

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center, Conference Room
11218 South Ridgeland Avenue, Worth, IL 60482

Minutes of the April 25, 2017 Education Committee Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Rebecca Roti called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Rebecca Roti, Meghan Sisk, Michelle Egan (arrived at 4:08 p.m.)

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Superintendent Tim Hathhorn, Worth Elementary Principal
Linda Esposito, Worthwoods Principal Joe Zampillo, Worth Junior High Principal
Sinéad Chambers, Special Education Director Maureen Eichstaedt, Worth Junior High Assistant Principal

Invited Guests: Peggy Reipsa, District Instructional Specialist
Kristina Brown, Worth Elementary, Teacher
Debra Burghgraef, Worth Elementary/Worthwoods, Special Education Teacher
Rafah Abu Hayyeh, Worth Elementary/Worthwoods, Bilingual Arabic Teacher
Colleen DeGonia, Worth Junior High, Language Arts Teacher
Sarah Catt, Worth Junior High, Reading Teacher

Others Present: Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Roti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no remarks made.

5. **DISCUSSION: READING CURRICULUM AND ASSOCIATED INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES**

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked the Reading Committee members for their time and effort in studying the reading curriculum and associated resources, and Peggy Reipsa for her leadership role in this initiative.

Peggy Reipsa identified the goal and process the Committee used to choose a new reading program. The goal of the Committee was to “seek new resources for the reading and language arts curriculum to help staff implement Common Core Standards and improve student achievement and new learning.” The Committee viewed presentations from eight vendors. The Committee is recommending McGraw Hill as the new reading/language arts program.

Members of the Committee presented a PowerPoint presentation, which included:

- The Worth School District balanced literacy approach used in kindergarten through grade 2, grades 3 through 5, and grades 6 through 8.
- Perspectives of the Wonders Program (K-5) and Study Sync Program (Grades 6 – 8) as they relate to the general education, special education and ESL/Bilingual populations.

The Reading Committee members responded to comments and questions from the Education Committee members.

Peggy Reipsa shared information on a Reading A-Z subscription that each teacher received in January; Time for Kids Magazine subscription for each student; and the Big Universe program that allows all students access to over 10,000 books on any tablet, phone or computer.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that she would negotiate a contract with McGraw Hill for presentation at the May Board meeting. The reading/language arts material will be on display for 30 days for parents and community members. The adoption of the series will take place at the June Board meeting.

6. DISCUSSION: CURRICULUM IN CONTENT AREAS OTHER THAN READING/LA

Dr. Wojtylewski suggested, and the Committee agreed, to discuss curriculum in content areas other than reading/language arts at the next Education Committee meeting.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no Committee member reports or requests.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Roti moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted:



Rebecca Roti
Chairperson