

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
February 12, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

In the absence of the Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, Vice President Joseph Haberkorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Yerkes

Visitors

Sharon Herman, Paul McDermott, Cathy Leslie, Mary Lynn Duffy, Walt Kunkel, Barb Lynch, Gayle Greenwald, Maria Koeppen, Karen Wright, Kendall Bruton, and various other parents and students, Mike Leonard - Palos Heights Recreation Department Director, Palos Heights Alderman Jeff Key, Dan Nisivic - Palos Heights City Administrator.

Audience Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Casey recognized the GeoBee contest winners and sponsor Gayle Greenwald. Mrs. Greenwald spoke about the contest. Mr. Haberkorn presented certificates to the students on behalf of the entire Board of Education.

Dr. Casey introduced Mike Leonard, Jeff Key, and Dan Nisivic to speak to the Board regarding the master plan for the renovation of the Recreation Center. The Rec Center improvement plan includes redevelopment of Meyers Park, which is on the District's property.

Dr. Casey discussed the Consumer Price Index and how it will affect our local tax revenues, levy, and next year's budget.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn that the Board approves the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on January 15, 2014; the February, 2014 bills payable and gross January, 2014 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$599,052.39 (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; and approves a transportation fee increase for the 2014-2015 school year.

Mrs. Lachowicz requested Item D - Approval of Transportation Fee Increase - be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call for remaining Consent Agenda Items:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Lachowicz did not agree with the amount of increase in transportation fees to \$500 per student riding the bus. She preferred a more gradual increase per year. Dr. Casey reiterated the increase still would not cover all of the district costs paid per student taking the bus. The Board discussed some other options.

Mrs. Lachowicz made a motion to increase transportation fees by \$75 for those students

living less than 1 1/2 miles from school and do not cross any hazardous roads, bringing the fee to \$350 for the 2014-15 school year, then increasing the fees by \$75 each year until the \$500 is met. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

New Business

Dr. Casey stated the Board Policy Manual is completed and ready to be reviewed by the Board. The first reading is scheduled for the March Board Meeting and second reading in April.

Audience Participation

None

There was a question about changing the date of 8th Grade Graduation in view of having to use snow days due to weather. After some discussion, it was decided the 8th Grade Graduation date will remain the same

Closed Session

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

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

Mrs. Lachowicz made a motion to approve and keep closed the minutes the closed session of January 15, 2014 seconded by Mrs. Bylut and approved by unanimous consent.

Mrs. Lahart made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bylut, that the Board hire Kim Anoman for the Business Manager position to be filled after the retirement of Walt Kunkel.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lachowicz, Bylut, Lahart, Lynch,

Nays: Josh Haberkorn, Joseph Haberkorn, Dr. Lynch

Motion failed.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lahart and seconded by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board Vice President, Mr. Joseph Haberkorn, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

President

Secretary