

**Palos Heights School District 128  
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting  
February 11, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 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: Lachowicz, Bylut, Lahart, Yerkes

Absent: Lynch, Joseph Haberkorn, Josh Haberkorn

**Visitors**

Sharon Herman, Kevin Kirk, Cathy Leslie, Mary Lynn Duffy, Lynn Adamonis, Dr. Dawn Green, Mark Hupp, Betsy Noort, Gayle Greenwald, Kristin Sydelko, Cassie Power, Kendall Bruton, Kristin Restivo and various other parents and students.

Dr. Lynch arrived at 7:01 p.m.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Casey introduced and welcomed Dr. Dawn Green, the new Superintendent of District 128 as of July 1, 2015. Dr. Green will replace Dr. Casey when she retires at the end of this school year.

Dr. Casey recognized the Independence 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Team who achieved First Place in Conference.

Dr. Casey recognized the Independence GeoBee contest winners and sponsor Gayle Greenwald. Principal Kevin Kirk spoke about the contest and quizzed Board members on sample questions similar to those given to the students during the competition.

Dr. Casey recognized the Independence Cheerleaders, who placed third in the State competition. Coaches Kristin Sydelko and Cassie Power presented a video of the cheerleaders' winning performance.

All of the students were awarded certificates on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Kirk gave a brief introduction to some of the technology being used at Independence Jr. High. Kristin Sydelko, a teacher at the school, gave a presentation on her use of Google Classroom, an interactive program used with the students that allows teachers to share, view and edit classroom materials.

Dr. Casey reviewed PARCC state standardized testing. A letter has been sent to parents describing the testing. Districts will be sanctioned by losing federal funds, general state aid, recognition status, and loss of state license for teachers or administrators who do not comply with the testing. Our students will take the tests with pencil and paper rather than by computer, as it seems the state system is not ready.

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Lachowicz that the Board approves the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on January 14, 2015, and the Special Meetings of January 5 and 6, 2015; the February, 2015 bills payable and gross January, 2015 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$759,480.83 (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 employment of Mark Hupp as Technology Director and Dr. Dawn Green as Superintendent of Schools beginning with the 2015-16 school year; and approves a FMLA leave for Jessica Gabriel for the beginning of next school year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lahart, Yerkes, Bylut, Lachowicz, Lynch

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

**New Business**

Dr. Casey gave the Board an update on the current status of the Palos Heights Recreation Center project.

Dr. Casey reviewed Policy 7:180 – Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment for a first reading. The policy has been changed to include cyber-bullying. The change is required by State law.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Deb Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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President

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Secretary