

Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
July 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Mrs. Yerkes called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Yerkes, Joseph Haberkorn, Lynch, Bylut, Lachowicz,

Absent: Josh Haberkorn, Touhy

Visitors

Mary Lynn Duffy, Lynn Adamonis, Betsy Noort, Kristin Restivo, Jeannette Huber, Kendall Bruton, Brian Bernsee, Tiffany Bernsee

Audience Participation

Brian Bernsee addressed the Board regarding change management. He suggested a more effective partnership between the District, parents and community when making changes and to consider the impact changes have on those groups and the students.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Green discussed the PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) and the notifications sent out to the parents regarding changes in student attendance days. She stressed the importance of using the additional early release days for staff development to improve student learning and curriculum.

Dr. Green introduced a proposal by the 2014 Illinois Teacher of the Year, Pam Reilly, in association with the U.S. Department of Education, to hire Ms. Reilly as a teacher leader in our District for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. This is a new teach-to-lead initiative by the federal government. The position is fully funded by a federal grant to cover salary and benefits. The U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, is personally involved in this project, and it will bring professional development and recognition to our District. Dr. Green will make a recommendation at the August Board meeting to hire Ms. Reilly for a two year period. Board members would like to check with the District's attorney before making the commitment.

Dr. Green reviewed and discussed the tentative FY16 budget.

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 meeting held on June 10, 2015 as presented; approves the July, 2015 bills payable and gross June, 2015 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$1,590,588.14 (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

hiring Nicole Rodrick as a first grade teacher at Chippewa, replacing Jan Plecki who retired; accepts the resignation of Karen Nisavic, Special Ed secretary; and approves the disposal of District equipment.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lachowicz, Lynch, Bylut, Joseph Haberkorn, Yerkes

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Board members discussed the Joint Annual Conference to be held in November.

Dr. Green gave Board members preliminary enrollment numbers for each grade.

Old Business

None

Audience Participation

Kristen Restivo addressed the Board regarding enrollment numbers and early dismissals for PLCs. Kendall Bruton addressed the Board regarding better communication and involvement of parents in District decisions.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn and seconded by Dr. Lynch. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

President

Secretary