

Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
July 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

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

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Visitors

Mary Lynn Duffy, Walt Kunkel, Kim Anoman, Lisa Freimuth, Hope Zawaski, Kristin Restivo, Karen Wright, Christina Gumuls, Mary Beth Knoll

Audience Participation

Lisa Freimuth addressed the Board regarding the anticipated class sizes in the preschool program.

Superintendent's Report

In Dr. Casey's absence, Mrs. Yerkes briefly discussed the tentative FY15 budget.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn that the Board approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 11, 2014 as presented; approves the July, 2014 bills payable and gross June, 2014 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$1,358,204.75 (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 employment contracts for three years for Sharon Herman, Catherine Leslie, Mary Lynn Duffy, one year contract for 100 day interim Superintendent position for Dr. Kathleen Casey, one year contract for David Kraatz as Director of Technology, and one year contract for Edwin Zavala for Assistant Technology Specialist; accepts the resignation of Brian Skibinski, District Technology Director; and approves the sale of District equipment.

Mrs. Bylut requested the removal of Item D, Approval of Employment of Personnel.

Mrs. Yerkes requested the removal of Item F, Approval to sell District Equipment.

Roll Call for Remaining Consent Agenda Items:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Item F, Approval to Sell District Equipment was discussed. Walt Kunkel, District Business Manager who has retired, requested to purchase the laptop computer he has been using for the past 7 years while employed in the District.

Dr. Lynch moved and Mrs. Yerkes seconded to give the laptop to Mr. Kunkel at no charge.
Roll Call

Ayes: Yerkes, Lahart, Joseph Haberkorn, Lynch, Josh Haberkorn, Bylut, Lachowicz
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Mrs. Bylut requested Item D, Approval of the Employment of Personnel, be split into individual motions.

Mr. Joseph Haberkorn made a motion to approve the contract for Sharon Herman. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lynch. Mrs. Bylut voiced her concerns regarding the insurance benefits outlined in the contract. The Board members discussed the issue.

Roll Call

Ayes: Josh Haberkorn, Lynch, Joseph Haberkorn, Lahart, Yerkes
Nays: Lachowicz, Bylut
Motion Carried.

Mr. Joseph Haberkorn moved and Dr. Lynch seconded the motion to approve a three year contract for Cathy Leslie as outlined.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lynch, Yerkes, Bylut, Joseph Haberkorn, Josh Haberkorn, Lachowicz, Lahart
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Mr. Joseph Haberkorn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Yerkes, to approve a three year contract for Mary Lynn Duffy. Mrs. Bylut expressed her concerns regarding the financial aspects of moving the assistant principal position to full time principal. The Board discussed these issues.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lahart, Lachowicz, Josh Haberkorn, Joseph Haberkorn, Yerkes, Lynch
Nays: Bylut
Motion Carried.

Mr. Joseph Haberkorn made a motion to approve a one year contract for a 100 day interim superintendent position for Dr. Kathleen Casey, seconded by Mrs. Yerkes. Mrs. Bylut expressed her concerns about having a superintendent on a 100 day basis instead of full time and the salary for the position. The Board discussed the issues.

Roll Call

Ayes: Josh Haberkorn, Yerkes, Joseph Haberkorn, Lahart, Lynch
Nays: Lachowicz, Bylut
Motion Carried.

Mrs. Yerkes clarified the discussion of the transition plan for audience members.

Mr. Joseph Haberkorn moved that the Board approve a one-year contract for David Kraatz as Director of Technology, replacing Brian Skibinski. Mrs. Yerkes seconded the motion.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Mr. Joseph Haberkorn made a motion to approve a one year contract for Edwin Zavala as Assistant Technology Specialist to replace David Kraatz, seconded by Mrs. Yerkes.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

New Business

Mrs. Lachowicz announced the League of Women Voters will be conducting a study on charter schools.

Old Business

None

Audience Participation

None

Closed Session

It was moved by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn and seconded by Dr. Lynch that the Board enters into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment or dismissal of personnel.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lachowicz and seconded by Mrs. Lahart to approve and open the Closed Session Minutes of June 11, 2014.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Mr. Joseph Haberkorn made a motion not to enforce the liquidated damages in Brian

Skibinski's contract. Mrs. Bylut seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Ayes: Joseph Haberkorn, Bylut

Nays: Yerkes, Lynch, Lachowicz, Josh Haberkorn

Abstain: Lahart

The Board decided to enforce the liquidated damages in Brian Skibinski's contract by a 4-2 vote.

Adjournment

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

President

Secretary