

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT #79 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 14, 2016**

2016-2017 Budget Hearing

Mr. Michael Malusa, President of the Board of Education called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:01pm. The Superintendent presented the final budget of the 2016-2017 school year to the Board members. There was no discussion. There were no questions or comments from the public. Since there were no other questions or comments, Mr. Michael Malusa closed the 2016-2017 Budget Hearing.

On Wednesday, September 14, 2016 the Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm 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 Diatte	
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo	
Mrs. Lisa Nixon	
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sarah Adkins spoke on behalf of the teachers. She thanked the Board of Education and the Administration for the support and the wonderful start of the new school year.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consent Agenda Items

- CA-1 Approval of Open Minutes and Closed from August 10, 2016
- CA-2 Approval of Bills
- CA-3 Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo 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.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Board Policy First Readings:

- Policy 1:20 School District Organization: District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
- Policy 2:20 School Board: Powers & Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
- Policy 2:30 School Board: School District Elections
- Policy 2:70 School Board: Vacancies on the School Board-Filling Vacancies

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5. INFORMATION ITEMS continued

- Policy 2:125 School Board: Board Member Expenses
 - Policy 2:200 School Board: Types of School Board Meetings
 - Policy 2:220 School Board: School Board Meeting Procedure
 - Policy 2:250 School Board: Access to District Public Records
 - Policy 2:260 School Board: Uniform Grievance Procedure
- B. **FOIA Request Joshua Dwyer, August 10, 2016-** The information requested was provided.
- C. **Cook County Clerk Elections Letter-** It is under review. Pennoyer is working with the Cook County Board of Elections to possibly move elections to Salvation Army.
- D. **A&B Bus Update-** Dr. Kopta and Mrs. Sierra met with A&B to work through the bus issues. We continue to monitor the situation.
- E. **Parent Email-Elizabeth Rogowski-** Dr. Kopta responded to the email.
- F. **District Enrollment-** Enrollment is up slightly. Aide support has been provided to the classrooms in need. We are in the process of hiring a bilingual-Polish aide.
- G. **5 Essentials Survey Results 2015-2016 & Climate Survey Results-** The climate survey provided baseline data and will be reissued before winter break. The results are mostly positive. Professional Development is an area that needs attention. We will administer 5 Essentials this year.
- H. **Technology Report-** Dr. Kopta introduced Pennoyer's Technology Coordinator, Mr. Joe Ulmer. He had a Powerpoint presentation outlining the current technology in use at Pennoyer, updates & security needs, Go Green Initiative, forming a teacher based Tech committee and his goals for student involvement (possible student run broadcast, Tech Crew).

6. PENNOYER PRIDE

Dr. Kristin Kopta presented a slide show of the first few days of schools reflecting the students, teachers, Board and community of Pennoyer.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Teachers Institute Days were August 22nd & August 23rd. The focus was on our new math curriculum.
- Benchmark Testing concluded. Thanks to Kay Malusa and Sarah Olssen for the training in AIMS Web Plus.
- MAP Testing is in progress.
- Curriculum Nights were September 7th (K-5) and September 13th (Jr High)
- Angelo from Crossfit met with Megan McManus to help support the Health Curriculum. He donated medicine balls for use during fitness testing. He is coming back to talk to the 7th grade class about meal planning which is part of the nutrition unit. He also is interested in a modified crossfit experience for the students.
- PE and Art Department did an inventory of their supplies during the Institute Days.
- Bus Evacuation Drill will be September 23rd.
- First Grade is going to Safety Town on September 30th.
- PTC Walk-a-Thon is September 30th.
- Picture Day is October 6th.

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8. ACTION ITEMS

A. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Mark Neri authorizing the Superintendent to pay bills through September 30, 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.

B. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Neri and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to approve the Request for the use of the parking lots from the Village of Norridge-Public Works on October 1st Noon-3:00pm. There was 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. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the Final Budget for the 2016-2017 school year. 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.

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D. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Neri and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to submit the Serious Safety Hazard Finding Report to the Illinois Department of Transportation. There was 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.

E. F. & G. A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the job descriptions for the Tech Coordinator, Head Custodian and Custodian. 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.

H. A motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve an increase in the paraprofessional salaries. 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.

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I. A motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte to approve the MyOn Reading Contract. There was 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.

J. A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the Superintendent Goals. 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.

K. A motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the contract with Rosemont Landscaping. There was 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.

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L. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Neri and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to approve the addition of Dr. Kristin Kopta and Mrs. Gina Sierra to the signature card for Northern Trust. There was 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.

M. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte to approve the HEPA Contract. There was 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.

N. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to approve kindergarten plumbing repair not to exceed \$10,000. There was 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		

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O. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte to approve the application for Recognition of Public Schools 2016-2017. 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.

P & Q. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the Hapara and Gaggle Contract. 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.

9. DISCUSSION

A. **Franczek Radelet School Law-** A sign-up sheet was passed around for those that wish to attend the October 5th meeting. Darcy Kriha was in attendance and gave a brief description of the conference.

B. **Illinois Association of School Board Region Dinner-** A sign-up sheet was passed around for those that wish to attend the November 3rd meeting.

C. **Strategic Long Range Plan Presentation-** Dr. Kopta introduced Robert Madonia. His presentation outlined the particulars to formulate a long range strategic plan for Pennoyer.

10. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:36pm a motion was made by Mr. Mark Neri 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)

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10. CLOSED SESSION continued

- Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)

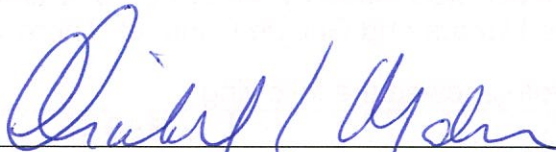
The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

11. ADJOURNMENT


Since there was no further business to come before the Board, the President of the Board, Mr. Michael Malusa called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte to adjourn.
The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.



President, Mr. Michael Malusa



~~Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte~~