

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT #79 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 9, 2016- LRC**

On Wednesday, November 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 Diatte	
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo	
Mrs. Lisa Nixon	
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	

3. APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD

A. Swearing in of Michael Beckman-The President of the Board of Education, Mr. Michael Malusa administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Michael Beckman. He then joined the rest of the Board.

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte to approve the Board appointment of Michael Beckman. 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. Phillip LaPalermo		X		
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

4. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Selection of new Vice President, Sheila Wachholder.

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mr. Mark Diatte to approve Sheila Wachholder as Vice President of the Board of Education. 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		X		

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5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two Pennoyer Student Council members shared updates of their activities and goals for Pennoyer students.

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6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consent Agenda Items

- CA-1 Approval of Open and Closed Minutes from October 12, 2016 and Open & Closed Minutes of Special Meeting October 18, 2016
- CA-2 Authorization for the Superintendent to pay bills through October 31, 2016 in the amount of \$288,104.89

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		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. District Enrollment Report- enrollment numbers remain steady. First and second grade are quite large and paraprofessionals have been assigned to those teachers to assist during key instructional times.

B. Alliance Legislative Report (99-54) October 21, 2016-Updates of new bills and school laws that will be in place January 1st.

C. Illinois Association of School Boards Fall Dinner-Mr. Malusa and Dr. Kopta attended. Mr. Michael Malusa encouraged board members to actively take classes to keep up to date and informed on any changes.

D. Administrative Coffee-Pennoyer's budget was the topic of discussion for October. Parents request the different topics for discussion. Next month will be student achievement data.

E. Pennoyer Technology Audit- Net 56 representatives spoke to the Board regarding the technology findings for Pennoyer. An executive summary document and USB drive will be given to the Board.

F. Board Policy First Readings:

1. Policy 3:40 General School Administration: Superintendent
2. Policy 3:50 General School Administration: Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
3. Policy 3:60 General School Administration: Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
4. Policy 4:20 Operational Services: Fund Balances
5. Policy 4:30 Operational Services: Revenue & Investments
6. Policy 4:50 Operational Services: Payment Procedures
7. Policy 4:60 Operational Services: Purchases & Contracts
8. Policy 4:80 Operational Services: Accounting & Audits
9. Policy 4:120 Operational Services: Food Services

G. Pennoyer Assessment Data FY16 Presentation- The NWEA MAP (local assessment), ACCESS (assessment for ELL students) and PARCC (state assessment) exams. An overview of the data was presented.

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8. PENNOYER PRIDE

A. Pennoyer Preschool- Ms. Jenna Schaberger spoke about the collaborative play and modeling the blended preschool provides to special needs students. Dr. Kristin Kopta presented a slide show highlighting Pennoyer's blended preschool.

Board members were presented with handmade cards from the students to celebrate National Board Member month.

9. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Pennoyer student, Anna Zrnic, is a 2nd place winner of the Anti-Defamation League's First Amendment Art Contest. Her artwork will be on display Thursday, November 10th at the dinner honoring the winners.
- At the request of some junior high students, Pennoyer will be starting a newspaper. Mrs. Peters and Mr. Blake are working with interested students and are in the process of working out the details.
- Student Council is up and running. Ms. McManus is working with Student Council members on future events and service projects.
- Truck or Treat was very successful. Police and Fire Department and community members were involved.
- Class of '68 and '69 were on campus October 28th as part of their reunion. Mrs. Lietz gave them a tour of the building.
- Halloween celebration for this year consisted of a parade for K-5th grade and a dance for 6-8th grade.
- Report cards came out last Friday.
- I attended several articulation meetings for principals at Maine South. Some topics covered were curriculum changes, placement exams and open house.
- Full institute day was November 8th
- Veteran's Day assembly is November 11th
- PTC Vendor/Craft Fair is November 12th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are November 21st-November 22nd, Thanksgiving Break November 23rd-November 25th.
- Winter MAP exams will be given between November 28th-December 16th.

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. A motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to approve the Estimate of Proposed Levy. 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		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

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B. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to approve the HVAC contract. 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		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

C. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the Use of the MPR, Salvation Army, Monday, December 2nd –Friday, December 16th 2:45pm-6:30pm and Use of Parking Lot, Salvation Army, Friday, December 9th 3:30pm-9:30pm and Saturday, December 10th 9:00am-10:30pm. 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		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

D. A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the MOU between Pennoyer #79 Board of Education and the Pennoyer Education Association Newspaper Stipend. There was discussion. One stipend split between two teachers for the year.

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		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

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11. CLOSED SESSION

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

- A. 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)
- B. 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)
- C. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(10)

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Return to Open Session: 8:53pm

12. PERSONNEL

- A. Accept non-certified staff retirement-

A motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to accept the retirement of a non-certified staff member. 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		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

- B. Approve the hiring of non-certified staff-

A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to accept the hiring of a non-certified staff member. There was discussion. A preschool student requires a one to one aide. Funding of the position will be through the IDEA grant.

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		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

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12. PERSONNEL-continued

C. Approve the termination of non-certified staff member-

A motion was made by Mr. Phillip LaPalermo and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to accept the termination of non-certified staff member, Blanca Bernaola. 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		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

13. 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 Mr. Mark Diatte and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.



President, Mr. Michael Malusa



Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte