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

June 8, 2016

On Wednesday, June 8, 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:

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Michael Malusa	Mr. Mark Neri
Mr. Mark Diatte	
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	
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
- CA-1 Approval of Open and Closed Minutes of May 11, 2016
  - CA-2 Approval of Bills
  - CA-3 Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder 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	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
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 Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon authorizing the Superintendent to pay bills through June 30, 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	ABSENT			
Mr. Mark Diatte		X		
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

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C. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the amended principal contract for Mrs. Sue Miceli. 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		X		

The motion was approved.

Dr. Kristin Kopta formally introduced the new principal, Mrs. Gina Sierra. Dr. Kopta recognized and thanked the members of the principal hiring committee. The Board thanked the principal hiring committee as well.

Mrs. Sierra said a few words about becoming a member of the Pennoyer community.

D. Recommendation to hire new principal

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to approve the hiring of the new principal, Mrs. Gina Sierra. 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		X		

The motion was approved.

E. The Superintendent presented the 2016-2017 Board Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to approve the 2016-2017 Board Meeting Dates. 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		X		

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**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. FOIA Request from Natalie Hayes-May 10, 2016. Pennoyer is in compliance with her request.

B. Request for use of the parking lots from St. Joseph Ukrainian Church on August 13<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-11:00pm and August 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-10:00pm. Cost \$500 for the weekend.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the use of Pennoyer's parking lots by St. Joseph Ukrainian Church on August 13<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-11:00pm and August 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-10:00pm. 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		X		

The motion was approved.

C. Request for use of 3 classrooms from the Cultural & Educational Center (Director, Lilia Pasileva) every Saturday from 9:00am-2:30pm for language instruction.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to approve the use of 3 classrooms from the Cultural & Educational Center (Director, Lilia Pasileva) every Saturday from 9:00am-2:30pm for language instruction. There was 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			X	

The motion failed.

- Mr. Michael Malusa thanked Mr. Brad Voehringer for his time with the District. The Board presented him with a gift.
- Mr. Michael Malusa thanked Mrs. Sue Miceli for her time and dedication to the school. Dr. Kristin Kopta brought cake to celebrate the retirement of Mrs. Miceli.
- Mr. Michael Malusa thanked everyone that participated in the selection of the new superintendent and principal.
- Mr. Michael Malusa thanked the teachers and staff for their work and dedication to Pennoyer.

D. Thank you note from Linda Godzicki

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**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-**

- State Budget- There is still no budget for K-12 schools. Unlike many schools, Pennoyer will be able to open for the next school year.
- Dawn and I are 80% done with the school budget. At the July Board meeting, the Board will vote on the tentative budget. Pennoyer stayed true to the current budget.
- A Thank You letter was sent to Norwood Park Township for the purchase of the Math Common Core Series for grades K-8. We reached out to the newspaper for recognition of the generous gift from the Township.
- The Sue Miceli plaque dedication went well and thanked all that attended.

**7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-**

- The last week of school has been packed with events. Two honor assemblies, two graduations and the dedication. It was an emotional week for all.
- Custodians have begun cleaning the building for the next school year.
- Teachers working on "Go Math" for next year. Thank you to Mrs. Annette Garcia for all of work the new series.
- Thank you to all for the plaque dedication.
- The police have been coming through and getting a lay of the land. It will continue through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**8. DISCUSSION**

- None

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

- None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

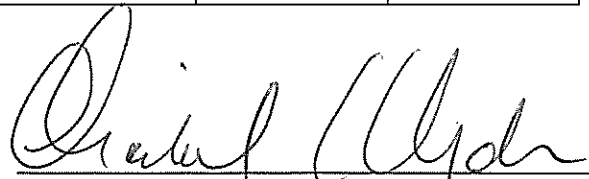
A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to adjourn.

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		X		

The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

  
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 President, Mr. Michael Malusa

  
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 Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte