

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
March 14, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2014 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: Lachowicz, Bylut, Josh Haberkorn, Yerkes Joseph Haberkorn, Lynch

Absent: Lahart

Visitors

Dr. Paul McDermott, Cathy Leslie, Mary Lynn Duffy, Heather Meskimen, Joe Dinolfo, Diane Muller, Kelly Scully, Pam Peters, Jean Armon, Nancy Bresnahan, Kendall Bruton and various students and parents.

Audience Participation

None.

Mrs. Lahart arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Casey asked sponsor Pam Peters to speak about the students who participated in the Conference Spelling Bee. The Independence team had a fifth place winner in 7th grade and Conference Champion from 8th grade. Dr. Casey and Mrs. Yerkes recognized the students who were awarded certificates for their achievements.

Dr. Casey requested Dr. McDermott review the District's EXPLORE test score data for the Board.

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Public Hearing for
Reduction in Force for the 2014-15 School Year
March 12, 2014**

The public hearing for the Palos Heights School District 128 Reduction in Force for the 2014-13 school year was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2014 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Reduction in Force Hearing

It was moved by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn and seconded by Dr. Lynch that the Board adjourn into a public hearing for the 2014-2015 School Year Reduction in Force. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Dr. Casey explained the need for reduction in force due to anticipated lower enrollment for next school year. Mrs. Yerkes entertained comments, questions, or objections to the Resolution for Reduction in Force for the 2014-2015 School Year. There were no questions or objections to the Resolution as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn and seconded by Dr. Lynch that the Board returns to the regular Board meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The Board adjourned to the regular meeting.

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 February 12, 2014 as presented; the March, 2014 bills payable and gross February, 2014 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$602,103.54 (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 Megan Klucharik, Erica Germany and Kelly Scully; and approves a resolution to RIF two first year teachers due to low enrollment.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Dr. Casey presented the new Board Policy manual as prepared by the IASB for a first reading. After the second reading and its adoption, the manual will be put online for easy access. The IASB will maintain the manual as new policies are created.

Old Business

None.

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, pending litigation and purchase or lease of real property.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:29 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

Mrs. Lahart requested documentation of matching curriculum to common core. Dr.

Casey feels more pieces are needed in order to put together a presentation, and administrators are working on it.

Dr. Lynch motioned to approve and keep closed the closed session minutes of February 12, 2014, seconded by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn and approved by unanimous consent.

Mrs. Yerkes made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lahart, that Dr. Casey have a discussion with the Rec Center regarding the sale of our property behind the Rec Center and suggest they have an appraisal done of it for further discussions with the Board.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Lachowicz,

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Yerkes and seconded by Mrs. Lachowicz to accept Dr. Casey's recommendations for a transition plan with the exceptions mentioned by the Board.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

President

Secretary