

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
May 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Dr. Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Restivo, Touhy, Lynch, Lachowicz, Facko, Lyons

Absent: Grady

Visitors

Cathy Leslie, Lynn Adamonis, Mary Lynn Duffy, Kevin Kirk, Sharon Herman, Kim Anoman, Kim Kurtz, Lisa Wagner, Diane Muller, Jill Curtin, Gary MacLeod, Beth Cosme, Therese Lahart, Michael Frances - PMA, Ann O'Brien

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Green introduced Kim Anoman, who, along with Mike Frances from PMA, gave the Board a presentation of the District's financial picture in a Five Year Forecast.

Dr. Green introduced Sharon Herman to review for Board members the K-5 Math Adoption. She discussed the two year long process of committee meetings with teachers and administrators, analyzing reports and data, discussions with other districts, and previewing the books in the series. The committee decided on the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt **Go Math** series with a six year contract for \$70,000.

Dr. Green announced that Diane Muller, math teacher at Independence Jr. High, will assume the duties of the District's first K-5 math instructional coach. A new math teacher will be hired to replace Diane.

Dr. Green discussed Illinois Teach to Lead. Dr. Green, Mary Lynn Duffy, Gayle Greenwald and Pam Reilly attended the first Teacher Leadership Summit designed to bring groups of Illinois teachers together. Teams of teachers discussed problems they face in teaching today.

Kevin Kirk spoke to the Board regarding the 2013 Class Reunion. Graduates from Independence Jr. High are invited back to share their high school experiences, visit with former teachers and each other, and share their plans for the future.

Dr. Green gave the Board an update on personnel. Along with Diane Muller's movement to math coach, Lisa Wagner, a former District employee, has been rehired as a special education teacher at Navajo. Lauren Weaver, elementary music teacher, will

move to music teacher at Independence; and Nancy Bresnahan, ELA instructional coach, will move to Indian Hill to teach kindergarten, filling in for a maternity leave.

Grant of Easement is being requested by Verizon to access our property behind Independence (the water tower) to install cell tower equipment.

It is recommended that the Board approves summer projects payments in advance so that deadlines are met. The dates of the summer Board meetings do not make it possible without advanced approval.

The Board discussed the 2017-2018 Board Meeting Dates. The Board will continue to meet the second Wednesday of every month. The only variation is the September Board meeting that is changed in order to accommodate the tentative budget being on display for 30 days after the August Board meeting.

There are small areas of asbestos remaining at Independence that need to be removed prior to summer work projects beginning. Camplin Environmental Services has accepted bids for the removal, and the contract has been awarded to Husar Abatement in the amount of \$44,000.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Touhy that the Board approves the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on April 26, 2017, as presented; the May, 2017 bills payable and gross April, 2017 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$601,495.09 (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 for Prevailing Wage; approves the purchase of a K-5 math adoption - HMH Go Math; approves the Verizon Grant of Easement Agreement; approves the employment of Christine O’Grady as social worker; accepts with regret the resignation of Christine Haggerty, Independence music teacher; approves the purchase of iPads for District students; approves the special check request for summer projects payments; approves the 2017-2018 Board meeting dates; approves the destruction of closed session recordings from January 5, 2015, January 6, 2015 January 14, 2015, March 11, 2015, April 8, 2015; and approves the asbestos removal contract from Husar Abatement in the amount of \$44,000.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Facko, Lynch, Lyons, Restivo, Touhy, Lachowicz

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

New Business

Mrs. Lachowicz has ordered 2 bricks for the outside entrance of Independence Jr. High.

Dr. Green talked about the Joint Annual Conference with Board members.

Dr. Green discussed having a Board Retreat this summer. Dr. Green will contact IASB for a facilitator.

Old Business

None.

Audience Participation

Beth Cosme addressed the Board regarding her concerns about the library. She feels the District should have a certified librarian. If not possible, she feels there should be extra help in the library.

Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Touhy 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, Facko, Touhy, Lynch, Lyons, Restivo

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:15 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Touhy. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Dr. Lynch, declared the meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

President

Secretary