

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
September 16, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 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: Lachowicz, Touhy, Bylut, Haberkorn, Weiss, Yerkes

Absent: Lynch

Visitors

Mary Lynn Duffy, Kevin Kirk, Cathy Leslie, Sharon Herman, Lynn Adamonis, Kim Anoman, Betsy Noort, Kristin Restivo, Alfonso Restivo, Elizabeth Foertsch, Steven Foertsch, Katie Walker, Jill Kasmer, Patti Alliood, Robert & Crystal Vuletic, Laurie McLaughlin, Vanessa Palcu, Kelly Riley, Jill Aardsma, Tony Aardsma, Jo Huston, Mary Beth Knoll, Hope Zawaski, CJ Gumuls, Alina Goebel, Marcella Castor, Jen Holmstrom, Laura Burke, D. Cachor, Gary MacLeod, Sherry S., Melanie H., Lisa Freimuth

Audience Participation

Elizabeth Foertsch addressed the Board regarding the process for appointing a new Board member to fill the vacancy left by Josh Haberkorn.

Seat New Board Member

Mrs. Yerkes administered the Oath of Office to Sherry Weiss, the candidate chosen to fill the Board member vacancy. Mrs. Yerkes welcomed Mrs. Weiss to the Board of Education.

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Public Hearing for the 2014-15 Budget
September 16, 2015**

The public hearing for the Palos Heights School District 128 Budget for the 2015-16 school year was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Budget Hearing

It was moved by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes that the Board adjourns into a public hearing for the 2015-2016 Budget. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Budget was delivered to Board members prior to the meeting. Mrs. Yerkes entertained comments, questions, or objections to the proposed FY 16 School District 128 budget. The tentative FY 16 budget has been on public display for 30 days as

required by law. There were no questions or objections to the proposed School District 128 FY 16 budget as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes that the Board returns to the regular Board meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board adjourned to the regular meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Green gave the Board an update on transportation costs, which was an area of concern at the August Board meeting. Dr. Green spoke to the District's attorney regarding the legalities of offering transportation to students. A committee will be formed to review transportation costs, routes, etc.

Dr. Green briefed the Board on the peanut allergy issue and the relocation of the District nurse from Navajo to Chippewa.

Dr. Green reviewed the 6th Day Enrollment figures.

Sharon Herman to give the Board an update on curriculum since school has started.

Dr. Green reviewed the PMA 5 Cast + 5 Sight forecasting program for Board approval. This program will provide helpful information to project District finances 5 years in the future, specific data relating to the budget and spending per pupil in comparison to other districts and will be helpful for teacher negotiations this year.

Dr. Green surveyed the District 218 elementary feeder districts and several other local districts for long term sub pay rates. It was determined our rates were higher, and it was decided to establish long term sub at \$130/day for the first 1-20 days and \$180/day from Day 21. Regular sub pay will remain the same at the current rate of \$90/day, which increases to \$100/day after 10 non-consecutive days within the school year.

Dr. Green stated the district is required by law to post on our website the base salaries and benefits of our teachers and administrators, and the District Board of Education must be notified of the posting.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes that the Board approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 12, 2015 and the Special Meeting of September 1 as presented; approves the September, 2015 bills payable and gross August, 2015 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$443,356.23 (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 adoption of the FY 16 Budget; approves the Illinois School Bus and Alpha School Bus contracts; approves the PMA -5 Cast + 5 Sight contract; approves the Application for the Recognition of

Schools; accepts the resignations of Kelly Scully, 1st teacher at Chippewa and Natalie Thompson, paraprofessional at Independence; and approves the employment of Brigid Loughran as 2nd Grade teacher at Chippewa, and paraprofessionals Stasia Rafe and Amanda Buresh at Chippewa and Thomas Gaw at Navajo.

Mrs. Bylut requested Item A, Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2015 and the Special Meeting of September 1, 2015 be removed from the Consent Agenda Items.

Roll Call for the remaining Consent Agenda items:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Bylut stated the minutes of the September 1, 2015 special meeting should be amended to reflect a motion was made to approve a candidate to fill the Board vacancy, and the motion failed.

Mr. Haberkorn made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2015, seconded by Mrs. Yerkes. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

New Business

Mary Lynn Duffy introduced two new teachers at Chippewa hired for this school year: Gina Livers in third grade and Brigid Loghran in third grade.

Audience Participation

Kristin Restivo addressed the Board regarding getting information out to parents about the transportation situation. Dr. Green stated a communication was sent to Kindergarten parents regarding a change in routes.

Steve Foertsch asked the Board if the audience is privy to the attachments to the agenda. Mrs. Yerkes responded that attachments are not for public view.

Hope Zawaski addressed the Board regarding the District possibly educating parents on food allergies. Mrs. Yerkes responded about the possibility of including information in the registration packets and at mid year. There was Board discussion at length about the peanut allergy issue, with several other parents weighing in. Mrs. Leslie and Mrs. Herman explained the rationale behind the “nut-free” school, classroom, and lunchroom tables.

Gary MacLeod addressed the Board regarding meeting procedure being posted on the website and posting a link on the front page of the website for Downloads. He also discussed his transportation concerns about changing the routes, bus stops in the winter, and student time spent on the bus. Mrs. Yerkes reassured the audience that the transportation issues will be addressed and revisited. A Transportation Committee will

be formed as soon as possible to look at transportation costs and how they affect the District's budget.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

President

Secretary