

Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
March 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at Indian Hill School, 12800 S. Austin, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Board President, Deb Yerkes, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Weiss

Visitors

Mary Lynn Duffy, Kevin Kirk, Lynn Adamonis, Cathy Leslie, Mark Hupp, Pam Peters, Gayle Greenwald, Betsy Noort, Betsy Holman, Sherry Tellefsen, Stacey Darwent, Melanie Hansen, Kristin Restivo, Kendall Bruton, Nancy Bruton, Karen Wright, Donna Balcaitis, Mary Beth Knoll, Bisi Taiwo, Melissa Harrison, Tim Fitzgerald, Samia Zorba, the Cinkus Family, Kelly Scott, the Feldner Family, Beth Strooboscher, Beth Cosme, Jen Holmstrom, Paul and Jennifer Hansen, Beata Poradowski, Jill Curtin, Gary MacLeod, Laurie McLaughlin.

Mrs. Yerkes reminded those in attendance of the rules of order for the public meeting and reviewed the procedures for audience participation during the Board's business meeting.

Audience Participation

Laurie McLaughlin addressed the Board regarding the PARCC testing.

Superintendent's Report

Students who participated in the Navajo Spelling Bee, Independence Spelling Bee Conference Team, Scripps Spelling Bee, AAUW Essay Contest, Econ Illinois Economic Poster Project, and You Be the Chemist competition were recognized for their accomplishments. Mrs. Yerkes awarded certificates on behalf of the Board to all of the students for their achievements.

Dr. Green recognized the PFA Board for all of their contributions to the district, for their organization of the Dancing with the District competition sponsored by the District PFA and thanked them for all of their efforts on behalf of our students. Mark Hupp played a video of the competition for the audience.

Dr. Green also recognized the Transportation Committee that has met every month to design a plan for creating cost effective and efficient ways to transport our students.

Dr. Green spoke about the libraries and gave an update on what will be happening with them in the future. She and Mark Hupp have been working on the separation of

technology from within the libraries and bringing the computers into the classrooms.

Mark Hupp made a presentation to the Board about the plans for technology in the District.

Dr. Green reviewed the next step in the bond process. It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution to Sell Bonds not to exceed \$4,200,000.

Dr. Green and the Policy Committee met to review the most recent policy changes from the IASB PressPlus Service. The committee has recommended that the Board approve the following policy updates: 2:20, 2:30, 2:110, 2:140, 2:140-E, 2:150, 2:160, 2:160-E, 2:200, 2:220-E2, 2:250, 2:260, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:45, 4:50, 4:60, 4:90, 4:100, 4:110, 4:120, 4:130, 4:150, 4:160, 4:170, 4:175, 5:10, 5:30, 5:35, 5:40, 5:50, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:125, 5:170, 5:180, 5:185, 5:190, 5:220, 5:240, 5:250, 5:260, 5:270, 5:280, 5:290, 5:330, 6:15, 6:20, 6:40, 6:50, 6:60, 6:110, 6:140, 6:150, 6:160, 6:280, 6:315, 6:320, 6:340, 7:10, 7:20, 7:40, 7:50, 7:70, 7:100, 7:130, 7:140, 7:190, 7:240, 7:260, 7:270, 7:290, 7:300, 7:305, 7:310, 7:325, 7:340, 8:10, 8:30, 8:80, 8:95.

Dr. Green discussed the District's desire to withdraw from the Eisenhower Cooperative. She recommended the Board approve in the Consent Agenda the Resolution to Withdraw from the Eisenhower Cooperative effective in the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Approval of Bond Resolution

Dr. Lynch, Board Secretary, read the Resolution for the bond sale.

It was moved by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Dr. Lynch that the Board approve the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,200,000 of working cash fund bonds of the District, providing for the levy of taxes to pay the bonds and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Haberkorn that the Board enters into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment or dismissal of employees and collective bargaining/negotiations.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:30 p.m.

Dr. Lynch made a motion to approve and open the closed session minutes of February 10, 2016 seconded by Mrs. Touhy 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 9:41 p.m.

President

Secretary