

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
April 8, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, April 8, 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: Lahart, Lynch, Yerkes, Bylut

Absent: Joseph Haberkorn, Lachowicz, Josh Haberkorn,

Visitors

Cathy Leslie, Kevin Kirk, Mary Lynn Duffy, Lynn Adamonis, Kim Anoman, Corey Breyne, Betsy Homan, Lisa Freimuth, Kristin Restivo, Vanessa Palcu, Kendall Bruton and various students and parents.

Audience Participation

None.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Casey recognized outgoing Board member, Therese Lahart. Mrs. Lahart has been on the Board for 24 years and is the District's longest serving Board member. The Board joined Dr. Casey in acknowledging and thanking Mrs. Lahart and presented her with a rocker inscribed with her name, years of service to the Board and the District's logo. Mrs. Lahart thanked the Board and Dr. Casey, saying "it has been a pleasure to serve with so many wonderful Board members and work with great administrators, teachers and to serve fantastic students."

Dr. Casey also recognized some of the District's students for their outstanding accomplishments -- Sam Statham, 4th grade student, winner of the GeoBee Contest at Navajo and the Boys' Basketball team who won first place in Conference with an undefeated season. The students were awarded certificates on behalf of the Board.

Dr. Casey gave the Board a legislative update and how these legislations will affect our District.

Mrs. Lachowicz arrived at 7:18 p.m.

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 March 11, 2015 as presented; the April,

2015 bills payable and gross March, 2015 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$609,877.63 (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 the resolution recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week; accepts the retirement request for Kathy Keogh; approves the Resolution for the Transfer of Funds from the Operations and Maintenance Fund into the Education Fund in the amount of \$100,000; and approves the amended school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lahart, Yerkes, Bylut, Lynch, Lachowicz

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

New Business

Dr. Casey stated the Board must hold a reorganizational meeting no earlier than 21 days after the official canvass of votes and no later than 28 days after the consolidated election. The meeting must be held to swear in and seat new board members, elect officers, and set the Board's regular meeting schedule. Dr. Casey and the Board decided on scheduling the reorganization meeting for April 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Casey reminded the Board of the SCOPE Spring Dinner on Monday, April 27, 2015 at Silver Lake Country Club. Several legislators and attorneys will be attending the dinner.

Mike Leonard from the Palos Rec Center contacted Dr. Casey regarding the Board's consideration of a proposal. He wants to apply for an OLSAD Grant – Open State Land Acquisition Development Grant – a matching grant offered by the Department of Natural Resources to help the Rec Center with some of the costs of their renovation. There would be a cooperative intergovernmental agreement between the Rec Center and District 128 for the land behind the new Rec Center up to the IJHS parking area. This grant requires that the open space must be maintained for a 25 year lease period, and the lease cannot be broken by either party. The ownership of the property would remain with the District. The improvements proposed by the Rec Center as part of their recent agreement with the District will go forward as originally planned. The Board discussed this proposal and felt they needed more information. Dr. Casey will ask Mr. Leonard for more details. This may be brought back for a vote at the May Board meeting.

Old Business

None.

Audience Participation

None.

Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Lachowicz that the Board enters into

Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment or dismissal of personnel.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Yerkes, Lynch, Bylut, Lachowicz, Lahart

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:43 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Lynch made a motion to approve and open Closed Minutes from March 11, 2015.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yerkes and approved by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lahart and seconded by Mrs. Lachowicz. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

President

Secretary