

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 79 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

January 13, 2016

On Wednesday, January 13, 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:

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Michael Malusa	None
Mr. Mark Neri	
Mr. Mark Diatte	
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo	
Mrs. Lisa Nixon	
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**3. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- None

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Consent Agenda Items

- Approval of Open Minutes of December 9, 2015
- Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte to approve the Consent Agenda items.

A roll call vote showed the following:

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Michael Malusa		X		
Mr. Mark Neri		X		
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

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

A roll call vote showed the following:

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Michael Malusa		X		
Mr. Mark Neri		X		
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

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C. The Superintendent presented the 2016-2017 School Calendar. There was discussion

A motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar.

A roll call vote showed the following:

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Michael Malusa		X		
Mr. Mark Neri		X		
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

D. The Superintendent presented the LASEC Early Childhood Program. LASEC requested Pennoyer as a possible location if space were needed to accommodate additional students. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Neri and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon for approval of the LASEC Early Childhood Program.

A roll call vote showed the following:

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Michael Malusa		X		
Mr. Mark Neri		X		
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder				X

The motion was approved.

E. The Superintendent presented the first 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

The second reading of the above mentioned policies will be at the February 10, 2016 Board Meeting. There was no discussion.

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**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. The Superintendent presented the FOIA Request from Patty Birk dated January 4, 2016. The information requested by Patty Birk was provided.

B. The Superintendent presented the FOIA Request from Trey Cobb dated January 11, 2016. The information requested by Trey Cobb was provided.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- **Tech Update-** The only issue Pennoyer is experiencing right now is the Wonders Reading Series. A trace was done and the signal leaves here fine, but appears to be stopping at McGraw Hill's gate. They were hacked last Fall and our IP address falls within the range of suspected numbers, therefore blocking Pennoyer from their site. It has been escalated to the McGraw Hill sales rep. Mrs. Tronco was able to receive the hard copy versions for free.  
-We met with the tech consultant on Friday. A new firewall was installed.  
Mr. Mark Diatte will look at the new tech proposal and may contact the consultant directly.
- **Budget-** The GSA formula has been recalculated. Pennoyer will lose funding based on the new calculation.
- **ERATE-** We will be meeting tomorrow with our ERATE consultant, Gerry Zeller. Voice will no longer be covered. ERATE will cover some of the items on the above mentioned proposal.
- **News Article-** We (Mayor of Harwood Heights and Superintendent Mike Maguire.) met with a reporter from the paper for two hours refuting the article that stated Harwood Heights was the worst suburb to live in. Apologies came from various news outlets that originally aired the unflattering article.
- **Updates on flooring in Room 98-** The floor is done. Pictures were sent to the Board. The standard air clearance is .01cc. Pennoyer's air clearance was .0022cc. At the February 10, 2016 meeting, the Board will have a Public Hearing regarding the Resolution approving an interfund transfer from the Fire Prevention & Life Safety Fund to the Operation & Maintenance Fund to pay for the flooring.
- **Math-** Annette Garcia is our math department chair. She has been doing a lot of investigating in to a new math series. She is getting the samples out to the teachers for their feedback. The Township will cover the costs.

**7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-**

The Superintendent presented the Principal's Report in her absence.

- **March Madness-** Lots of interest. Planning is underway.
- **Teacher Observations-** In progress.
- **ECRA-** We are using the data from ECRA during "Data Days" with the Data Team. Teachers met on 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and used the data to plan an intervention or amp up an existing intervention, for those students who are in need of it.

**8. DISCUSSION**

- The Crossing Guard at Foster & Cumberland, mentioned to a Board member, that the way in which the snow is cleared from the streets is causing the crosswalks to be blocked and posing a potential hazard to our students. The Superintendent will contact Public Works.

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**9. CLOSED SESSION**

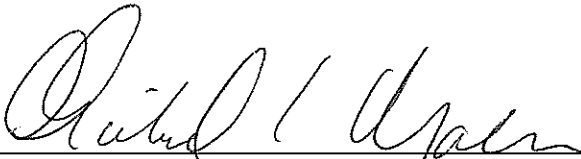
At 7:43pm a motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte to go into Closed Session to discuss:

- 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 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)

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

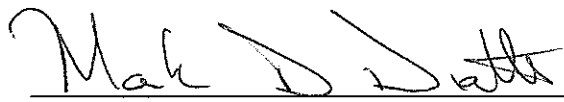
Since there was no further business to come before the Board, the President of the Board, Michael Malusa called for the meeting to be adjourned.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.**


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 President, Mr. Michael Malusa


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 Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte