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

March 9, 2016

On Wednesday, March 9, 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	None
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

- The Superintendent recognized Adriana Milano for all of her outstanding volunteer work at Pennoyer. She is the PTC President, a substitute teacher and always willing to volunteer for any event at Pennoyer. She is very diligent and serious about all of her jobs and she always is giving it her all and her best. Adriana is a great ambassador of the school and Pennoyer is grateful for people like her. She was presented with a trophy of recognition.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda Items

- CA-1 Approval of Open & Closed Minutes of February 10, 2016, Open & Closed Minutes of the Special Meeting on February 25, 2016
- CA-2 Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Mark Neri 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		X		
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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B. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Neri and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte authorizing the Superintendent to pay bills through March 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		X		
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. Oath of Office- Mr. Michael Malusa, President of the Board of Education, administered the Oath of Office to Patrizia Alaimo.

D. The Superintendent presented the Resolution Authorizing the Dismissal of a Teacher.

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Dismissal of a Teacher. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. None

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-

- Pennoyer is a polling place for the Primary Election. Pennoyer is in session during the election.
- Principal Search-Over 60 resumes have been submitted. An ad was placed on k12jobspot and from there they were referred to the Pennoyer website. Resumes and cover letters were requested. All of the potential candidates were emailed that there will be a delay in the selection process due to the superintendent search.
- Budget- Pennoyer is doing well. As of March 9th Pennoyer is ahead approximately \$350k.
- West Cook Division dinner meeting is April 25th. All Board members are invited. Mr. Voehringer will forward the information to the Board members.
- Legislative Bills- "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) no longer NCLB. Trailer bills and follow up information is needed before all of the rules and regulations are developed. The major theme of ESSA is more local control. States have more power over accountability and assessments. Senate Bill 100 has passed and is effective September 15th. It is the new law regarding student discipline. Additional criteria and actions are required prior to the suspension of a student. Sue and I are working on a preliminary plan for the new administration.

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7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT continued-

- Mr. Oanh Pham returned to work today, March 9th.

8. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-

- West 40 was here today to conduct the health and life safety compliance visit. Their report will be shared at the next Board meeting.
- March Madness is Friday, March 11th from 3:30pm-8:30pm. Students are very excited. The coaches are holding practices on Wednesday nights under my supervision. There are several teachers volunteering their time for crowd control, score keeping and admissions.
- Testing Dates- A letter will be emailed to the parents on Friday regarding PARRC testing in April. MAP testing and Benchmarking are in May.
- If no snow/emergency days are taken, the tentative last day of school is Friday, June 3rd and graduation is tentatively Thursday, June 2nd
- The survey for the superintendent is available online at pennoyerschool.org.
- The Science Fair is next week. Maine South and Ridgewood students will be judging the student projects, as well as area science teachers will be judges.

9. DISCUSSION

- 2016-2017 Salaries for support staff- A few of the salaries need to be discussed with the Board to be commensurate with the current marketplace. The proposal will be brought up at the next Board meeting for approval. There was discussion.

10. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:27pm a motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to go into Closed Session to discuss:

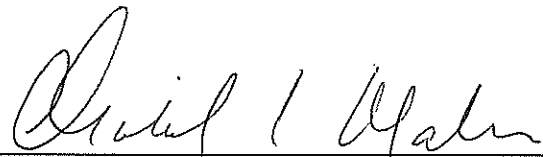
- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine 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 8:18pm.



President, Mr. Michael Malusa



Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte

