$2,006,276.47 checks issued for May
- e. Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage for 2011-12: Renew coverage with Accident Fund National Insurance Company for an estimate premium of \$83,342
- f. Payment of Prevailing Wages: Adopt the Payment of Prevailing Rates of Wages in Contracts (see Attachment A)
- g. Adopt the Resolution Ratifying the Partial Abatement and Permanent Transfer \$1,200,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund (see Attachment B)

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member McGeough, that the Board appoint Irina Ziemann to the position of Director of Information Technology (see Attachment C).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

4. SPRING 2011 MAP REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Phillips presented a summary of the MAP test administered to district students. The report included an overview of demographic changes that have occurred over the five years that the MAP test has been administered. The report included information about

growth in relation to growth targets and student longitudinal performance. There was discussion about student goal setting. President Beller thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

5. END-OF-YEAR PROGRESS ON ANNUAL PRIORITIES: 2010-2011

Superintendent McTague presented the End-of-Year report including progress on strategic initiatives in the areas of curriculum, multiculturalism, and communication. President Beller thanked Dr. McTague for her report.

6. ADOPTION OF 2011-12 CONTRACTS AND SALARIES

It was moved by Member Berk, seconded by Member McGeough, that the Board of Education approve the 2011-12 contracts and salaries as listed in Attachment D.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

7. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Superintendent McTague presented the background information supporting the reinstatement of the part-time School Resource Officer (SRO) position. Junior high administrators presented incident data related to the position. It was noted that the district's intent was always to have a part-time SRO, however for the last two years our only option was to have a full-time SRO or none at all. Given the turnover of junior high administrators at that time, the district opted for a full-time SRO. With the current stability of the administrative team and the low number of incidences requiring the SRO, the recommendation was made in April to eliminate the position. Since that time, the village has provided the opportunity to staff the SRO as a part-time role. There was discussion about the various aspects of the SRO position as well as the other police and community resources available in those instances. There was also discussion about collecting and analyzing statistics relative to the use and impact of the SRO to be reported to the Board at the December Board meeting. The framework of the study will be discussed at the July meeting.

It was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education reinstate a half-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at Old Orchard Junior High School, effective with the 2011-2012 school year.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

8. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Berk reported on the May 24, 2011, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. President Beller thanked Member Berk for his report.

9. SHARP CORNER LEASE TERMINATION

Assistant Superintendent for Business Beth Millard reviewed the request by Solomon Schechter Day Schools to terminate their lease of Sharp Corner School effective on the third anniversary of the Lease Agreement, May 19, 2014.

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board approve the termination of the lease agreement between Skokie School District 68 and Solomon Schechter Day Schools effective May 19, 2014.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

10. REVISION OF THE JUNIOR HIGH YEARBOOK FEE

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member McGeough, to adjust the junior high yearbook fee for the 2011-12 from \$24 to \$15.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Berk, to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 10:05 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to collective negotiating matters between the district and its employees or their representatives per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and matters of personnel, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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David Beller, President