

Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
January 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Mrs. Yerkes called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Yerkes, Haberkorn, Touhy, Lynch, Weiss, Bylut, Lachowicz,

Absent: None

Visitors

Sharon Herman, Cathy Leslie, Mary Lynn Duffy, Kevin Kirk, Lynn Adamonis, Kim Anoman, Carrie Hoban, Donna Pfeifer, Cindy Drabeck, Betsy Noort, Darlene Callahan, Noora Diab, Lori Pierce, Vanessa Palcu, Mary Beth and Brian Knoll, Jill Kasmer, Elizabeth Foertsch, Beth Strooboscher, Sally Gaw, Kristin Restivo, Gary MacLeod, Melanie Hansen, D. Cachor, Lisa Freimuth, Lisa Jarmoszka, Kathleen Fitzgerald

Audience Participation

None.

Superintendent's Report

The 7th grade Girls Basketball team achieved Conference Champions with an undefeated season. Kevin Kirk spoke about the team and their season; and team members will be recognized at Independence the following day (many of the team members were unable to attend the Board meeting.)

Dr. Green reviewed the registration fee structure for the 2016-2017 school year. The fees remain the same, with the addition of a cost for a printed District calendar. The calendar will still be available on the website for those who prefer to view/print for themselves.

Sharon Herman made a presentation to the Board on the PARCC tests.

Cathy Leslie presented to the Board some research on early education and the benefits of full day Kindergarten.

Dr. Green gave the Board an update on the transportation meeting held prior to the Board Meeting by the Transportation Committee. There are two options the committee is looking at currently. An e mail will be sent to all families, explaining different scenarios that the committee has developed over the course of the last five months. There will also be a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Independence Jr. High. All are welcome to attend and give their input. The committee will then bring their recommendation to the Board on February 10.

Dr. Green reviewed the proposed 2016-2017 school calendar. Staff members were surveyed for their input and provided with the District 218 calendar for comparison.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Weiss that the Board approves the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2015; approves the December, 2015 bills payable and gross November, 2015 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$964,766.40 (copy of same to be appended to and become a part of the minutes of this meeting); reviews and approves the activity accounts of the District's schools; approves the 2016-2017 School Calendar; approves the registration fees and transportation fees for 2016-2017 registration; approves a staff member contract, and approves full day kindergarten in the District.

Mrs. Lachowicz requested Item F, Approval of Personnel, be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed in Closed Session.

Roll Call for the Remaining Consent Agenda Items:

Ayes: Lynch, Weiss, Touhy, Yerkes, Lachowicz, Haberkorn, Bylut

Nays: None

Motion carried.

As Secretary of the Board, Dr. Lynch read the Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds.

A motion was made by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Dr. Lynch that the Board approve the Resolution Declaring the Intent of the Board to Issue Not to Exceed \$4,200,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Haberkorn, Lynch, Bylut, Touhy, Lachowicz, Weiss, Yerkes

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Mrs. Lachowicz gave a brief report on the sessions she attended at the Joint Annual Conference in November.

Dr. Green announced the South Cook Division IASA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 27, if any of the Board members are interested in attending.

A brochure from the Palos Heights Recreation Department about their summer camp will be coming out. The summer camp activities this year will be held at Chippewa School due to the construction being done at the Rec Center.

Audience Participation

None

Closed Session

it was moved by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Dr. Lynch that the Board enters into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment or dismissal of employees.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lachowicz, Bylut, Haberkorn, Weiss, Yerkes, Lynch, Touhy

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:25 p.m.

Dr. Lynch made a motion to approve and open the Closed Session minutes from the December 9, 2015 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Touhy and approved by unanimous consent.

Mrs. Yerkes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Haberkorn to allow Dr. Green to discuss a part time position with Curt Poepsel.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Yerkes, Lynch, Lachowicz, Haberkorn, Bylut, Weiss, Touhy

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mrs. Lachowicz and seconded by Mrs. Weiss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

President

Secretary