

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

Worth Junior High School, Commons Area
11151 South New England
Worth, Illinois 60482

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2018

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti, Meghan Sisk, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Danette Keeler

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Superintendent
Tim Hathhorn, Worth Elementary Principal
Dr. Joe Zampillo, Worth Junior High Principal
Sinéad Chambers, Special Education Director

Cindy Dykas, Business Manager/CSBO/SFO
Linda Esposito, Worthwoods Principal
Maureen Eichstaedt, Worth Junior High Assistant Principal

Others Present: Alan Molby, IASB
Stephanie Peltzer, WE Parent
Erin McLaughlin, WE/WJH Parent
Marla Anglin, WE Secretary
Lisa Bray, WJH Teacher
Sherry Strycker, WE Teacher
Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator

Ed Wright, DLA
Kathy Sweet, WE/WJH Parent
Jo Anne Albrecht, WEA
Mary Zirngibl, WE Teacher
Michelle Okrzesik, WE Teacher
Scott Tamkus, Director of Facilities/CPMM
Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH SURVEY RESULTS – ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS**

Alan Molby expressed his appreciation to the Board for the trust they have shown by engaging the services of IASB in the search for the next Superintendent. The Board members were given a tally summary of the survey results from 213 participants, a list of comments made in the comments section, and a draft of the brochure that will be used to advertise the position. He engaged the Board members in discussion on reviewing the documents, and a timeline of events leading up to the selection of candidate. The Board will review the brochure. Drew Sernus will contact Mr. Molby with any edits so the brochure can be finalized and posted. Using information provided by the Recording Secretary, Mr. Molby will contact Board members individually to gain their insight. Sample interview questions will be sent for the Board's review.

On behalf of the Board, Drew Sernus thanked Mr. Molby for his thorough presentation.

5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. **Staff and Student Recognition**

Dr. Wojtylewski expressed appreciation towards the principals and students for the Patriot Day activities. Students, staff, community leaders, and members of the Worth Police Department and Palos Fire Department gathered throughout the district to pay respect to the

heroes who died on September 11, 2001, and present day heroes who protect and serve. A short picture tribute of the activities was shown.

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked Ed Wright of DLA for authoring the design of the new Commons area and many of the other areas remodeled throughout Worth Junior High. The Board will have an opportunity to see the projects prior to entering closed session.

B. School Facility Project Updates (Ed Wright, DLA)

Ed Wright voiced appreciation for the team approach that Chicago Heights Construction has demonstrated throughout the summer projects. Chicago Heights Construction has been working second shift and weekends at the Worth Junior High to complete projects delayed due to circumstances beyond their control. He provided an update on the projects which have not been fully completed.

Worth Junior High

- Trim and hardware for the trophy case area.
- Sealcoating of the mural wall and baseboards.
- Unit ventilators for the third floor classrooms. Half of the units were delivered and the other half are expected this week. Once all units have been delivered, it will take approximately two weeks to complete the installation process.

Worthridge School

- Flagpole will be installed next week along with landscaping. The District has authorized the addition of barrier planters at the entrance of the building. This will provide a natural visual border to drivers, provide a measure of safety, and soften the look of the entrance to the building.

After the above work has been completed, the administration, DLA, and contractors will inspect the work done and create a punch list of items needing further attention.

Dr. Wojtylewski voiced her appreciation to DLA and Chicago Heights Construction. They are very responsive and diligent in completing the projects.

Dr. Wojtylewski suggested and the Board agreed to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting in mid-October to discuss plans for next summer's facility projects.

Ed Wright and Dr. Wojtylewski responded to questions and comments from the Board members. A projector model has been selected. He is working with the administration on coordinating the purchase and installation of the projectors, which should be completed by the end of December 2018. Once the projectors have been mounted at Worth Elementary and Worthwoods, the portable carts currently being used will be moved to Worth Junior High.

Dr. Wojtylewski reviewed the current enrollment report that was distributed to Board members. The current enrollment is 1,078. There are 30 students currently attending that have not proved residency. National Investigations will investigate these matters beginning next week.

C. FY18 Administrator, Teacher, and IMRF Staff Salary Benefits Reports

Dr. Wojtylewski explained that the reports included in the packet represented the salary and compensation for all certified staff and salary information for certain non-classified staff required to be reported under PA 097-0609. School districts are required to post this information on their websites by October 1st.

