

**Palos Heights School District 128  
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting  
April 13, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 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, Weiss, Bylut

Absent: Lachowicz

**Visitors**

Cathy Leslie, Kevin Kirk, Mary Lynn Duffy, Lynn Adamonis, Sharon Herman, Kristin Restivo, Vanessa Palcu, Andrew Janotta, Jen Landers, Mary Beth Knoll, Jo Huston, Julie MacFarlane, Lindsay Mandra, Christi Haggerty, Sherry Tellefsen, Beth Strooboscher

**Audience Participation**

None.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Green asked Kevin Kirk to review the junior high schedule for Board members.

Dr. Green requested the Board authorize preparation of the FY17 Tentative Budget under the Consent Agenda items.

Dr. Green explained how the deployment of the iPads discussed at the March Board meeting will occur, and the timeline for their distribution to staff and students over the next two years.

Dr. Green reported registration packets will be sent out on Friday, April 15, and she also discussed start and end times for the schools.

Dr. Green informed the Board that 10 teachers have signed on to be a part of a two year program of professional development here in the district. They will meet 12 times each year for the two years. At the end of the program, they will have achieved National Board Certification.

Also, a Relations Committee has been formed with two teachers from each building attending in an effort to involve teachers in leadership roles and decision making throughout the district.

On PLC Days next school year, the district will provide supervision until Power Play starts for students whose parents are not able to make arrangements for the 1:30 release.

### **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 9, 2016 as presented; the April, 2016 bills payable and gross March, 2016 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$659,943.33 (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; approves the leave of absence requests from Christi Haggerty and Erica Germany; approves the Resolution for the Transfer of Bond Funds from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund and the Education Fund in the amount of \$4,200,000; authorizes the superintendent to begin working on the tentative budget for the 2016-2017 school year; and approves the posting of the following positions: two jr. high math teachers, one STEM teacher, one vocal music teacher and one third grade teacher.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Yerkes acknowledged Pam Peters, Independence Jr. High teacher, about whom an article appeared in the Southtown Newspaper. The article described a former student of Ms. Peters, Hayden Wiest. Hayden entered a "My Favorite Teacher" essay contest sponsored by Barnes & Noble. He was voted a finalist and selected as having one of the best essays in the regional competition. Mrs. Yerkes complimented Ms. Peters on being a wonderful teacher and stated the District is lucky to have her.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **Audience Participation**

None.

### **Closed Session**

It was moved by Mrs. Yerkes and seconded by Dr. Lynch that the Board enters into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment or dismissal of personnel and collective bargaining/negotiations.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:35 p.m.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Touhy. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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President

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Secretary