

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT #79 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 8, 2017**

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017 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	Mrs. Lisa Nixon
Mr. Mark Diatte	
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	
Mr. Michael Beckman	
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo	
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consent Agenda Items

- CA-1 Approval of Open and Closed Minutes from January 11, 2017 & Open Minutes from the Special Meeting on January 24, 2017
- CA-2 Authorization for the Superintendent to pay bills through January 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the Consent Agenda items. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

5. PENNOYER PRIDE

A. Social/Emotional Learning- Mrs. Gina Sierra, Principal, and Mrs. Sarah Olsson, School Psychologist, gave a presentation on the importance of integrating Social Emotional Learning (SEL) into the classroom setting. Pennoyer uses the Second Step program. There was discussion.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. FY17 Budget Update- As of today, Pennoyer is maintaining a balanced budget.

B. Snow Removal- Dr. Kristin Kopta presented additional quotes for snow removal. There was discussion. The purchase of a truck with plow will be an agenda item for the March 8th meeting.

C. West Cook Division Dinner Meeting-Thursdays, March 2nd at 6:15pm-Signup sheet was passed out.

D. Maine Township Treasurer's Office-Dr. Kopta and the bookkeeper, Mrs. Dawn Wallace, have been meeting with Treasurer's Office. Pennoyer will now use Chase Bank.

E. Negotiation dates were discussed. The first meeting date is Monday, March 13th at 5:30pm.

F. William Blair Financial Presentation- Dr. Kristin Kopta introduced Liz Hennessy, Managing Director, Debt Capital Markets for William Blair Financial. Her presentation outlined William Blair's plan to assist the district with their financial needs.

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7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Mrs. Gina Sierra reported on:
 1. Pennies for Patients
 2. EL Students Testing
 3. Teacher MAP Training
 4. Kindergarten Roundup-Readiness Testing
 5. Upcoming Event Dates

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. The Resolution to Regulate Expenses was read aloud by Mr. Michael Malusa. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to approve the Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements (Policy 2:125 School Board Exhibit 3). There was no discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

B. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diate and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the FY18 School Calendar. There was discussion. Dr. Kristin Kopta explained some of the calendar changes.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

C. A motion was made by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mr. Mark Diate to approve the Board Calendar. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

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8. ACTION ITEMS continued:

D. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to approve the Resolution to Approve Amendments to Intergovernmental Agreement & ByLaws with ESIC. There was discussion. Dr. Kristin Kopta explained the new changes.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

E. Mr. Michael Malusa read aloud the Resolution Authorizing the RIF for Certificated Personnel. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Reduction in Force (RIF) for Certificated Personnel. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

F. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to approve the ERATE Consultant. There was discussion. Dr. Kristin Kopta gave a brief overview for the consultant change.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

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9. DISCUSSION

A. Board Policies First Reading:

1. Policy #5:10 General Personnel-Equal Employment Opportunity & Minority Recruitment
2. Policy #5:60 General Personnel-Expenses
3. Policy #5:100 General Personnel-Staff Development Program
4. Policy #5:110 General Personnel-Recognition of Service
5. Policy #5:120 General Personnel-Ethics & Conduct
6. Policy #5:125 General Personnel-Personal Technology & Social Media; Usage & Conduct
7. Policy# 5:140 General Personnel-Solicitations By or From Staff
8. Policy# 5:170 General Personnel-Copyright
9. Policy# 5:180 General Personnel-Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
10. Policy #5:190 Professional Personnel-Teacher Qualifications

B. District Architect-Dr. Kristin Kopta recommended to the Board, moving forward with DLA architecture firm. Needs assessment was discussed.

10. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo to adjourn into Closed Session.

A roll call vote showed the following:

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

The motion was approved.

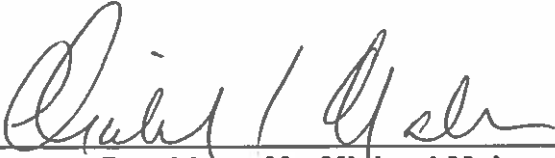
At 8:24pm the Board of Education adjourned to go into Closed Session to discuss:

- A. 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)
- B. Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9)

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. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.



President, Mr. Michael Malusa



Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte