

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 68, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Board of Education Meeting – May 16, 2006

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 16th day of May, 2006, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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
Jim Kaczkowski
Hank Schneider
Elaine Steiner

Absent: None

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:

Rachel Anderson	Megan Faith	Nancy Pollock
Lila Ardell	Curtis House	Pat Schuffert
Angela Athanasopoulos	Jillian Light	Anu Sharma
Laura Bader	Dominique Martin	Jolan Silcroft
Ed Boundy	Marlene Miller	Kassandra Soter
Natalie Dandino	Norma Moreno	Diana Tarant

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. A staff member made a statement about the District's promotion policy. President Beller stated that the Board will review the matter.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 18, 2006
Closed Board of Education Meeting – April 18, 2006

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. Louis Gatta of ECRA Group presented the results of the 2006 Strategic Planning process. There were a number of questions from Board members and the audience regarding the report. President Beller thanked Dr. Gatta for his presentation.

4. STUDENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Phillips presented a report detailing the various assessments used in the District, including standardized tests, classroom assessments and performance assessments. President Beller thanked Assistant Superintendent Phillips for her report.

5. SPECIAL EDUCATION DELIVERY MODEL

Director of Special Services Connie Powell presented an update on the work of the special services team including changes that have been implemented this year as well as ongoing work on the remaining areas of focus. There were a number of questions and issues discussed. President Beller thanked Ms. Powell for her report.

6. NILES TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider presented a report on the April 25, 2006, meeting of the Niles Township Department of Special Education #807. President Beller thanked Member Schneider for his report.

7. 2005-06 OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISIONS

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

- designate June 2, 2006, as a non-attendance day;
- designate June 7, 2006, as the closing day of the 2005-06 school year; and
- declare June 8, 9, 12 and 13, 2006, as school holidays, instead of being used as emergency attendance days.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. AUTHORIZATION OF FY07 GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools or the administrative designee to apply for grants and financial aid projects with state and federal agencies, and with private foundations and other sources; and that in such capacity the Superintendent or designee be authorized to file project applications, reports and financial claims for and in behalf of this Board of Education, and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Board as required by the various project agreements for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. REVIEW OF CLOSED MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Member Kaczkowski, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education in compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, take the following action as shown below on the minutes of closed meetings held during the past six months, and verbatim record of closed meetings held:

Transfer to Opening Meeting Minutes:

<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Topic of Meeting</u>
9/20/2005	Personnel
2/21/2006	Personnel

Destruction of Verbatim Record of Closed Meeting Minutes:

<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Topic of Meeting</u>
5/18/04	Administrator Salary
6/1/04	Personnel
6/15/04	Personnel

<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Topic of Meeting</u>
7/20/04	Personnel
9/21/04	Appointment of Board Member
10/19/04	Personnel

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

10. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Fren dreis, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education

- a. 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>
Geoffrey Marshall	6 th Grade SS/LA Teacher Old Orchard Jr. High School	6/7/06	8/28/02 – 6/7/06

- b. appoint the following teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Lane & Step</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Sarah Abraham	7 th Grade Math Old Orchard Jr. High School	BA Step 3	8/15/06
Julie Kim	6 th Grade SS/LA Old Orchard Jr. High School	BA Step 3	8/15/06
Grace Pigozzi	50% Spanish Old Orchard Jr. High School	MA Step 1	8/22/06

- c. grant leave to the following staff members under Article 7.4 of the Professional Negotiations Agreement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Position</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Elisa Bailis	5 th Gr. Teacher Highland School	2006-07 School Year	8/20/97 – 4/4/06 Leave of Absence: 2002-03 School Yr.
Barbara Hill	4 th Gr. Teacher Jane Stenson School	2006-07 School Year	8/26/92 – 6/7/06 Leave of Absence: 2003-04 School Yr.

d. accept the resignation of the following regular staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Position</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
Joan Kohn	Principal's Secretary Devonshire School	6/25/07	6/6/87 – 6/22/07
Erin Nelson	LMC Assistant Old Orchard Jr. High School	5/8/06	9/10/01 – 5/5/06

e. appoint the following classified staff member for the 2006-07 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade & Step</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Gary Arnold	Sp. Ed. Teaching Assistant Old Orchard Jr. High School	S-2 Step 1	8/22/06

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Superintendent McTague reviewed the final drafts of the various new/revised formats including the web page and the board meeting folder. There were a few minor revisions including addition of the vision statement to the main page. It was agreed to proceed with the changes.

12. BOARD EVALUATION

Superintendent McTague explained the options and process for several forms of Board evaluations. After discussion it was agreed to move forward with the IASB long form and try to schedule the IASB facilitator for the June meeting. Recorders note: The IASB is scheduled to meet with the Superintendent and the Board for Board Evaluation on July 11, 2006.

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 Ehrlich, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education approve the following expenditures: (a) accounts payable checks dated 4/30/06, in the amount of \$239,411.59, (b) handwritten checks dated during April, including imprest, in the amount of \$228,520.44, (c) total payroll for April in the amount of \$1,210,544.75, and (d) a liability credit reversed in April in the amount of \$223.05. Total checks issued for April \$1,678,699.83.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Beller, del Rosario, Ehrlich, 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 Ehrlich, seconded by Member Schneider, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 p.m. to immediately reconvene in closed session.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President

Note: Page 6 Revision of Item 14: Moved by Member "Ehrlich"