

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
May 11, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at Indian Hill School, 12800 S. Austin, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Mrs. Yerkes called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Lachowicz, Bylut, Weiss, Yerkes, Touhy, Haberkorn

Absent: Lynch

Visitors

Cathy Leslie, Lynn Adamonis, Mary Lynn Duffy, Kevin Kirk, Kim Anoman, Gayle Greenwald, Kristin Restivo, Erin Middleton, Sherry Tellefsen, Beth Strooboscher, Michelle Richards, Drew Richards, Michelle Byrdak, Mary Wollner, Sylvia Filipiak, Claire Filipiak, Darren and Lisa McMonigal, Beth Cosme, Marcella Castor, Melanie Hansen, Linda O'Brien, Nicole Cleary, Sharon Rosynek, Therese Lahart

Audience Participation

A motion was made by Mrs. Lachowicz and seconded by Mr. Haberkorn to move the Audience Participation segment of the agenda to the end of the agenda after Old Business. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Green recognized students who participated in the Math Bowl, Mathletes, the Worth Township 39th Annual Lenon Wisdom Memorial Spelling Bee, and students from Independence Jr. High who participated and were selected for Youth in Government. The students served as Honorary Mayor, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary City Attorney and Honorary City Clerk of Palos Heights for a day. Mrs. Yerkes awarded certificates to the all of the students on behalf of the Board and congratulated them on their successes.

Dr. Lynch arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Green informed the Board that the District will be selling old cheer mats and donating old French books and old basketballs.

Dr. Green briefly discussed the new math curriculum for the junior high entitled Big Ideas.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Dr. Lynch that the Board approves the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on April 13, 2016, as

presented; the May, 2016 bills payable and gross April, 2016 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$601,097.47 (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 placing the amended budget for FY16 on display for 30 days as required by law; sets the date for the Amended Budget Hearing for after June 10, 2016; approves the resolution transferring funds from Operations and Maintenance to the Education Fund; approves the employment of Sharon Rosynek as a math teacher at Independence Jr. High; accepts the resignations of Nicol Bessette, school psychologist, Jennifer Ostrowski-Dudek, kindergarten teacher, and Alisa Minarik, reading aide; approves the request for maternity leave from Norine Walrath, special education teacher; approves the purchase of Big Ideas Math Curriculum for the junior high at a cost of \$32,293.54; and approves the purchase of iPads for District teachers and administrators at a cost of \$106,675.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

New Business

Principal Kevin Kirk reported on the 2012 Senior Class Reunion held at Independence Jr. High on April 21. Approximately 75 graduates of the 2012 class of former students attended the reunion. This annual event is anticipated and enjoyed by returning high school seniors who attended Independence.

Dr. Green updated the Board on the Teacher Leadership Committee. The district is looking for opportunities to involve teachers in decision making throughout the district. A communications committee was started that has two reps from each building and will meet as much as needed to discuss important district topics.

Dr. Green reported to the Board on National Board Certification Training. We have a co-hort of 10 teachers who are doing a 2 year program in our own district. Their work will be done around our district's specific issues/concerns. This is great professional development for our teachers and will provide increased opportunities for teacher leadership.

Mrs. Lachowicz discussed the SCOPE Leadership Committee.

Old Business

None.

Audience Participation

None

Closed Session

It was moved by Mr. Haberkorn 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: Haberkorn, Lachowicz, Lynch, Bylut, Yerkes, Weiss, Touhy

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:10 p.m.

Mrs. Yerkes made a motion to approve the buy back of five vacation days from Dr. Green for this school year. Mrs. Touhy seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Dr. Lynch made a motion to approve and open the Closed Minutes of March 9 and April 13, 2016. Mr. Haberkorn seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

President

Secretary