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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT #79 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 10, 2016**

Public Hearing

Mr. Michael Malusa, President of the Board of Education called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm. The President of the Board, Mr. Michael Malusa, presented the Resolution Authorizing an Interfund Transfer from the Fire Prevention & Life Safety Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund. There was no discussion. There were no questions or comments from the public.

Since there were no other questions or comments, Mr. Michael Malusa closed the Public Hearing.

On Wednesday, February 10, 2016 the Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mr. Michael Malusa, President of the Board of Education. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call showed the following:

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

2. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:04pm, Mr. Michael Malusa, President of the Board, indicated that the Board will go into Closed Session to discuss:

- The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.
5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3)

At 7:11pm the Board returned to Open Session.

The President of the Board, Michael Malusa, announced that the vacancy to the Board will be filled, by appointment, by former Pennoyer Board member Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo. She will cover the term until April, 2017. There were no other applications for board membership.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

4. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- None this month

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda Items

- CA-1 Approval of Open & Closed Minutes of January 13, 2016
- CA-2 Approval of Bills
- CA-3 Personnel Report

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A motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the Consent Agenda items.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

B. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo authorizing the Superintendent to pay bills through February 29, 2016. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

C. The Superintendent presented the second reading of the following policies:

- Policy 4:170 Operational Services: Safety
- Policy 5:90 Personnel: Abused & Neglected Child Reporting
- Policy 7:100 Students: Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations:
Immunizations & Exclusions of Students
- Policy 7:140 Students: Search & Seizure
- Policy 7:290 Students: Suicide & Depression Awareness and Prevention
- Policy 7:300 Students: Extracurricular Athletics
- Policy 7:305 Students: Student Athlete Concussions & Head Injuries
- Policy 8:30 Community Relations: Visitors to & Conduct on School Property
- Policy 5:185 Personnel: Family & Medical Leave

A motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the above mentioned policies. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

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D. The Superintendent presented the Resolution Authorizing an Interfund Transfer from the Fire Prevention & Life Safety Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Interfund Transfer from the Fire Prevention & Life Safety Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. The Thank You card from Mrs. Miceli was presented.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Pennoyer received \$7,000 from the Italian Consulate for the Italian program.
- Pennoyer's preliminary financial profile score has improved to 3.0. A 3.08 score is needed to be off of the financial warning list. Pennoyer is moving in the right direction through the continued efforts of the Board and administration.

8. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-

- **Teacher Highlights-**
 - Paula Papaioannou had her 7th grade Language Arts class work on poem recitations or declamations. A computer is available if anyone wishes to view the outstanding work by her students.
 - Jaclyn Pearson was selected to be on the Scholastic Reading Teacher Advisory Board. She will attend a 4 day conference in March, in New York, on reading strategies and best practices in reading. She also was selected by Golden Apple, to speak to the 2015 scholars from St. Xavier, to give them advice about being a teacher.
 - Annette Garcia is holding a math workshop afterschool for all students that are going into Algebra 2 at Maine South.
 - Willie Madueno has his classroom open afterschool for students to receive help and support on their projects for the Science Fair on March 16th.
 - Melissa Tronco and Jaclyn Pearson are the advisors for the Student Council & Peer Leaders. This past week the students participated in "Pennies for Pasta" to support Leukemia & Lymphoma research. In one week the students raised \$5,668. Kathy Fricke's 5th grade class raised the most money and will enjoy a pasta party from Olive Garden. There are several other classrooms that raised a significant amount of money. Those classrooms, as well as the school, will receive either a gold, silver or bronze banner. An article will be in the local newspaper on Thursday, February 11th highlighting their efforts.

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8. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued-

• **Other News-**

- March Madness is Friday, March 11th. Students are very excited. The coaches are holding practices on Wednesday nights under my supervision.
- There is a Health & Life Safety visit on March 9th. West 40 will be on site.
- Sam Volpe, a Pennoyer grad, will be working part time while Mr. Pham is on leave. He will help with special projects such as Taste of Pennoyer on February 25th, the Father/Daughter Dance on Friday, February 19th and March Madness on Friday, March 11th. He is also working on the library.

9. DISCUSSION

- School Fees 2016-2017- There was discussion. The fees will remain the same. However, the PE uniform and recorder fee & workbook is dependent on the costs from the vendors. The Board does not need to approve minor increases.

10. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:27pm a motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to go into Closed Session to discuss:

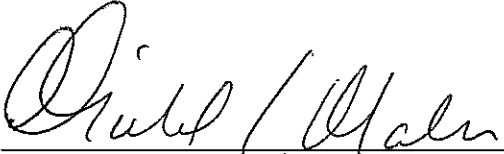
- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

The motion was unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

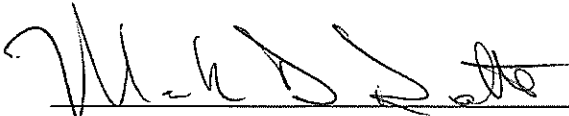
11. ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, the President of the Board, Michael Malusa called for the meeting to be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.



President, Mr. Michael Malusa



Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte