

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 17, 2009

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, 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  
Una McGeough  
Hank Schneider  
Tanja Tuck

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent  
Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal  
Kimberly Heath, Old Orchard Junior High School Assistant Principal  
Luis Illa, Old Orchard Junior High School 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

Visitors: Brandi Barnett  
Andy Carpenter  
Joan Evans  
Karen Lavengood  
Sylwia Laniewski  
Amy Zamora

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. There were no comments.

## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
  - Regular Board of Education Meeting– February 17, 2009
  - Closed Board of Education Meeting – February 17, 2009
- b(i). Personnel: Certificated Resignation/Retirement: C.Bora, J. Hindin, S. Schooley;  
Personal Leave: K. Connelly; Classified Resignation: T. Rudd
- b(ii). Personnel: Teacher Contracts
  - (i) Issue an employment contract for continued contractual status (tenure) to eleven certificated staff members (see Attachment A: Going on Tenure 2009-2010 school year);
  - (ii) Issue annual notification of employment and salary to forty-three certificated staff to remain on continued Probationary status (see Attachment A: Continuing on Probation 2009-2010 School Year);
  - (iii) Issue part-time annual contracts to eight 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 2009-2010 School Year);
  - (iv) Adopt a resolution of non-reemployment of four first year probationary teachers (see Attachment A);
- b(iii). Personnel: 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 2/28/09 in the amount of \$689,701.30, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$196,455.93, (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,361,837.21, for a total of \$2,247,994.44 checks issued for February.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Livieri, McGeough, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

## 3. 2009-2010 STAFFING ALLOCATIONS

Superintendent McTague presented a recommendation to increase the allocation for elementary social work from .5 to 1.0 full time equivalent (FTE) at each elementary school, increase music staffing at OOJH by .5 FTE, and increase the K-5 health clerk position to 7 hours per day for the 2009-10 school year. These increases are partially offset by the elimination of an instructional coach and reduction of clerical staffing at the elementary schools. The Board expressed support for these staffing changes.

4. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member McGeough reported on the February 24, 2009 meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education. President Frendreis thanked Member McGeough for her report.

5. SCHOOL BUS LEASE

It was moved by Member Tuck, seconded by Member Beller, that the Board of Education approve lease agreements with Central States Bus Sales for two school buses at a lease price of \$10,261 per year per bus and with Midwest Transit Equipment for one school bus at a lease price of \$7,278 per year, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Livieri, McGeough, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed several communication items.

7. ADJOURN THE MEETING

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Livieri, to move the meeting to closed session at 7:55 p.m., to discuss for 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, Ehrlich, Frendreis, Livieri, McGeough, Schneider, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

---

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

---

John Frendreis, President

**GOING ON TENURE – SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010**

Devonshire

Jessica Knopf  
Gina Uhle

Highland

Melissa Rothman

Jane Stenson

Molly Layman  
Anu Sharma  
Megan Weinstein

Old Orchard Jr. High

Iida Borges  
Andrew Carpenter  
Erica Souder

District

Stacey Woleben  
Carlen Roeschley

**CONTINUING ON PROBATION — SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010**

Devonshire

Elizabeth Bottonari  
Owen Douglas  
Katie Eckert  
Meghan Kearns  
Kitty Lierandi  
Rebecca Obeler  
Patricia Vale

Highland

Nicole Alvear  
Brandi Barnett  
Jacqueline Burton  
Mary Graul  
Tracy Hovis  
Lori Linforth  
Sarah Newcorn  
Renee Phillippose

Jane Stenson

Molly Rose Flanagan  
Lisa Gold  
Anica Hrvojevic  
Sena Kim  
Sylwia Laniewski  
Brooke Rolek  
Cynthia Stevens  
Kara Tapscott

Old Orchard Jr. High

Rebecca Borree  
Jennifer Dine  
Heather Doane  
Julie Easter  
Allison Fruchtman  
Nicole Guerrero  
Colette Halverson  
Ryan Hopker  
Christina Lee

