

Palos Heights School District 128
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
February 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

The board entered into open session with training on BoardDocs Pro for the Board Members at 6:12 pm. Dr. Lynch called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Lachowicz, Lyons, Lynch, Grady, Facko, Restivo and Dr. Green

Absent: Touhy

Mrs. Touhy arrived at 6:25 pm.

Dr. Lynch made a motion at 7:02 pm to enter into the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Grady, and approved by unanimous consent.

Visitors

Mary Lynn Duffy, Lynn Adamonis, Cathy Leslie, Kim Anoman, Mark Hupp, Rob Walsh, Anthony Walsh, Jacob Muhammad, Tony Cosey, Matt Spell, Greg Urdal, Vivian Smuksta, Amy Yaro, Nicole Smagacz, Michelle Walsh, Nicholas Etchison, Bridgette Croeguert, Flannery Lyons, Michael M., Christian G., Christie Hicks, Kelly Sistos, Michelle Spell, Elvira Shala, Elizabeth Holman, Whitney Freund, Therese Lahurt

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Green's report began with 1st grade presentations and entrepreneurial presentations.

Dr. Green recognized the National Board Certified Teachers; Gayle Greenwald, Vivial Smutska, and Lori Pierce (Lauren Weaver was not present). The teachers then told everyone about the process they went through to become National Board Certified Teachers.

Dr. Green then presented a follow up to a previous review of the Strategic Plan, and some specifics related to student achievement.

Kim Anamon, Business Manager discussed the 2018-2019 Mid-Year Budget Review.

Dr. Green stated that we currently charge \$35/hr for facility rental, and have experienced a large increase in requests as of late. She recommended we increase the hourly rate by \$5 or \$10, effective July 1, 2019. The BOE was in agreement.

Dr. Green recognized the three teachers receiving tenure this year; Gina Livers, Nicole Smagacz and Brigid Loughran.

The BOE agreed on April 24, 2019, at 7:00 pm as their Reorganization Meeting date and time.

Dr. Green asked the BOE for their thoughts on what to do with the extra desks and stools from IJHS. Kim Anoman offered to email her district contacts to see if any of them are in need of the furniture as a donation. It was also recommended to seek out a low-income school that may be in need.

The Recognition of Schools' portal is not yet open. When it does open, Dr. Green will get it submitted using this board meeting date for approval.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Grady to approve the consent agenda items as follows: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 09, 2019; Approval of Bills and Payroll; Review of Schools' Activity Accounts; FY 20 Tentative Budget Authorization; Approval of Recommendation for Tenure; and Approval of Recognition of Schools.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Grady, Restivo, Facko, Lynch, Touhy, Lyons, and Lachowicz

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Restivo met with Dr. Brownlow and are inviting her to the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2019. Dr. Brownlow plans to attend the event from 5 to 7 pm. Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Restivo would like to use that time as a "Meet and Greet." Mrs. Lyons also stated that Dr. Brownlow would like to schedule a full day to set her goals with the BOE.

Mr. Grady voiced concerns with heat issues in many classrooms at the schools this winter. He asked that CTS present an update at the next board meeting.

Old Business

None

Audience Participation

None

Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Lyons that the Board enter 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; and student disciplinary issues.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Grady, Restivo, Facko, Lynch, Touhy, Lyons, Lachowicz

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The board entered into Closed Session at 8:55pm.

The board reconvened into Open Session at 9:20pm.

Dr. Lynch made a motion to approve and keep closed the closed session minutes of January 9, 2019, seconded by Mrs. Lyons, and approved by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Lyons to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Dr. Lynch, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

President

Secretary