

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
November 12, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, November 12, 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, Joseph Haberkorn, Lahart, Lynch, Josh Haberkorn, Bylut, Lachowicz

Absent: None

Visitors

Sharon Herman, Mary Lynn Duffy, Kevin Kirk, Cathy Leslie, Kim Anoman, Judy Borosky, Dana Boulukos, Diane Muller, Nicole Woods, Juliette DeNova, Sarah Mudde, Maura Murphy, Vanessa Palcu, Kristin Restivo, Kendall Bruton, Lisa Freimuth and various students and parents.

Audience Participation

Juliette DeNova, president and Peggy Marshanda, Treasurer of **Down in the Southland**, an organization that serves families who have children with Downs Syndrome, spoke to the Board. Peggy presented a check for \$1,000 to Mary Lynn Duffy as part of their “give back to schools” program. Chippewa School participated in the Dimes to Dollars for Downs Syndrome Fund Raising Contest, raising the most money per student out of eight participating schools for the organization’s Fourth Annual Walk.

Superintendent’s Report

In celebration of “Illinois School Board Members Day”, November 15, 2014, Dr. Casey recognized Board members with a token of appreciation on behalf of the administration, teachers, staff members, students, and parents of the District.

Several staff members were recognized by their principals. Kevin Kirk recognized Diane Muller for filling in as head teacher and being a resource to him as new principal. Also, Dr. Casey thanked Diane for adding the District’s Board Policy Manual to our website.

Mary Lynn Duffy recognized Judy Borosky, teacher assistant at Chippewa, who goes “above and beyond” every day in assisting teachers and students.

Dr. Casey recognized Mary D'Agostaro, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, whom she and the Board nominated for the IASB’s Holly Jack Outstanding Service Award for exemplary service by district employees who do the work of the School Board Secretary.

Dr. Casey introduced Dana Boulukos, Science teacher at Independence, who presented the Environmental Club she coordinates for students. Dana described and showed photos of the students' field trips and their contributions to the environment on the trips.

Sharon Herman presented and reviewed the District's 2014 ISAT scores for Board Members.

Dr. Casey introduced the principals of the four schools who reviewed for Board Members their School Improvement Plans for each of their schools.

Dr. Casey presented information on the tentative levy for 2014, which will be approved at the December Board Meeting.

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 of October 8, 2014; November, 2014 bills payable and gross October, 2014 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$737,691.78 (copy of same to be appended to and become a part of the minutes of this meeting); approves the schools' activity accounts; and approves the administration of a Learning Conditions Survey required by Illinois Public Act 98-0647.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Mrs. Lahart created a chart organizing the Superintendent Search survey results. The Board briefly discussed some of the comments made on the survey.

Mrs. Lachowicz reported on attending the IASB South Cook Division Meeting

Audience Participation

None

Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn that the Board enters into Closed Session to discuss the Appointment, Employment or Dismissal of Personnel.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:30 p.m.

Dr. Lynch made a motion to approve the Closed Session minutes from the Closed Session Meeting on September 17, 2014 and keep them closed. Mrs. Lahart seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Lahart to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Deb Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

President

Secretary