

**Palos Heights School District 128  
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting  
January 15, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Mrs. Yerkes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Yerkes, Lahart, Joseph Haberkorn, Lynch, Josh Haberkorn, Bylut, Lachowicz

Absent: None

**Visitors**

Paul McDermott, Sharon Herman, Cathy Leslie, Mary Lynn Duffy, Walt Kunkel, Betsy Noort, Amanda Lelo

**Audience Participation**

None.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Casey recognized the students on the 8th Grade Girls' Basketball team. The team achieved the Conference and Tournament Championships. Coach Amanda Lelo spoke about the team's winning season. The girls on the team were awarded certificates from the Board.

Dr. Casey reviewed the registration fee structure. She recommended Board approval of increases of \$20 in the 2014-2015 registration fees. Among them, transportation costs continue to rise, and those District families that choose bus transportation are not being charged the actual costs the District pays. Board members decided to further discuss transportation fees at a later time, but they will approve registration fee increases.

Dr. Casey discussed the staffing pattern for the 2014-2015 school year.

Dr. Casey presented the master plan for renovation of the Palos Heights Rec Center as provided by Mike Leonard and Dan Nisavic . They will attend the February Board meeting to review and discuss the project with the Board.

Dr. Casey announced that the District has once again achieved financial recognition from the State Board of Education, based on our Annual Financial Report for FY13.

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Haberkorn that the Board approves the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2013 and December, 2013 bills payable and gross November, 2013 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$868,050.93 (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 2014-2015 School Calendar; and approves imcreases in registration fees for 2014-2015 registration.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bylut, Lynch, Lachowicz, Yerkes, Josh Haberkorn, Lahart, Joseph Haberkorn

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Lachowicz mentioned the IASB South Cook Winter Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014.

### **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: Lahart, Lachowicz, Joseph Haberkorn, Yerkes, Lynch, Bylut, Josh Haberkorn

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:43 p.m.

Mrs. Yerkes made a motion to approve three-year contracts for Cathy Leslie and Paul McDermott including a 3% increase, and a three-year contract for Brian Skibinski at \$90,000 for the first year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lynch.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Yerkes, Lynch, Lachowicz, Joseph Haberkorn, Bylut, Lahart, Josh Haberkorn

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Lachowicz made a motion to approve and keep closed the closed session minutes from the December 11, 2013 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Yerkes and approved by unanimous consent.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mrs. Yerkes and seconded by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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President

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Secretary