

**Palos Heights School District 128  
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting  
April 12, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 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, Haberkorn, Touhy, Lynch, Restivo, Lachowicz

Absent: Weiss

**Visitors**

Cathy Leslie, Mary Lynn Duffy, Lynn Adamonis, Gayle Greenwald, Lisa Duignan, Kim Kurtz, Linda Anicich, Julie MacFarlane, Pam Peters, Tony Marinello, Beth Cosme, Gary MacLeod, Jason Coclanes, Tara Anderson, Kevin Pendergast, Kelly Peltz, Ann O'Brien, Maria Klingner, Bill Grady, Scott E., Erin Stokes, Therese Lahart, Michelle Byrdak, Amy Lyons, Rich Facko, Jill Curtin, Glenn Cinkus, Rich Cinkus, Alfonso Restivo

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Green asked Mrs. Greenwald to announce the students being recognized by the Board. She, Ms. Peters and Mr. Marinello explained about each competition and read the students' names. Due to other evening activities, many students were not able to attend the meeting, so their certificates will be awarded to them at their schools.

Dr. Green introduced Mark Hupp to brief the Board on the District network upgrade. The project went out for bid, bids were evaluated and a cost effective, responsible bidder, e2 Services, was chosen to do the work on the project. This project qualifies for E-Rate funds, so those funds will help offset the costs of the upgrade.

Dr. Green introduced the District architect, Terry Moeller from Wight & Company. He gave details to the Board about the summer projects bid proposals for work to be done in the District over this summer.

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Haberkorn that the Board approves the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on March 8, 2017 as presented; the April, 2017 bills payable and gross March, 2017 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$692,909.51 (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 e2 Services/CDW Bid for Network Upgrade; approves the District project bid proposals; approves the resolution recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week; approves

the FMLA requests from Marissa Holloway; approves hiring Lisa Wagner as special ed teacher at Navajo.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Dr. Green recognized two of our outgoing Board members, Joe Haberkorn who has served on the Board since 2005, Vice President from 2011–2017, and Deb Yerkes served on the Board and as Board President from 2011-2017. Dr. Green presented them with a token of appreciation from the District. Sherry Weiss was appointed to the Board in 2015 to fill Josh Haberkorn's seat. She will be recognized at the Special Meeting on April 26 to seat the new Board members.

Mrs. Restivo thanked the PFA and all staff members that volunteered to serve at the Royalberry Restaurant fundraiser. She also thanked the staff for the Independence Jr. High play production.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **Audience Participation**

Tara Anderson addressed the Board regarding the recent Board election and a flyer that was distributed at the polling places.

Erin Stokes spoke to the Board about the homework policy at Independence and the School Board election.

Therese Lahart spoke to the Board as a former Board member and thanked outgoing Board members Deb Yerkes and Joe Haberkorn for their long time service on the Board.

### **Closed Session**

It was moved by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes 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 matters.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:50p.m.

Dr. Lynch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Haberkorn to approve a three year contract for Catherine Leslie.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Touhy to approve a three year contract for Mary Lynn Duffy.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Lachowicz made a motion to approve and open Closed Session minutes from March 8, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Restivo.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Yerkes and seconded by Mrs. Restivo. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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President

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Secretary