Old Orchard Jr. High

Ryan Levin  
Anastasia Liosatos  
Lisa Montgomery  
Angie Naro  
Cara Novy-Bennowitz  
Matt Priban  
Sarah Ruse  
Melinda Russo  
Sara Ryder  
Nicholas Tarantello

District

Christina Heath

NOTE: Listing by school is in accordance with present assignment —  
subject to change for 2009-2010

**ANNUAL CONTRACTS - PART-TIME STAFF MEMBERS  
SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010**

Art

Tarryl Saipe (Jane Stenson)  
DeAnn Saykawlard (Highland)  
Molly Siegel (Devonshire)

ELL

Merilee Aguirre (Old Orchard)

Foreign Language

Karen Arnold (Old Orchard)  
Grace Pigozzi (Old Orchard)

Psychologist

Joan Evans (Highland)

Social Work

Kim Weissenberg (Highland)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION  
IN FORCE OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of Skokie School District 68 (the "District") is required to notify certified personnel of honorable dismissal at least forty-five days before the effective date of dismissal due to the Board's decision to decrease the number of certified personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Board has decided to reduce the number of certified personnel employed for the 2009-2010 school term;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Skokie School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The Certified Personnel listed in the attached Exhibit 1 shall be dismissed effective at the close of the 2008-09 school term.
2. The notice of honorable dismissal shall be substantially in the form of the attached Exhibit 2. The President and Secretary of the Board shall cause the notice to be served as soon as reasonably possible by first class mail and by either personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested.
3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Education

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL TO BE HONORABLY DISMISSED**

| <u>Name</u>            | <u>School</u>                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mehdi Amanishourbariki | Old Orchard Junior High School |
| Victoria Bortnikova    | Devonshire School              |
| Anne Pechnyo           | Devonshire School              |
| Tarryl Saipe*          | Jane Stenson School            |
| Amy Zamora             | Devonshire School              |

\* Returning to part-time status in the same position

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION  
IN FORCE OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of Skokie School District 68 (the "District") is required to notify educational support personnel of honorable dismissal at least thirty days before the effective date of dismissal due to the Board's decision to decrease the number of educational support personnel or to discontinue some particular type of educational support service; and

WHEREAS, the Board has decided to reduce the number of educational support personnel employed for the 2009-2010 school term;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Skokie School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The Educational Support Personnel listed in the attached Exhibit 1 shall be dismissed from the categories of position shown opposite their names, effective at the close of the 2008-09 school term.
2. The notice of honorable dismissal shall be substantially in the form of the attached Exhibit 2. The President and Secretary of the Board shall cause the notice to be served as soon as reasonably possible by first class mail and by either personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested.
3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Education

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO BE HONORABLY DISMISSED**

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Category of Position</u>     | <u>School</u>               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Einat Gantz       | One-to-One Teaching Assistant   | Old Orchard Jr. High School |
| Shira Harris      | Kindergarten Teaching Assistant | Highland School             |
| Ross Houston      | Special Ed. Teaching Assistant  | Devonshire School           |
| Anne Nelson       | Special Ed. Teaching Assistant  | Jane Stenson School         |
| Ron Oberman       | LMC Assistant                   | Old Orchard Jr. High School |
| Hally Patel       | Special Ed. Teaching Assistant  | Old Orchard Jr. High School |
| Dana Sabia        | One-to-One Teaching Assistant   | Highland School             |
| Emily Saltz       | Kindergarten Teaching Assistant | Jane Stenson School         |
| Knut Sjurseth     | One-to-One Teaching Assistant   | Old Orchard Jr. High School |
| Jessica Strohl    | Kindergarten Teaching Assistant | Devonshire School           |
| Glandine Thompson | Special Ed. Teaching Assistant  | Old Orchard Jr. High School |
| Allison Yoder     | One-to-One Teaching Assistant   | Devonshire School           |

NOTE: Listing by school is in accordance with present assignment —  
subject to change for 2009-2010