D. FY19 Budget

Cindy Dykas provided an overview of the proposed budget using documents that were distributed to Board members. The information presented contained: 1) a copy of the FY19 budget; 2) revenue and expenditure amounts in each of the funds with a beginning fund balance as of July 1, 2018, a net gain/loss figure and projected fund balance on June 30, 2019; 3) the source and percentage of the revenues as they relate to the budget and compare to State percentages; 4) expenditures by fund and by object; 5) detail of General State Aid received since 2010; and 6) interest received since 2010. The proposed budget showed an unaudited fund balance of \$14,772,631 as of July 1, 2018 and a projected fund balance of \$14,207,476 as of June 30, 2019. It was noted that it is expected that the District's financial profile score will raise this year to 3.9. The District has maintained a 3.8 status since 2010. Dr. Wojtylewski and Cindy Dykas responded to questions and comments by Board members.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that it has been a team effort since 2006 in bringing the district to a level of financial stability. She thanked the staff for their support in negotiating contracts that would not create further financial hardship for the district; the administrators for accepting "no, not at this time" when requests were not possible; and the Board members, past and present, for their support through some tough and lean years.

E. Details on Board Agenda Items

Consent Agenda – The Board will take action on the approval of the consent agenda items that relate to accounts payable and payroll.

Approval of Minutes – The Board will take action on the approval of the regular and closed session minutes of the August 15th regular Board of Education meeting and the minutes of the August 28th special Board of Education meeting.

Adoption of FY19 Budget – The Board will take action on the approval of the FY19 Budget.

Approval of Contract for Snow Plow Services – The Board will take action on the approval of a contract for snow plow services for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Personal Property – The Board will take action on the approval of a resolution authorizing disposal of surplus personal property.

6. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY19 BUDGET

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for 2018-2019, which has been on file in accordance with the requirements of the School Code of Illinois.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Cindy Dykas reported that, as required, a legal notice was published in the *Daily Southtown* after the Board was presented with a tentative budget at the August meeting. The notice stated that the Board set this date for a public hearing on its FY19 budget and that the budget would be on display August 16th through September 17th at the Administrative Center during normal business hours. Having met all the requirements for the public hearing, she opened the floor to members of the audience to comment on the budget.

Hearing no comments, Cindy Dykas recommended the Board close the public hearing and return to regular session.

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education close the public hearing and return to regular session.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

8. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve the following consent agenda items:

- 1) Accounts Payable

August 20, 2018	\$7,166.00
August 23, 2018	\$17,260.00
September 17, 2018	\$628,723.52

- 2) Payroll Summary

Education Fund	\$388,756.05
Building Fund	\$60,447.13
FICA/IMRF/Medicare	\$48,248.42

- 3) Resignation of Classified Staff
Michelle Scott Paraprofessional – Worth Elementary Effective September 6, 2018

- 4) Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors
(end consent agenda)

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 15, 2018, regular meeting.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the August 15, 2018, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018, special meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Abstain (Sisk) – Motion Carried

C. Adoption of FY19 Budget

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 Budget according to the Resolution (page 1 of ISBE Form 50-36) for Worth School District 127.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

D. Approval of Contract for Snow Plow Services

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Beverly Snow & Ice, Inc. for unlimited snow plowing for the 2018-2019 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$8,183.53.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

E. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Personal Property

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Personal Property, as presented in Attachments F1-F3.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

9. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. South Cook Division Meeting – October 30, 2018

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that several Board members will be recognized at this dinner meeting. Five Board members indicated they planned to attend and asked that reservations be made on their behalf.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Drew Sernus noted that the Board members attending the Tri-Conference have stayed at the Marriott the last couple of years. He asked if those attending the conference would mind staying at the Sheraton this year, as suggested by a Board member. There were no objections voiced.

A Board member asked if the panic button recently installed at the Worth Junior High was or is similar to the new Blue Box product, which was recently featured in the Chicago Tribune. Dr. Wojtylewski noted that it is not the same device.

A Board member voiced appreciation of the Band students, Band parents, and former Band students who came out to participate in the Worth Days Parade.

11. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

It was noted that there would be no action taken after closed session.

The Board members took a tour of the areas within Worth Junior High which were remodeled or constructed during the summer.

13. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 9:32 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

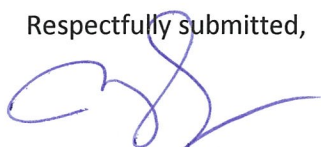
14. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Blanks moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Danette Keeler seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education