

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 20, 2007

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 20th day of March, 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. by the President of the Board, David Beller, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Beller

Ross del Rosario
David Ehrlich
John Frendreis
Hank Schneider
Elaine Steiner

Absent: Jim Kaczowski

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
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Absent: Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal

Visitors:

Natalie Dandino
Karen Foley
Barbara Greenberg
Jessica Knopf
Denise Madans
Jan Mazella
Gerry Sloan

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

President David Beller asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- a. Minutes
 - Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 20, 2007
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting – February 20, 2007
- b. Personnel:
 1. Resignation: T. Crutsinger, G. Grewe; Family Medical Leave: M. Bolos; Personal Absence Leave: M. Bolos, A. Warner; Appoint Teachers: O. Douglas, C. Eckert, M. Kearns, K. Pfitzenmaier, S.Phipps; Regular Staff Member Resignation: C. Miscinski, L. Tripicchio.
 2. Teacher Contracts for 2007-08:
 - (i) Issue an Employment contract for Continued Contractual status (Tenure) to eleven certificated staff members (see Attachment A: Going on Tenure);
 - (ii) Issue annual notification of employment and salary to thirty-four certificated staff to remain on Continued Probationary status (see Attachment A: Continuing on Probation);
 - (iii) Issue part-time annual contracts to five part-time certificated staff members who are not eligible for tenure because of part-time status and whose employment must be annually approved by the Board (see Attachment A: Annual Contracts - Part-Time Staff Members);
 - (iv) Adopt a resolution of non-reemployment of two part-time teachers (see Attachment A)
 3. Honorable Dismissal of Classified Employees: Adopt a resolution authorizing reduction in force of educational support Personnel (see Attachment B)
- c. Financial Reports
- d. February expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 2/28/07 in the amount of \$505,995.33, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$246,412.25, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,293,583.57, for a total of \$2,045,991.15 checks issued for February.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. 2006 ISAT TEST RESULTS

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Phillips presented a report on the results of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) that was administered to District 68 2006 students last spring. She noted that due to changes in the test format, 2006 results cannot be compared to previous years, however we can now compare 2006 student performance to national norms. She reported that all sub-groups met Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) under the NCLB guidelines. Dr. Phillips went on to highlight the impact of demographic factors and curricular revisions on district performance. She also described the various intervention strategies that are in place in the district for underperforming students. President Beller thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider reported on the 2/27/07 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. President Beller thanked Member Schneider for his report.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
ARTICLES OF JOINT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member del Rosario, that the Board of Education ratify and approve Article VII of the Articles of Joint Agreement of NTDSE District #807, to be effective July 1, 2007.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. DISTRICT PERFORMANCE SCORECARD: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
AND DIVERSITY

The Board reviewed and finalized the goals and calendar benchmarks for the Community Engagement area of the District Performance Scorecard. Discussion then moved to identifying the goals and benchmark data for the Diversity area of the Scorecard. The Board will finalize the Diversity area next month.

8. 2006-07 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education designate June 6, 2007, as the closing day of the 2006-07 School Calendar, with June 7, 8 and 11 as emergency days.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. RESCHEDULING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education reschedule the May 22, 2007, Board of Education meeting to May 15, 2007, to comply with the Illinois School Code regulations for seating newly elected Board members.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

10. STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER

Superintendent McTague provided details regarding the Police Department's request that the District employ a Student Resource Officer at Old Orchard Junior High School beginning with the 2007-08 school year. She noted that Districts 68, 69 and the Skokie Police Department are working on a proposal to divide the costs of an officer who would split his/her time between the two school districts each week.

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2006-07 FINANCIAL RECORDS

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education appoint Miller, Cooper & Company, Ltd., to conduct an audit of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2007, a cost not to exceed \$16,500 for services, including preparing of the Annual Financial Report and \$1,500 for Federal program audit service.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. PAVING AND CONCRETE REPLACEMENT BID

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education award a contract to Schroeder Asphalt in the amount of \$432,520, to include the base bid and Alternate No. 1, and authorize the administration to accept Alternate No. 2, based on construction conditions.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

13. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

14. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member del Rosario, seconded by Member Frendreis, that the Board of Education move to closed session at 9:17 p.m. to discuss collective negotiating matters per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), matters of personnel as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) as amended by P.A. 93-0057, the Superintendent's evaluation per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1), and the semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes as mandated by Sec. 2.-06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President