

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
September 17, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, September 17, 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: Yerkes, Josh Haberkorn, Bylut, Lachowicz, Lahart

Absent: Lynch

Visitors

Mary Lynn Duffy, Kevin Kirk, Cathy Leslie, Sharon Herman, Lynn Adamonis, Mandy Sauerbier from McGladrey LLP, Kim Kurtz, Julie MacFarlane, Gayle Greenwald, Maria Curtin, Lindsay Mandra, Jan Plecki, Kelly Scully, Erica Germany, Mary Ellen White, Mary Ann White, Vanessa Palcu, Karen Wright, Kristin Restivo

Audience Participation

None.

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Public Hearing for the 2014-15 Budget
September 17, 2014**

The public hearing for the Palos Heights School District 128 Budget for the 2014-15 school year was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Budget Hearing

It was moved by Mrs. Lachowicz and seconded by Mrs. Lahart that the Board adjourn into a public hearing for the 2014-2015 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 15 School District 128 budget. The tentative FY 15 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 15 budget as presented.

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

Superintendent's Report

Beginning this month, the principals will be recognizing, at each Board meeting, staff members from their buildings that have gone above and beyond everyday expectations. Staff will be presented with a "Staff Initiative Certificate". The staff members recognized this month were: Erica Germany, Kelly Scully, Mary Ellen White, and Gayle Greenwald from Chippewa; Kim Kurtz and Gayle Greenwald from Navajo; Maria Curtin and Julie MacFarlane from Independence; and Jennifer Ostrowski-Dudek from Indian Hill.

Dr. Casey introduced the District's auditor, Mandy Sauerbier from McGladrey LLP, who reviewed the audit report for Board members. Based on the FY 14 audit, our District will be receiving a Financial Recognition ranking of 4. This is the highest awarded category of financial recognition given to a school district by the Illinois State Board of Education. There were no recommendations or opinions given by our auditors on improving District 128's financial accounting practices.

Dr. Casey discussed the 6th Day Enrollment figures.

Dr. Casey introduced Sharon Herman to give the Board an update on curriculum.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Mrs. Lahart and seconded by Mrs. Lachowicz that the Board approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 13, 2014 as presented; approves the September, 2014 bills payable and gross August, 2014 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$614,126.30 (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 15 Budget; approves the Application for the Recognition of Schools; and approves the employment of Brianna Larson as half-time preschool teacher at Indian Hill.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Dr. Casey and Kevin Kirk were contacted by two retired staff members regarding a memorial for retiree John Villanova, who taught at Independence Jr. High for many years. A hydrangea tree was planted honoring his memory, and a dedication will be held on Wednesday, September 24 at 3:30 p.m. at Independence.

Mrs. Lachowicz announced the IASB South Cook Fall Dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29, at the Orland Chateau.

Audience Participation

None

Closed Session

It was moved by Mrs. Yerkes and seconded by Mrs. Lachowicz that the Board enters into Closed Session to discuss Purchase or Lease of Real Property, Appointment, Employment or Dismissal of Personnel, and Student Discipline.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

Dr. Lynch arrived at 7:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

The Board reviewed the survey results of the Superintendent Search questionnaire.

Mrs. Yerkes made a motion seconded by Mrs. Bylut to enforce with alternative options the expulsion of a student.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Dr. Casey reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Palos Heights for the Sale of District Property. A motion was made by Mrs. Yerkes and seconded by Mrs. Bylut to approve the intergovernmental agreement.

Roll Call

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

Nays: Lachowicz

Motion carried.

Dr. Lynch moved to approve and open the closed session minutes of August 13, 2014.

Mrs. Lahart seconded and motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mrs. Yerkes 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