

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
August 13, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, August 13, 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, Lynch, Yerkes, Bylut, Lachowicz

Absent: Joseph Haberkorn, Josh Haberkorn

Visitors

Sharon Herman, Cathy Leslie, Kevin Kirk, Mary Lynn Duffy, Lynn Adamonis, David Kraatz, Edwin Zavala, Kim Anoman, Natalie Light, Cecilia Light, Nolan Light, Karen Wright, Vanessa Palcu, Kristin Restivo, Kim Grady, Marcella Castor

Audience Participation

None.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Casey read a statement from Gayle Greenwald acknowledging Cecilia Light, First Place winner of the GeoBee contest at Navajo School. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Yerkes awarded Cecilia a certificate of recognition.

Dr. Casey asked Sharon Herman to speak about Lynn Adamonis, who is now assistant principal at Navajo, and Amanda Grawunder who will be replacing Lynn as Special Ed teacher at Navajo. Dr. Casey introduced Kevin Kirk, new principal at Independence, David Kraatz, new tech director and Edwin Zavala, new technology assistant.

Dr. Casey reviewed the tentative FY15 budget with Board members. The Board discussed the budget.

Dr. Casey discussed the projected staffing pattern for the 2014-2015 school year.

Sharon Herman gave the Board an update on summer curriculum work and plans for the 2014-2015 school year.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Lachowicz that the Board approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 9, 2014 as presented; approves the August, 2014 bills payable and gross July, 2014 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$205,488.08 as presented (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 placing of the FY15 Tentative Budget on display; sets September 17, 2014 at 7:10 p.m. as the date and time for the Budget Hearing; accepts the resignations of Samantha Puhala, Chippewa teacher and Tara Fitzgibbons, part time psychologist; and approves rehiring Vivian Smuksta to replace Samantha Puhala; hiring Gina Livers, Sharon Rosynek and Nicole Rodrick as maternity leaves subs for Bridget Cavato, Heather Meskimen, and Jennifer Ostrowski-Dudek; hiring Lindsay Mandra as a half time special education teacher at Independence; and hire Nicol Bessette as part time psychologist to replace Tara Fitzgibbons; approves the appointment of Kim Anoman as the AHERA (asbestos) designee for the District.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Yerkes, Bylut, Lachowicz, Lahart, Lynch

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Audience Participation

Karen Wright addressed the Board regarding registration and enrollment numbers.

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: Lynch, Lachowicz, Lahart, Yerkes, Bylut

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes to approved the Closed Session Minutes of July 9, 2014 and to keep them closed.

Ayes: Bylut, Yerkes, Lynch, Lahart

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by

Mrs. Lahart to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

President

Secretary