

Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
March 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

The Board President, Deb Yerkes, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Visitors

Mary Lynn Duffy, Kevin Kirk, Lynn Adamonis, Cathy Leslie, Jill Curtin, Vanessa Palcu, Margaret Oleskiewicz, George Oleskiewicz, the Case family, Bill Grady, Ann O'Brien, Rich Facko, Amy Lyons, Michelle and Roxanne Habbal, Courtney K., Douglas Nelson.

Superintendent's Report

Moving forward to the third item on her agenda, Dr. Green introduced the representatives from the IJHS Student Council - Callie Case, Secretary and Roxanne Habbal, Vice President. The students presented their idea to the Board for an 8th grade class gift, an honorary street sign for the late Maureen Oleskiewicz, teacher at IJHS. The street sign will be placed above the "Patriots Drive" sign and will read "Honorary Miss O Boulevard". Margaret Oleskiewicz, Maureen's mother, speaking for her family, thanked the Board and the students for all of their efforts on her daughter's behalf.

Dr. Green reviewed some of the procedures that have taken place for the withdrawal from the Eisenhower Coop. Cathy Leslie, Lynn Adamonis and Dr. Green reported to the Board the presentation that was made to the Illinois State Board of Education for the Coop withdrawal.

Dr. Green went over the 2017-2018 School Calendar and recommended Board approval.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes that the Board approves the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on February 10, 2016 as presented; the March, 2016 bills payable and gross February, 2016 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$576,613.47 (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 Press Plus Board Policies; and approves the Resolution for Withdrawal from the Eisenhower Cooperative effective 2017-2018 school year.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Mrs. Lachowicz announced the Shepard High School Coop Band concert will be held April 12, where the bands from District 218 feeder schools play. She also mentioned HB 610 with regard to school vouchers.

Mrs. Restivo thanked and congratulated the PFA, District staff and administrators for a wonderful Harlem Wizards event.

Mrs. Touhy requested that District website information regarding the teacher negotiations be more concise and summarized for easier understanding by the community.

Dr. Green stated the Strategic Planning document is being prepared and will be posted on our website as soon as it is ready.

Dr. Green will publish in the newsletter a drawing of the upgrade of the IJHS library.

Old Business

None.

Audience Participation

None.

Closed Session

It was moved by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Restivo that the Board enters into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee; collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for classes of employees; and student disciplinary issues.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Dr. Lynch made a motion to approve the contract for Kim Anoman, Business Manager. Mr. Haberkorn seconded the motion.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Dr. Lynch made a motion and Mrs. Touhy seconded the motion to approve the contract for Kevin Kirk, principal of Independence Jr. High School.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Yerkes and seconded by Mr. Haberkorn to approve the contract for Dr. Dawn Green, Superintendent.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Dr. Lynch made a motion to approve and open the closed session minutes of February 8, 2017 seconded by Mrs. Lachowicz and approved by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

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

President

Secretary