

**Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
December 14, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Mrs. Yerkes called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Lachowicz, Lynch, Restivo, Touhy, Weiss, Yerkes

Absent: Haberkorn

Visitors

Kevin Kirk, Mary Lynn Duffy, Cathy Leslie, Lynn Adamonis, Gayle Greenwald, Mary Beth Knoll, Gary MacLeod, Rich Facko

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Green received an e mail from a meeting participant regarding a service dog being brought in to one of our schools. The participant attends a weekly meeting of an organization that rents our facilities. The Board directed Dr. Green to check with our attorney. Dr. Green will e mail the requester that the matter is still under Board consideration.

Dr. Green discussed the withdrawal from the Eisenhower Coop agreement. Dr. Green has been in discussions with the attorney, and a copy of the withdrawal document was provided to Board members.

Mrs. Lachowicz briefly reported on the sessions she attended at the IASA/ISB/ISBO Conference Board members attended in November. Dr. Green reported on a session she attended and spoke at on teacher leaders.

Dr. Green reviewed the 2016 Tax Levy for Board members. Upon Board approval, the levy will be submitted to the Cook County Clerk for filing.

Dr. Green discussed a survey that was given to Independence Jr. High students on the topic of standards based grading. Kevin Kirk and Dr. Green will meet with groups of students for feedback on the survey.

Also, a result of the Town Hall Meeting, Dr. Green has formed a Parent Ambassador Committee. Dr. Green randomly chose from approximately 40 interested parents to create the committee. The first meeting is scheduled for January 17.

Dr. Green explained the goals from the Strategic Plan committee meeting. The goals

have been provided to Board members in their Board meeting materials.

Dr. Green and Gayle Greenwald gave a report on their China Schools Visit.

Dr. Green reviewed several changes to the registration fees for 2017-2018 and recommended the Board approve the changes. Indian Hill will be holding student registration in February, so the fees need to be approved at this Board meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes that the Board approves the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on November 2, 2016, the Special Meeting of November 2, 2016, the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2016, and the Special Meeting of October 19, 2016; approval of the December, 2016 bills payable and gross November, 2016 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$762,367.43 (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 2016 Tax Levy; approves Eisenhower Coop Withdrawal Agreement; approves the FMLA, extended leave and leave of absence request from Bridget Cavato, and approves the 2017-2018 registration fees.

Mrs. Lachowicz requested Item E, Approval of the Eisenhower Coop Withdrawal Agreement, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Dr. Lynch requested removal of Item F, the FMLA, extended leave and leave of absence request from Bridget Cavato.

Mrs. Restivo requested the removal of the approval of the Special Meeting minutes of November 2, 2016, the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2016 and the Special Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2016.

Roll Call for Remaining Consent Agenda Items:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Agenda Item E, Approval of the Eisenhower Coop Withdrawal Agreement, will be tabled until the January Board Meeting.

Agenda Item F, the FMLA, extended leave and leave of absence request from Bridget Cavato, will be discussed in Closed Session.

The Board discussed the approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 2, 2016, the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2016, and the Special Meeting of October 19, 2016. Mrs. Restivo was not present at those meetings, and therefore, she should not

be included in a roll call for approval. Mrs. Lachowicz made a motion that the Board approves minutes of the Special Meeting of November 2, 2016, the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2016, and the Special Meeting of October 19, 2016. Dr. Lynch seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lynch, Touhy, Yerkes, Weiss, Lachowicz

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Audience Participation

Gary MacLeod asked to address the Board. Mrs. Yerkes allowed his comments, although he did not register prior to the meeting as required by Board meeting procedure. Mr. MacLeod commented on the notification of Board meeting dates on the District website calendar, and he commented on the Town Hall meeting and standards based grading.

Closed Session

It was moved by Mrs. Lachowicz and seconded by Dr. Lynch that the Board enters into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee; collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for classes of employees; student disciplinary issues and to review Closed Session minutes.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:45 p.m.

Mrs. Lachowicz made a motion to approve and open the Closed Session Minutes of November 2, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yerkes. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes to approve the FMLA, extended leave and leave of absence for Bridget Cavato. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

President

Secretary