

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

July 13, 2016

On Wednesday, July 13, 2016 the Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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. Mark Diate	Mrs. Sheila Wachholder
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo	
Mrs. Lisa Nixon 7:03pm	

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Angelo Sisco of O'Hare Crossfit spoke of a possible Health & Wellness partnership with Pennoyer students and staff.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consent Agenda Items

- CA-1 Approval of Open Minutes of June 8, 2016
- CA-2 Approval of Bills
- CA-3 Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo 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		X		
Mr. Mark Neri	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Diate		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	ABSENT			

The motion was approved.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Board Policy First Readings

- Policy 5:30 General Personnel-Hiring Process & Criteria- The only significant difference is that the TB test is no longer required by law.

B. Preliminary School Budget 2016-2017- As of today, the budget is balanced. A more accurate budget reflecting the new hires will be presented to the Board at the August 10th meeting. It will be on display for the public on August 15th.

C. Roth 403 plan and Axa Custodial Account Services- Additional benefits will be available for the staff at no cost to the District.

D. Triple I Conference, Chicago, November 18-20-There are a lot of changes to school code and law. Possibly attend the conference as a Board. An email will be sent to the Board to determine who is available to attend.

E. Facility Certification-The Illinois Association of School Business Officials offers courses for custodians. West 40 also has a buildings and grounds meeting every 6 weeks addressing different topics relating to the school and grounds. Mr. Pham will attend the West 40 meeting on September 7th. The head custodians should be certified on buildings and grounds for the safety and security of the students and staff.

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6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. LRC position- Penoyer is in need of a permanent position in the library. A .5, non-certified position will be a benefit to the students.
- B. Board Policy Updates-The Board will be presented with updated policies at upcoming meetings. In addition, an Administrative Procedural Manual will be established as a complement to the Policy Manual.
- C. Added Employee Benefits- Boost benefits to the staff at no cost to the District. There will be an information session to educate the faculty on the benefits available to them.
- D. Building Updates-Pictures of the damage to the roof were referenced. A commercial roofer, recommended by our architect, came out to assess the problems. The roof is in good condition, but the normal wear and tear of the roof needs to be addressed. The roofer will do a free survey and provide pictures, measurements and pricing. The roofer will prioritize the problem areas. The proposal will be presented at the August 10th meeting.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- A. Recycling of electronics and books-A great deal of outdated, obsolete or non-working items need to be removed. A Certificate of Disposal was requested from whichever vendor is chosen. The outdated textbooks will be removed by the Village of Norridge Green Team. The textbooks will end up at SCARCE. It is an organization that takes any school materials to keep it out of the landfills.
- B. New teacher hiring committee-The committee consists of 5 primary teachers that will interview candidates for 3 primary positions (Kindergarten and two 2nd grade).
- C. Beautification of Penoyer- The custodians have been working hard on the landscape, pulling weeds and trimming bushes. Crosstown Tree Service was contacted for free mulch. Penoyer is on the list. Hopefully, it will be delivered by August 15th. An application for a community grant sponsored by Walmart, for a possible \$1,000, for beautification was submitted.
- D. Dr. Kopta and I met with the PTC for lunch on Tuesday, to find out about all the great things they do. The next Board packet will have a list of dates and events.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo authorizing the Superintendent to pay bills through July 31, 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		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	ABSENT			

The motion was approved.

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B. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution. 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		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	ABSENT			

The motion was approved.

C. A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the Discovery Education Contract Renewal. There was discussion. Dr. Kopta explained that the contract is a one year renewal of an online service that Pennoyer has used for the past 3 years.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

D. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the IGA with West 40. 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		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	ABSENT			

The motion was approved.

9. DISCUSSION

A. Policy 5:330 ESP-Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves

B. .5 LRC Position-The job description and duties were outlined.

C. Board of Education Retreat- Dr. Kopta would like to schedule a meeting addressing strategic planning and goal setting for the Board and the administration. The date for the meeting is Tuesday, July 19th at 7:00pm. The July 19th meeting will be posted tomorrow.

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10. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:40pm a motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte 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 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		X		
Mr. Mark Neri	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	ABSENT			

The motion was approved

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to adjourn.

A roll call vote showed the following:

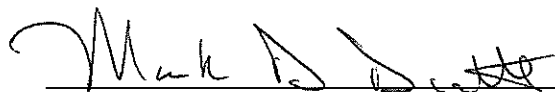
PRESENT	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Michael Malusa		X		
Mr. Mark Neri	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	ABSENT			

The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.



President, Mr. Michael Malusa



Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte