

Special Meeting of the Board of Education

Friday, June 30, 2023 4:30 PM

District Office, 12809 S. McVickers Avenue, Palos Heights, IL 60463

1. Call to Order

1.A. Pledge to the Flag

1.B. Roll Call

2. Superintendent's Report

2.A. Personnel Update

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items

3.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting June 7, 2023

3.B. Employment of Personnel

Occupational Therapist - Dena White; Executive Assistant to the Superintendent - Laura Kriha; Jamie Volk - Paraprofessional

4. Old Business

5. New Business

5.A. Approval of the negotiated PHEA Contract 2024-2028

6. Audience Participation

If you are coming up to speak, please identify yourself by name and connection to the district and we ask that comments remain brief to accommodate everyone wishing to speak. Policy ordinarily provides up to 3 minutes per speaker.

7. Information Items

7.A. Freedom of Information Act Items

7.B. Additional Informatino Items, if any

8. Closed Session

9. Return to Open Session

10. Adjournment

PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the District Office, 12809 S. McVicker Ave, Palos Heights, IL.

Mr. Grady called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Dr. Powell, Mrs. Restivo, Mrs. Lachowicz, Mrs. Rubio and Mr. Grady.

Absent: Dr. Richard Facko, Mrs. Amy Lyons.

Dr. Brownlow was also in attendance.

Mr. Bill Grady led the pledge to the Flag

VISITORS:

Mary Lynn Duffy, Jason Smit, Erica Germany, Paula Stepaniuk, Ryan Mahoney, Kim Anoman, Kevin Kirk, Adelicia Brienzo, Jim Yerkes, Lukas Yerkes, Ashley Prohaska and Marie Walczak

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Staff & Community Recognition

Independence Junior High was recognized for a Veterans of Foreign Wars Award for demonstrating Americanism in honor of the comprehensive Veterans Day program held annually in November.

Erica Germany received a Certificate of Achievement for her work in developing the Grades 1-5 STEM program. Jason Smit and Erica Germany presented a video for the audience displaying the students' work from grades 1-5 throughout the school year. The video demonstrated the wide array of projects from the STEM curriculum.

Members of the PFA were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the District. Marie Walczak accepted her Certificate of Achievement. Absent recognized members were; Cassie Facko, Julie O'Kane, Paula Kantas and Katie Kastner.

Independence logo presentation:

Kevin Kirk presented the final rendition of the new Independence Logo to be used beginning of the 23-24 school year. It depicts a Patriot with a hat tilted forward to mask recognition and promote a more inclusive representation with respect to gender and race. Recognition was given to his design team that included students, staff and alum graphic artist, David Hanley.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

It was moved by Mr. Grady to approve the items on the consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2023. Approval of bills and payroll. Review of the school's activity accounts. Approval of Closed session meeting minutes of May 10, 2023. Employment of Personnel - *Jessica Dieter & Christina Brennan - Speech & Language Teachers*. Closed Session Minutes May 10, 2023.

Motion: Bill Grady

Second: Gail Rubio

Roll Call:

Ayes: Dr. Patti Powell, Mrs. Kristin Restivo, Mrs. Gail Rubio, Mr. Bill Grady, Mrs. Kathy Lachowicz.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Policy Updates. (2nd Read).

Moved: Mrs. Kathy Lachowicz

Second: Mrs. Gail Rubio

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Board Resolution for the Certification of Safety Hazards 2023-2024.

Moved: Mrs. Kathy Lachowicz

Second: Mrs. Kristin Restivo

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Advance approval of estimated bills and payroll for July 2023 and estimated educational expenditures not to exceed \$400,000 for FY 24.

Board Liaison Appointments.

Bill Grady & Rich Facko - Finance

Patti Powell & Kathy Lachowicz - Policy

Amy Lyons - Strategic Planning

Kristin Restivo & Gail Rubio - Parent Advisory

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Adelicia Brienzo presented the statistics for surrounding school districts for increased staff diversity for the past year. She indicated her interest in District 128 pursuing more diverse candidates in filling open positions.

Information Items:

YTD Financial Summary

Freedom of Information Act Request - Received May 10, 2023

Requested by Vince Espi, Local Labs, Foia@news.locallabs.com

I am writing to you on behalf of Local Labs, which is an online publication that reports and informs the citizens of Illinois about their local and state government's activities.

Please provide the following information:

-Copies of all records (transactions, invoices, etc) and email correspondence with Lurie Children's Hospital from July 1st, 2022 to present day.

Please provide the records in electronic format csv, xlx or similar. Preferably transferred via email (you may just respond to this one) or an online file hosting service (such as Dropbox). As a media organization requesting these records primarily for the benefit of the general public, we request that any fees be waived. Thank you for your prompt assistance in providing these records.

Response by Kimberly Anoman, Business Manager

The district does not have any correspondence responsive to your request. To the extent that your requests have been denied in whole or in part, you may seek review of the district's response by the Illinois Attorney General-Public Access Bureau, 500 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, 217-558-0486. You may also appeal the decision by filing suit for injunctive relief in the circuit court of Cook County, Illinois.

Received on Jun 2, 2023

Requested by Adam Zelizer, zelizer@uchicago.edu

I am reaching out to make a FOIA request. I am looking for the requested records below, regarding the board's votes on IASB resolutions over the past 5 years (2018-2022). Am Interested in whether the board voted to support or oppose each resolution, and the votes of specific members if available.

For reference, I am a professor at the University of Chicago and this request is for educational, not commercial purposes.

Response by Dr. Merryl Brownlow:

The District does not have records responsive to your request, as our board does not take formal action at its meetings regarding IASB resolutions. Our delegate votes on behalf of the Board of Education at the IASB meeting. We do not retain written records of those votes.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Grady made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lachowicz, and approved by unanimous consent.

Meeting Adjourned.

President

Date

Secretary

Date