

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
December 9, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Visitors

Kevin Kirk, Sharon Herman, Mary Lynn Duffy, Cathy Leslie, Lynn Adamonis, Mary Beth Knoll, Jill Kasmer, Jennifer Hansen, Paul Hansen, Kristin Restivo, Beth Strooboscher, Therese Lahart, Christina Serdar, Gary MacLeod, Brian Bernsee, Jennifer Georgis

Audience Participation

Jennifer Hansen spoke to the Board regarding the bus survey, the Transportation Committee, and standards-based grading. Paul Hansen addressed the Board regarding the bus survey and the District finances with regard to transportation. Gary MacLeod spoke to the Board regarding the District's website.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Green reported on the recent Health/Life Safety Inspection from the SCISC/ROE. Only a few minor issues were pointed out, and all have been addressed since the inspection and report. There are no violations, and the district is in good standing with the Regional Office.

Dr. Green discussed the PARCC test results. The state has restricted their release until December 11 at noon; at which time the individual results will be sent home with 4th through 8th grade students. District 128 results were very good, and administrators feel positive about the results. The Board and Dr. Green discussed the PARCC testing and how to proceed with the testing in the future.

Dr. Green reviewed the Capital Improvement Bonds information presented in November by Bob Lewis from PMA. After a walk through the District with architects, Dr. Green has asked principals to list things that need improvement in their schools. Dr. Green recommended either the \$800,000 or \$900,000 yearly payment proposal. The Board discussed their options.

Mrs. Lachowicz briefly reported on the sessions she attended at the IASA/ISB/ISBO Conference Board members attended in November. She will have more information at the January Board meeting. Mrs. Bylut discussed one of the sessions she attended on getting students in school as early as possible and another session on negotiations. Dr. Green reported on a session she attended on strategic planning and forming a committee in the District to review our plan.

Kevin Kirk reported on Standards-Based Grading/Common Core Curriculum. There was Board discussion with administrators and Dr. Green on the subject.

The Transportation Committee met prior to the Board Meeting. The committee was given the results of the bus survey, and Dr. Green reviewed the results of the survey for the Board. The committee will look at the suggested plans: 1) bus service remains the same (This option is no longer affordable); 2) Quad proposal - student is brought to the nearest school from their home in the morning and in the afternoon, then transported by bus to the school they attend. Same after school; 3) reduce the current bus runs. The committee would like to have an open forum sometime in January or February.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Weiss that the Board approves the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on November 11, 2015; approval of the December, 2015 bills payable and gross November, 2015 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$597,156.76 (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 schools; approves the 2015 Tax Levy; approves the selling of bonds by the District.

Mrs. Yerkes requested Item E, Approval of the District to sell Bonds, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call for Remaining Consent Agenda Items:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board discussed the dollar amount of bonds to be sold. Dr. Lynch made a motion that the Board approves the District selling Bonds with the yearly payment amount of \$900,000 with estimated proceeds of \$4.2 million. Mrs. Touhy seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Mrs. Lachowicz announced the Explore entrance test was given at Shepard High School on November 14. Mrs. Lachowicz has recreated a new form for paver bricks and would like to send it out in January.

Old Business

None.

Audience Participation

Beth Strooboscher addressed the Board regarding the possibility of scheduling the PLC days as late starts on the school calendar rather than early release days.

Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Weiss that the Board enter into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment or dismissal of personnel, student discipline and to review Closed Session minutes.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:55 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:05 p.m.

Dr. Lynch made a motion to approve and open the Closed Session Minutes of November 11, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Touhy. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mrs. Lachowicz and seconded by Mrs. Weiss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

President

Secretary