

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 18, 2008

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18th day of March, 2008, 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 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
Terry Baranowski, Old Orchard Jr. High School, Interim Principal
Kimberly Heath, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Absent: Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O’Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal
Connie Powell, Director of Special Services

Visitors: Angela Athanasopoulos
Ed Boundy

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. An audience member introduced his printer cartridge recycling business in the District.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
 - Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 19, 2008
 - Special Board of Education Meeting - February 19, 2008
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting (1) – February 19, 2008
 - Closed Board of Education Meeting (2) – February 19, 2008
- b. Personnel:
 - 1) Teacher Resignations: K. Baldwin, S. Geisheker, A. Khara, D. Mustis, C. Walker; Classified Resignation: A. Ander, K. Jablonski
 - 2) Teacher Contracts:
 - (i) Issue an employment contract for continued contractual status (tenure) to thirteen certificated staff members (see Attachment A: Going on Tenure 2008-09 School Year);
 - (ii) Issue annual notification of employment and salary to forty-two certificated staff to remain on continued Probationary status (see Attachment A: Continuing on Probation 2008-09 School Year);
 - (iii) Issue part-time annual contracts to seven 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 2008-09 School Year);
 - (iv) Adopt a resolution of non-reemployment of two first year probationary teachers (see Attachment A);
 - (v) 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 for February in the amount of \$274,872.38, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$186,574.31, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,309,503.14, for a total of \$1,770,949.83 checks issued for February
- e. Appointment of Miller, Cooper & Co. Ltd., as Auditor for 2007-08 Financial Records

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. TURN AROUND SCHOOLS: NO EXCUSES UNIVERSITY

Superintendent McTague presented a report on the No Excuses University program and the plan to become a *No Excuses University* district. President Frendreis thanked Dr. McTague for her report.

4. REVISION TO 2007-08 SCHOOL CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education designate June 11, 2008, as the closing day of the 2007-2008 school year, with June 12, 13, and 16 as emergency days.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

5. POLICY REVISION DISCUSSION

The Board of Education reviewed proposed revisions to Policy 5118: Determination of Residency for School Enrollment, Policy 5141: Physical Examinations and Inoculations, and Policy 6161 Computer Network and Information Services Access.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider reported on the February 26, 2008, meeting of the Niles Township District For Special Education #807. The highlight of the meeting was the appointment of Tarin Kendrick as the Executive Director of the District. President Frendreis thanked Member Schneider for his report.

7. DEVONSHIRE PLAYGROUND RENOVATION BIDS

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Livieri, to award contracts to Accu-Paving for the amount of \$122,900 for Base Bid #1 and Green-Up Landscaping for the amount of \$211,445 for Base Bid #2 and reject Alternates L-1A and L-1B.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. SCHOOL BUS LEASE

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education approve a lease agreement with Central States Bus Sales Inc., for a five year lease for two 2009 Blue Bird Vision 71 passenger buses for the lease price of \$9,625, and a lease agreement with Midwest Transit Equipment Inc., for a five year lease for two 2008 Chevy/Collins 29 passenger buses for a lease price of \$6,085 per year.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed several communication items.

10. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Beller, seconded by Member Livieri, to move the meeting to closed session at 8:17 p.m., for the semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes as mandated by Sec. 2.-06 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21), and 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