

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

Rescheduled Board of Education Meeting – May 15, 2007

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 15th day of May, 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
Jim Kaczowski
Hank Schneider
Elaine Steiner

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
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: Margaret Clauson, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal

Visitors:

Angela Athanasopoulos
Ed Boundy
Kristy Frick
Sarah Geisheker
Sue Hagedorn
Cindy Latin
Lisa Lipin
Melissa Rothman
Diana Schmidt
Jon Stotter

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. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Superintendent McTague highlighted contributions made by outgoing Board members David Beller and Ross del Rosario and thanked them for their years of service to the children of District 68. The outgoing Board members were commended for their contributions by each of the remaining Board members.

4. APPROVAL OF ELECTION CANVASS

It was moved by Member Kaczowski, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education approve the Cook County Clerk's Canvass of Votes of the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election (see Exhibit A).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion Carried.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OATH OF OFFICE

Board President David Beller administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board members David Ehrlich, Paul Livieri and Tanja Tuck, who will serve as members of the Board of Education until April, 2011.

I, (name), do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Skokie School District 68, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further affirm that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting; and

I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.

6. ADJOURNMENT *sine die*

It was moved by Member Kaczowski, , seconded by Member Schneider, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned *sine die* at 7:45 p.m.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

John Frendreis, President

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Reorganized Board of Education Meeting – May 15, 2007

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The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Ehrlich
John Frendreis
Jim Kaczkowski
Paul Livieri
Hank Schneider
Elaine Steiner
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
Beth Millard, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Randy Needlman, Devonshire School Principal
Susan O'Neil, Jane Stenson School Principal
Barbara Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
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Absent: Margaret Clauson, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal

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1. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM AND SECRETARY PRO TEM

Superintendent McTague was elected president pro tem and Assistant Superintendent Millard was elected secretary pro tem by consensus.

2. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Kaczkowski, that the Board of Education elect Member Frendreis for the office of President.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

It was moved by Member Frendreis, seconded by Member Tuck, that the Board of Education elect Member Schneider for the office of Vice President, and appoint Beth Millard as Secretary and that the salary for the Office of Secretary be set at \$-0- per annum.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

Members described the functions of the Board representative to the Niles Township District for Special Education, the Illinois Association of Schools Boards and the ED-RED Council as well as the duties associated with the role of Co-chair of the Administrative-Board-Classified Council.

Niles Township Special Education Committee

Elaine Steiner – Delegate

Tanya Tuck – Alternate

Administrative-Board-Classified Council

Jim Kaczkowski – Co-chair

Illinois Association of Schools Boards – North Cook Division

Hank Schneider – Delegate

ED-RED Council

Jim Kaczkowski - Representative

5. DESIGNATION OF TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS

It was moved by Member Kaczowski, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education designate the 3rd Tuesday of every month (unless rescheduled) during the coming year as the regular meeting date. Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Service Center, 9440 Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczowski, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Minutes

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b. Personnel:

Family Medical Leave: K. Walker; Leave of Absence: C Guerard; Appoint: M.

Aguirre, N. Alvear, E. Bottonari, H. Doane, R. Hopker, T. Hovis, S. Kim, L.

Linforth, S. Newcorn, R. Obeler, G. Pigozzi, M. Siegel; Classified Resignation: A.

Lawson, J. Pratts

c. Financial Reports

f. April expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 4/30/07, \$118,379.89 (Fund 10), \$91,886.66 (Fund 20), & \$28,071.30 (Fund 40), for a total accounts payable checks in April \$238,337.85, (b) handwritten checks in the amount of \$190,054.37 (Fund 10), \$21,355.86 (Fund 20), and \$9,295.68 (Fund 40), for a total handwritten checks in April \$220,705.91; (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,281,105.60, for a total of \$1,740,149.36 checks issued for April.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczowski, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. NILES TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider presented a report on the April 24, 2007, meeting of the Niles Township Department of Special Education #807. He reported that there is currently a shortage of one classroom for a satellite program. He also gave an update on the strategic planning process. President Frendreis thanked Member Schneider for his report.

8. AUTHORIZATION OF FY08 GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was moved by Member Kaczkowski, seconded by Member Schneider, 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 2007-08 fiscal year.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. PERFORMANCE SCORECARD: FINANCE DISCUSSION

The final draft of the performance scorecard was reviewed, particularly the finance section which was added based on last month's Board discussion.

10. WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROPOSALS

It was moved by Member Tuck, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education contract with Accident Fund National Insurance Company to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for 2007-08 for a total premium of \$64,317.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. SCHOOL RENOVATION BID

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Tuck, that the Board of Education award a contract to R&W Clark Construction/Continental Construction Company, a joint venture, in the amount of \$458,000 for building renovation work at Old Orchard Junior High, Highland Elementary and Devonshire Elementary schools.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczkowski, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT BID

It was moved by Member Kaczowski, seconded by Member Schneider, that the Board of Education award a contract for management of the operation of the District 68 food service program to Arbor Management Inc., according to the terms of its low bid, for the period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, with the understanding that the contract may be renewed for up to four additional years as provided by law.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczowski, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Kaczowski, seconded by Member Livieri, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. and reconvene in closed session to discuss collective negotiating matters per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and personnel matters, per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Frendreis, Kaczowski, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

John Frendreis, President