

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Board President, Deb Yerkes, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Yerkes, Lahart, Lynch, Bylut, Lachowicz

Absent: Joseph Haberkorn, Josh Haberkorn

Visitors

Mary Lynn Duffy, Sharon Herman, Kevin Kirk, Lynn Adamonis, Pam Peters, Kristin Szydelko, Julie Matula, Carolyn Rolla, Gayle Greenwald, Nicole Woods, Barbara Eastman, Lilli Hansen, Joyce Kalsch, Jill Sachs, Bruce Sachs, George, Mary and Gregory Sawertailo, Kristin Restivo, Ellen Feldner, Vanessa Palcu, Kendall Bruton and various students and parents.

Audience Participation

None.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Casey asked sponsors Pam Peters and Gayle Greenwald to speak about the students who participated in the Conference Spelling Bee and Scripps Spelling Bee. Carolyn Rolla and Nicole Woods spoke about the You Be the Chemist competition and participants. Dr. Casey and Mrs. Yerkes awarded certificates to all of the students for their achievements on behalf of the Board.

Dr. Casey recognized the participants of the Dancing with the District competition sponsored by the District PFA, thanked them for their participation, and awarded them a small token of appreciation.

Dr. Casey reviewed the Vision 20/20 movement. Educators from several professional organizations, IASA, IASB, IPA among them, have formed a group to address school funding, licensure reciprocity and district relief of unfunded mandates.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes that the Board approves the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on February 11, 2015 as presented; the March, 2015 bills payable and gross February, 2015 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$639,957.82 (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 tenure for Carrie Hoban, Lisa Sinovich, and Greg Urdal; and approves a maternity leave with possible FMLA for Megan Klucharik.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lahart, Lachowicz, Lynch, Bylut, Yerkes

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Old Business

The Board reviewed Policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment for a second reading.

Mrs. Lachowicz moved and Dr. Lynch seconded that the Board approves Policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Mrs. Lahart proposed amending the 2015-16 school calendar to provide other options for making up snow days instead of the five days built into the end of the school year. The administrative team has added this topic to its agenda for their next meeting.

Mrs. Bylut requested an update on PARCC testing which was addressed by Sharon Herman.

Audience Participation

None.

Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes that the Board enters into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment or dismissal of employees.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bylut, Yerkes, Lynch, Lachowicz, Lahart

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Yerkes and seconded by Dr. Lynch to accept the resignation of Amanda Grawunder. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Yerkes and seconded by Dr. Lynch to approve the non-renewal of Cheryl McGowan. The motion was approved by unanimous consent

Dr. Lynch made a motion to approve and open the closed session minutes of January 5, January 6, and January 14, 2015 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 Mrs. Lahart and approved by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

President

Secretary