

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting –October 18, 2011

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18th day of October, 2011, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by the president of the Board, David Beller, who presided. Members of the Board were present as follows:

Present: Amy Anson
Katrina Bell-Jordan
David Beller
Richard Berk
Una McGeough
Hank Schneider
Darius Zakeri

Absent: None

Administrative staff members were present as follows:

Frances McTague, Superintendent
Leslie Gordon, Highland School Principal
Robyn Hawley, Old Orchard Junior High School Principal
Laurie Heinz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum
Jac McBride, Director of Special Services
Rob McElligott, 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
Irina Ziemann, Director of Information Technology

Absent: None

Visitors: Natalie Dandino
Ellen Mocogni
Marilyn Soglin
Marcie Weinstein

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President Beller asked Board members, administrators and guests to introduce themselves. He asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. There were none.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
Board of Education Meeting – September 20, 2011
Closed Board of Education Meeting – September 20, 2011
- b. Personnel: Family Medical Leave: I. Borges; Classified Appointment: F. Northcut;
Classified Resignation: B. Oshita, N. Tallidis
- c. Financial Reports
- d. September expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 9/30/11 in the amount of \$1,207,754.32, (b) payroll checks in the amount of \$2,101,406.17; for a total of \$3,309,106.49 checks issued for September
- e. Review of Closed Meeting Minutes:
Transfer to Open: 9/15/09, 1/18/11, 3/15/11, 4/12/11
Retain as Closed: 2/20/07, 7/21/09, 11/17/09, 2/16/10, 9/21/10, 10/19/10, 12/14/10, 2/16/11, 5/17/11, 6/21/11, 7/19/11
Destruction of Verbatim Record: 12/15/09, 1/19/10, 2/16/10, 3/16/10, 4/20/10, 5/18/10

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

3. 2011 ISAT REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Heinz summarized the results of the ISAT which was administered last spring and provided information on the testing requirements resulting from No Child Left Behind (NCLB). She highlighted some key changes in district demographics over the last nine years and provided historical information on test scores by grade level and subgroup. Mrs. Heinz also highlighted several key areas of success as well as some targets for improvement. She noted that the implementation of the new math curriculum will provide some short term challenges to improving scores. She described the implementation process for the new K-5 *Math in Focus* program and the new math intervention program at all schools.

There was discussion about both reading and math intervention programs. President Beller thanked Mrs. Heinz for her report.

4. PERFORMANCE SCORECARD DISCUSSION

Superintendent McTague thanked Board members Berk and McGeough for their work with her on establishing the achievement targets for 2011-12. She explained the rationale behind the targets, some of which are below AYP, but still represent a stretch based on past performance of each cohort. After discussion, several of the targets were slightly adjusted. Dr. McTague highlighted the targets for MAP scores since this is a critical measure based on individual growth targets versus the arbitrary targets for ISAT set by NCLB. She also briefly reviewed the rest of the data on the report card.

President Beller thanked Dr. McTague for her report.

5. NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

Member Anson reported on the September 27, 2011, meeting of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. She noted that a new teacher evaluation model is being developed and reported on the new motor skills room at Molloy. The district is also starting a foundation to help with fundraising. President Beller thanked Member Anson for her report.

6. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Millard provided an overview of transportation services in the district for both regular and special education bussing. She highlighted the benefits of running our own programs and noted that recent increases in enrollment have put a strain on the program, both in terms of available bus seats and in run times. She noted that planning for next year may include the addition of regular and/or special education bus routes and streamlining of routes to decrease run times. President Beller thanked Ms. Millard for her report.

7. PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member McGeough, to purchase a package school insurance policy which includes property, general liability, vehicle, school board legal liability, and umbrella liability insurance for the period from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012 from Indiana Insurance Company for a total premium of \$99,393.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

8. BOND SALE AUTHORIZATION

It was moved by Member McGeough, seconded by Member Zakeri, to adopt the following Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds as follows:

WHEREAS, School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), is a duly organized and existing school district created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, including the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (the "Board") intends to sell bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,300,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, requires the Board to hold a public hearing concerning the Board's intent to sell the Bonds before adopting a resolution providing for the sale of the Bonds:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Ordered by the undersigned President of the Board of Education of School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. I hereby call a public hearing to be held at 7:30 o'clock P.M. on the 15th day of November, 2011, in the Educational Services Center, 9440 Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in the District, concerning the Board's intent to sell the Bonds and to receive public comments regarding the proposal to sell the Bonds (the "Hearing").

2. I hereby direct that the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") shall (i) publish notice of the Hearing at least once in the Skokie Review, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District, not less than 7 nor more than 30 days before the date of the Hearing and (ii) post at least 48 hours before the Hearing a copy of said notice at the principal office of the Board.

3. Notice of the Hearing shall appear above the name of the Secretary and shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 68, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$8,300,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 15th day of November, 2011, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

The hearing will be held in the Educational Services Center, 9440 Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in an amount not to exceed \$8,300,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

By order of the President of the Board of Education of School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois.

DATED the 18th day of October, 2011.

Beth Millard
Secretary, Board of Education, School District Number 68,
Cook County, Illinois

4. At the Hearing, the Board shall explain the reasons for the proposed bond issue and permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present written or oral testimony within reasonable time limits. The Board shall not adopt a resolution selling the Bonds for a period of seven (7) days after the final adjournment of the Hearing.

Ordered this 18th day of October, 2011.

David Beller
President, Board of Education,
School District Number 68, Cook County, Illinois

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

The Board discussed Cable TV Access and decided to eliminate the cable TV show. School events will be uploaded to our websites in the future.

The development of a fall parent survey regarding the observance of religious holidays in the school calendar and the SRO at OOJH was discussed. The survey questions will be crafted by Superintendent McTague and shared at the November Board meeting, with dissemination to parents during November parent-teacher conferences.

10. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Anson, seconded by Member Berk, to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 10:22 p.m. to discuss collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), the lease of school property per 5 ILCS 12/02(c)(6), and matters of personnel per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Anson, Bell-Jordan, Beller, Berk, McGeough, Schneider, Zakeri

NAY: None.

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

David Beller, President