

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #79 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
October 12, 2016**

On Wednesday, October 12, 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:

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Michael Malusa	Mr. Mark Diatte
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo	Mr. Phillip LaPalermo
Mrs. Lisa Nixon	
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder	

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No Public Comment.

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Consent Agenda Items

- CA-1 Approval of Open Minutes and Closed from September 14, 2016
- CA-2 Personnel Report

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

The motion was approved.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. **FOIA Request Jared Rutecki, September 8, 2016-** The information requested was provided.
- B. **FOIA Request Katy Smyser, September 26, 2016-** The information requested was provided.
- C. **District Enrollment-** One student transferred out this month.
- D. **Cascades of Norridge Donation-** Pennoyer received a \$150 check from each Condo Association for use of the parking lot on holidays.
- E. **Card from Saineghi Family-**The card was passed around.
- F. **After School Programs-** Young Rembrandts, Chess Scholars & Let's Build It are new afterschool programs geared towards the younger students and will begin October 17<sup>th</sup>. There are no costs for the District to run the afterschool programs.
- G. **Kindergarten plumbing update-**The plumbing repairs were completed on October 10<sup>th</sup>. There were no kids in the building during the repairs.
- H. **Triple I-** Information about the Triple I conference were distributed to the Board members.
- I. **Bus Update-** Pennoyer did receive Hazardous Bus funding through IDOT from the state. The bus bidding process can begin. The administration continues to work with A&B bus company to resolve ongoing issues.

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**6. PENNOYER PRIDE**

A. **PTC**-Dr. Kopta recognized the PTC. Mrs. Perez, Mrs. Gilly and Mrs. Milano were in the audience. In the past 2 years the PTC donated more than \$23,000 to Pennoyer School. They volunteer every day with various projects. They directly contribute to the success of the school. Dr. Kopta presented a Certificate of Recognition to the PTC parents in the audience. Mrs. Adriana Milano, President of the PTC, thanked the administration and board. Mrs. Milano outlined future PTC events such as Trunk or Treat on October 21st and the Vendor & Craft Fair on November 12th. Mrs. Sheila Wachholder, Board member, also thanked the PTC. Mrs. Milano will give a monthly report to Dr. Kopta to present to the Board.

**7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- Student Bus Evacuation Drill was September 23<sup>rd</sup>. PTC parent Liz Smith assisted.
- Walk-a-thon on September 30<sup>th</sup> was a huge success.
- Met with the principal of Dirksen Elementary and it was determined that in case of an emergency, Dirksen will be used as an alternative evacuation site if Salvation Army is not available. Pennoyer will be used as their alternative evacuation site.
- There was a meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents on September 29<sup>th</sup> for the Springfield trip.
- Picture Day was October 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mrs. Adriana Milano and Mrs. Linda Gilly for assisting.
- Half Day Teacher Institute was October 7<sup>th</sup>, a representative of MYON Reader gave a presentation on the program. A rep will be back on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> for individualized support.
- Last week was the Grand Re-opening of the Library. Thanks to Mrs. Barbara O'Sullivan for transforming the library. Mrs. O'Sullivan provided a write up of everything she has done and her future goals and it was passed out to the Board.
- October is Fire Prevention Month. The Norwood Park Fire Department will be here tomorrow with a fire truck and ambulance, for the Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- PTC is sponsoring the first annual Trunk or Treat on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Their flyer was passed out.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> is an Institute Day
- Volleyball and Soccer season began. Both teams have new uniforms.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

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

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**8. ACTION ITEMS continued:**

- B. A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the Use of Facility for:
- Chess Scholars/Let's Build It, MPR, Mondays & Thursdays  
October 17<sup>th</sup>-December 19<sup>th</sup> 2:50-3:50pm (Afterschool Programs)
  - Young Rembrandts, classroom, Mondays October 17<sup>th</sup>-December 12<sup>th</sup> 2:50-3:50pm (Afterschool Program)
  - Salvation Army, parking lot on October 26, 2016 5:00-8:00pm

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

The motion was approved.

C. A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to approve the policies listed below. There was no discussion.

- 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
- 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

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

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D. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to approve Wight & Co. Professional Architectural Services Proposal for the 10 Year Life Safety Survey. 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 Diate	ABSENT			
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo	ABSENT			
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

E. A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo to approve the IGA-MOU with Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS). There was discussion. Dr. Kopta explained it is a free inter-library loan service.

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

The motion was approved.

G. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to approve the National Principals Month Resolution. 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 Diate	ABSENT			
Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo		X		
Mr. Phillip LaPalermo	ABSENT			
Mrs. Lisa Nixon		X		
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder		X		

The motion was approved.

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**9. DISCUSSION**

**A. Board of Education Interview Questions**-The questions for the interview were reviewed. There will be a Special Board Meeting October 18th to interview potential candidates.

**B. Insurance Broker Change**-Dr. Kopta introduced Mrs. Colleen Trapp of Wine Sergei. Mrs. Colleen Trapp gave a brief description about the company and outlined the next steps to inform the staff of their benefits.

**C. CEC Presentation-Strategic Planning**- Dr. Kopta introduced Mr. Mark Van Clay of CEC. His presentation outlined the particulars to formulate a long range strategic plan for Pennoyer.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:15pm a motion was made by Mrs. Patrizia Alaimo and seconded by Mrs. Sheila Wachholder to go into Closed Session to discuss:

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

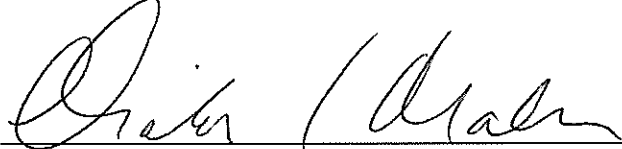
The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.


**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. Sheila Wachholder and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Nixon to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.**

  
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President, Mr. Michael Malusa

  
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Secretary, Mr. Mark Diatte

