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

**May 11, 2016**

On Wednesday, May 11, 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>
<b>Mr. Michael Malusa</b>	<b>Mr. Mark Diatte</b>
<b>Mr. Mark Neri</b>	<b>Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo</b>
<b>Mr. Phillip LaPalermo</b>	
<b>Mrs. Lisa Nixon</b>	
<b>Mrs. Sheila Wachholder</b>	

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**3. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- Recognition of Retiree-Linda Godzicki

The Superintendent recognized Linda Godzicki for her 33 year teaching career at Pennoyer. She is dedicated to the kids and her profession. She is a role model for everybody. Many Board members expressed their heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Godzicki. She was presented with a trophy of recognition and service.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Consent Agenda Items**

- CA-1 Approval of Open & Closed Minutes of April 13, 2016 Open & Closed Minutes of the Special Meeting on April 27, 2016 and Open & Closed Special Meeting of May 3, 2016
- CA-2 Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mr. Mark Neri 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>
<b>Mr. Michael Malusa</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Mr. Mark Neri</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Mr. Mark Diatte</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>			
<b>Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>			
<b>Mr. Phillip LaPalermo</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Mrs. Lisa Nixon</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Mrs. Sheila Wachholder</b>		<b>X</b>		

The motion was approved.

B. A motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mr. Mark Neri authorizing the Superintendent to pay bills through May 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>
<b>Mr. Michael Malusa</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Mr. Mark Neri</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Mr. Mark Diatte</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>			
<b>Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>			
<b>Mr. Phillip LaPalermo</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Mrs. Lisa Nixon</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Mrs. Sheila Wachholder</b>		<b>X</b>		

The motion was approved.

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C. A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the second reading of the following policies:

- Policy 7:190 Students: Student Behavior (Formerly Student Discipline)
- Policy 7:200 Students: Suspension Procedures
- Policy 7:210 Students: Expulsion Procedures
- Policy 7:220 Students: Bus Conduct
- Policy 7:230 Students: Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
- Policy 7:240 Students: Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities

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	ABSENT			
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	ABSENT			
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

D. The Superintendent presented the amended 2016-2017 School Calendar. Casimir Pulaski Day is an attendance day for Pennoyer. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Neri and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to approve the amended 2016-2017 School Calendar

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

E. Recommendation to hire new superintendent

A motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to approve the hiring of the new Superintendent, Dr. Kristin Kopta. 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	ABSENT			
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	ABSENT			
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

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E. Dr. Kristin Kopta was formally introduced and she said a few words about becoming a member of the Pennoyer community.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. FOIA Request from Jennifer Smith Richards-April 27, 2016. Pennoyer is in compliance with her request.
- B. Request for use of the parking lot from Salvation Army on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00am-4:00pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Neri and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the use of Pennoyer's parking lot by Salvation Army on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00am-4:00pm. 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	ABSENT			
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	ABSENT			
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-**

- Eisenhower Library is not interested in continuing the Intergovernmental agreement with Pennoyer. No reason was given. For the past 3 years, Eisenhower would send over a certified librarian once a week for 5 hours, to work with the students.
- There was a bi-annual meeting with the tax objection group. There are no current cases.
- Illinois Toolworks Property-the development of the property is moving forward. Pennoyer will be receiving tax money in approximately 2 years.
- Mrs. Miceli's Retirement Party is June 28<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP.
- I spoke with Elmhurst College graduating teachers about the job process.

**7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-**

- The school year is wrapping up. There is 3 1/2 weeks left of school.
- Grades K-5th are MAP testing this week. Grades 6-8<sup>th</sup> will MAP test next week
- According to the MAP scores of the RTI students, they are making great progress.
- I met with coaches and crowd control staff to discuss the emergency sports plan which includes the new concussion protocols. Everyone is aware of the procedures.
- Grades 1-5 participated in a kickball tournament. Thank you to all of the teachers that donated their time to make this a fun & worthwhile event.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> is the Student vs. Teacher volleyball game
- Field Days is coming up
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation is Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Michael Malusa, Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and Mrs. Sheila Wachholder will be in attendance.
- The last day of school is Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**8. DISCUSSION**

- Public Comment- Ryan Chmura spoke about a youth sports initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to serve underprivileged children in the community. The Board President, Mr. Michael Malusa, requested that a proposal be submitted to the Board.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:32pm 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 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:

<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	ABSENT			
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	ABSENT			
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

  
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President, Mr. Michael Malusa

  
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Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte