

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – October 16, 2007

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: David Ehrlich  
John Frendreis  
Paul Livieri  
Hank Schneider  
Elaine Steiner  
Tanja Tuck

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent  
Terry Baranowski, Old Orchard Jr. High School, Interim 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

Visitors:	Kathy Fergus	Norma Moreno	Gerry Sloan
	Laura Grandt	Elizabeth Nielsen	Christine Toy
	Sue Hagedorn	Marc Pershin	Brooke Vuckovic
	Karen Lavengood	Melissa Rothman	David Wiviott
	Lisa Lipin	Diana Schmidt	

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

President John Frendreis asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Frendreis called for statements to the Board from the audience regarding topics not listed on the meeting agenda. There was a question about the new law requiring a moment of silence; Superintendent McTague noted that the item was on the agenda for discussion. An audience member asked for follow up on the letter regarding the ECC, presented to the Board of Education last month. President Frendreis and other Board of Education members commented on various aspects of the letter and the Early Childhood Center Program, including an emphasis on developing a more sophisticated marketing plan managed by the District rather than parent volunteers. There was also discussion of the implications of making the program an extension of the regular educational program.

## 3. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Member Livieri, seconded by Member Ehrlich, 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: J. Light
- c. Review of Closed Meeting Minutes
- d. Financial Reports
- e. September expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 9/30/07 in the amount of \$274,646.83, (b) handwritten checks amount of \$350,461.25; (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$1,278,148.04; (d) a reverse liability check void in the amount of \$6,133.08, for a total of \$1,909,389.20 checks issued for September.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

## 4. 2007 SUMMER SCHOOL

There was discussion about various aspects of the summer school program including the decrease in enrollment and increase in Board support of the program in the form of tuition waivers for low-income students enrolled in basic skills classes.

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Steiner, that the Board of Education approve 2008 Summer School salaries and fees, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

5. 2007 ISAT PERFORMANCE

Assistant Superintendent Phillips presented the results from the spring 2007 ISAT testing. She discussed the challenges of keeping the “meets and exceeds” percentages high in spite of demographic shifts in the District. There was discussion about the implications of this data. President Frendreis thanked Dr. Phillips for her report.

6. FALL 2007 MAP REPORT IN READING AND MATHEMATICS

Assistant Superintendent Phillips summarized the September 2007 administration of the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test in reading and math. She showed various analyses of the data by sub-group. There was discussion about how to break down the information into a usable format for teachers. President Frendreis thanked the administration and teachers for all of their work.

7. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Schneider summarized the September 27, 2007 meeting.

8. DISTRICT PRIORITIES

Superintendent McTague reviewed the updated District Priorities based on last month’s Board discussion. There was agreement to move forward with the identified priorities.

9. NEW POLICY

Superintendent McTague explained the need for a policy regarding the Moment of Silence. It was agreed that she will present a policy draft at the November meeting. She also explained the need to change Policy 5124: Reporting to Parents to reflect the change to full-day kindergarten.

10. RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

It was moved by Member Tuck, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the Board of Education authorize a resolution of intent to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 219

It was moved by Member Steiner, seconded by Member Livieri, that the Board of Education approve an Intergovernmental Agreement providing for additional bus service to Niles Township High School District 219.

Assistant Superintendent Millard summarized the plan to assist the high school by providing six morning routes for Niles North. The routes will run before the regular Old Orchard morning routes and will generate a small amount of revenue for the District, in addition to improving service for these former District 68 students.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

13. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Steiner, to move to closed session to consider the appointment of a member to fill a vacancy on the School Board per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), and a personnel matter, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by PA. 93-0057.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

14. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:00 p.m.

15. PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Steiner, to approve the suspension of a staff member, as listed in the agenda materials.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

16. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Steiner, seconded by Member Livieri, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 P.M.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ehrlich, Fren dreis, Livieri, Schneider, Steiner, Tuck

NAY: None

Motion carried.

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Beth Millard, Board Secretary

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John Fren dreis, President