

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT #79 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

August 10, 2016

On Wednesday, August 10, 2016 the Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mr. Mark Neri, Vice President of the Board of Education. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call showed the following:

PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Mark Neri	Mr. Michael Malusa
Mr. Mark Diatte	Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo	
Mrs. Lisa Nixon	
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consent Agenda Items

- CA-1 Approval of Open Minutes and Closed from July 13, 2016 and Open Minutes of Special Meeting July 19, 2016
- CA-2 Approval of Bills
- CA-3 Personnel Report- Dr. Kristin Kopta and Mrs. Gina Sierra introduced Pennoyer's new staff members.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to approve the Consent Agenda items.

A roll call vote showed the following:

PRESENT	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Michael Malusa	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Neri		X		
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	ABSENT			
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. **Preliminary School Budget 2016-2017**-Dr. Kristin Kopta spoke about the preliminary school budget. The budget is balanced. The goal is to keep a 6 month cash reserve in case of emergency. It will be on display as of August 15th and the Board will vote on it at the September 14th meeting.
- B. **Moody's Rating Update**- Dr. Kristin Kopta thanked, former superintendent Mr. Brad Voehringer, for his efforts on improving Pennoyer's rating. It is now an A-2 with no negative outlooks.
- C. **IASB Dinner Meeting November 3, 2016**- Dr. Kristin Kopta referenced the IASB flyer regarding the November 3rd Dinner Meeting. A sign-up sheet will be available at the September 14th meeting.
- D. **FOIA Request Katy Smyser, July 28, 2016**-The information requested was provided.
- E. **FOIA Request MLBM Coyne, August 2, 2016**- The information requested was provided.
- F. **Preschool For All Grant** – Pennoyer did not receive funding this year because we were not recipients last year. Pennoyer can apply next year. If Pennoyer receives the Preschool for All Grant next year, Pennoyer will receive state funding for the teacher, furniture and equipment.
- G. **Insurance**- Pennoyer's policy will expire December 1st. Dr. Kristin Kopta is looking into other providers to see if there are better options for the employees. A committee will be formed to explore other options.

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6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. West 40 Health/Life Safety Inspection-**There are a few minor corrections that need to be addressed. There will be a walk through after the Board meeting for those Board members that wish to see the items that are to be addressed.
- B. Area Superintendents Meeting-** There was a meeting for the area superintendents (Union Ridge & Ridgewood). We discussed collaborating on programs for our community.
- C. Illinois Association of School Administrators New Superintendent Conference-** There were 43 new superintendents at the conference. Valuable connections were made.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- A. New Hires and Mentor Program-** Next Wednesday, the newly hired teachers and LRC assistant will participate in a new teacher orientation. Members of the mentoring committee helped plan the day to help acclimate them to the Pennoyer community.
- B. Meeting with community leaders (Fire, Police, Public Works and Salvation Army)-** Dr. Kopta and I met with the Police & Fire Department and Salvation Army regarding Pennoyer's evacuation plan and safety drills. Joe from Public Works moved all of the used textbooks to SCARCE. He also moved the salt pile to a slightly different location. A temporary fence has been purchased to enclose the salt pile.
- C. Pennoyer Cross-Fit Partnership-** Jim Nelsen met Angelo of Harwood Heights Cross-Fit. They are working on a junior high fitness test. He will be donating some medicine balls as a part of the fitness test. He will be in contact with Mr. Nelsen with suggestions and recommendations.
- D. Upcoming Events-** The current school calendar was distributed. Some highlights: August 22nd& 23rd are Teacher Inservice Days. August 22nd will be the Back to School Picnic at 5:30pm, everyone is invited. August 24th is the first day of school for students. New parent orientation is August 31st. Curriculum nights are September 7th at 5:30pm for K-5 and September 13th at 5:30pm for junior high. Once PTC finalizes their calendar we will provide everyone with a copy. The PTC will have its first meeting on September 12th. Pennoyer's calendar aligns with Maine South. Pennoyer does not have the same start date but spring and winter break are the same.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder authorizing the Superintendent to pay bills through August 31, 2016. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

PRESENT	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Michael Malusa	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Neri		X		
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	ABSENT			
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

B. A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to approve the Pennoyer Pals program. Dr. Kristin Kopta spoke about the program. There are 5 students that signed up for the Pennoyer Pals program for socialization and play based learning two times a week. In preparation for the Preschool for All program, Pennoyer is opening slots for preschool. It will take some time to get it all up and running. There was discussion

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Mr. Michael Malusa	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Neri		X		
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	ABSENT			
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

C & D. A motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to adopt Policy 5:30 General Personnel-Hiring Process & Criteria and Policy 5:330 ESP-Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays & Leaves. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

PRESENT	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Michael Malusa	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Neri		X		
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	ABSENT			
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

E. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to approve the Roof repair contract with Olsson not to exceed \$9,155. There was discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

PRESENT	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Michael Malusa	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Neri		X		
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	ABSENT			
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

9. DISCUSSION

A. **ED-RED**-In the past, the Pennoyer Board was a member. It will be an Action Item for the September 14th meeting.

B. **Triple I Conference Sign-Up**- A sign-up sheet was passed around for the November 18th-20th conference.

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10. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:29pm a motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to go into Closed Session to discuss:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(10)

A roll call vote showed the following:

PRESENT	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Michael Malusa	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Neri		X		
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	ABSENT			
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		


The motion was approved

11. ADJOURNMENT


Since there was no further business to come before the Board, the Vice President of the Board, Mr. Mark Neri called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.



President, Mr. Michael Malusa



Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte