

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting – September 18, 2007

The Board of Education of School District 68, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 18th day of September, 2007, in regular session at the Educational Service Center, according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. Members of the Board were present as follows:

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

Absent: Jim Kaczowski

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: Natalie Dandino Melissa Rothman
Mary Hinsey Steve Spiegel
Anica Hrvojevic Christine Toy
Ami Khara Katie Weil

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

President John Frendreis asked the Board members and administrators at the head table to introduce themselves. He then asked the principals to introduce their new faculty members and welcomed the new teachers to District 68. Remaining audience members introduced themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Frendreis called for statements to the Board from the audience regarding topics not listed on the meeting agenda. A parent from the ECC distributed a letter from the ECC Parents' Group to the Board highlighting the accomplishments of the past two years as well as the issues and goals for the future. She requested that the Board consider the information and respond as appropriate.

President Frendreis announced that District teachers had ratified the new Professional Negotiations Agreement and thanked the EA team for their professionalism during the process.

Principal O'Neil reminded everyone that Fall Fest is Wednesday, September 19, 2007 and encouraged everyone to attend.

3. 2007-08 BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION

President Frendreis opened the public hearing on the 2007-08 budget. He asked Assistant Superintendent Millard to summarize the changes from the tentative budget adopted by the Board in July. After several questions from the Board, he invited audience members to make statements regarding the proposed budget. There being no comments, he closed the budget hearing.

4. ADOPTION OF THE 2007-08 BUDGET

President Frendreis called for adoption of the budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year and called on the Secretary to present the budget resolution as follows:

BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Public School District N^o. 68, County of Cook, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon:

AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 18th day of September, 2007, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of said District as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.

Section 2: That the budget in its final proposed form be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this School District for the said fiscal year, thereby appropriating

the sum of \$19,836,177 from the Educational Fund, and
the sum of \$3,387,663 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and
the sum of \$2,417,200 from the Bond and Interest Fund, and
the sum of \$1,026,338 from the Transportation Fund, and
the sum of \$724,600 from the Municipal Retirement Fund which amount
includes \$439,100 for Social Security/Medicare, and
the sum of \$15,000 from the Fire Prevention and Safety Fund

Adopted by the Board of Education this 18th day of September, 2007.

/s/ John Frendreis, President

/s/ Beth Millard, Board Secretary

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Schneider that the Board of Education adopt the 2007-08 Budget.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting – August 21, 2007
Closed Board of Education Meeting – August 21, 2007
- b. Personnel:
Appoint Teachers: B. Barnett, M. Flanagan, A.Khara; Revise Appointment of Teachers: C. Halverson, R. Hopker; Appoint Classified Staff: A. Abraham, K. Jablonski, R. Phillippose, S. Salzinski, D. Vondrich-Chambers, L. Zajackowski;
Accept Resignation: M. Markelz
- c. Financial Reports
- d-i. August expenditures as follows: (a) accounts payable checks dated 8/30/07 in the amount of \$263,803.78, (b) handwritten checks net of void checks in the amount of \$253,721.97; (c) payroll checks in the amount of \$284,572.08; for a total of \$799,947.15 checks issued for August.
- d-ii. A September handwritten check in the amount of \$102,683
- e. Application for Recognition of Schools for 2007-08

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. DISTRICT PRIORITIES FOR 2007-08

Superintendent McTague presented an overview of district priorities for 2007-08 which represent the objectives associated with the District 68 Performance Scorecard and the initiatives outlined in the 2006 Strategic Plan. During discussion there was interest in adding the priority of greater outreach to minority teaching candidates to the Multiculturalism/Diversity Initiative and in adding a priority of soliciting perspectives of various stakeholders to the Communication Initiative. There was also discussion about greater integration of the ECC into the regular program in the areas of curriculum and ELL support. President Frenreis thanked Superintendent McTague for her report.

7. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT APPROVAL

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Steiner that the Board of Education approve the 2007-2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board and the District 68 Education Association.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

8. 2007-08 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

It was moved by Member Ehrlich, seconded by Member Livieri, that the Board of Education reschedule the November Board meeting to November 27, 2007.

The November Board meeting is currently scheduled on the evening of parent-teacher conferences, November 20, 2007, and would be rescheduled to the following Tuesday.

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. NILES TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION #807

No report.

10. OLD ORCHARD JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL SEARCH

Superintendent McTague presented information on the process and timeline for selection of a new principal at OOJH.

11. COMMUNICATION

The Board reviewed several communication items.

12. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Livieri, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. and reconvene in closed session to discuss closed meeting minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), collective negotiating matters per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and student matters per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(10).

Upon roll call, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Beth Millard, Board Secretary

John Fren dreis, President