

**Palos Heights School District 128  
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting  
June 11, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

President Deb Yerkes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Yerkes, Bylut, Lachowicz, Lynch

Absent: Joseph Haberkorn, Josh Haberkorn, Lahart

**Visitors**

Sharon Herman, Mary Lynn Duffy, Cathy Leslie, Paul McDermott, Gayle Greenwald, Mary Ann White, Janet Plecki, Diane Muller, Heather Meskimen, Pam Peters, Sherry Tellefsen, Jennifer Ostrowski-Dudek, Trudy Walta, Holly, Alayna, Madeline, Corina & Wyatt McDermott, Terri Bollinger, Jen Landers, Mary Ellen Longawa, Karen Wright, the Drew Richards family, the Cinlus family, Kristin Restivo, and various other parents and students.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Casey asked Gayle Greenwald to speak about the accomplishments of the 2014 Math Bowl Team. The Board recognized the student participants with award certificates distributed by Mrs. Yerkes.

Dr. Casey introduced Terri Bollinger, who on behalf of the South Cook Illinois Principals' Association, recognized Dr. Paul McDermott on being their selection for IPA Middle School Principal of the Year. Mrs. Bollinger presented Dr. McDermott with an award, which he accepted and thanked the organization for their recognition of him.

Dr. Casey also recognized Dr. McDermott on behalf of the Board of Education for his years of service to our District and presented him with a token of appreciation as he moves on in his career. Dr. McDermott thanked the Board and Dr. Casey for their support throughout his employment in the District.

Dr. Casey also recognized Walt Kunkel on his retirement and wished him much success in his retirement years.

Dr. Casey reviewed the Illinois State Board of Education IDEA Determination, which is a review of all districts who serve students with special needs.

Dr. Casey introduced Sharon Herman to present a summary of the District's MAP data for the year.

**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 May 14, 2014, as presented; the June, 2014 bills payable and gross May, 2014 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$866,543.21 (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 superintendent-recommended pay increases for support staff; accepts the resignation of Dr. Paul McDermott; approves the employment of Kevin Kirk as principal of Independence Jr. High, replacing Dr. McDermott and Amanda Grawunder to replace Lynn Adamonis at Navajo School; approves the 2014-2015 Board Meeting dates; approves the destruction of verbatim recordings of Closed Session minutes of March 14, 2012, May 9, 2012, June 13, 2012, September 12, 2012, October 10, 2012, January 16, 2013, February 13, 2013, March 13, 2013, April 10, 2013, May 15, 2013, and June 13, 2013; approves the Amendment to the Public School Calendar for 2014-2015; approves the Resolution to Appoint an Authorized District IMRF Employee; and approves the FMLA request for Bridget Cavato.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lynch, Lachowicz, Yerkes, Bylut

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

**New Business**

Dr. Casey informed Board members of the Joint Annual Conference to be held November 21-23, 2014.

**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: Bylut, Lynch, Lachowicz, Yerkes

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lachowicz and seconded by Mrs. Bylut to approve the Closed Minutes from March 12, 2014 and keep them closed. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes to approve and open the Closed Minutes from May 14, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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President

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Secretary