

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative, Gymnasium
11218 South Ridgeland Avenue
Worth, Illinois 60482

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2018

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

In the absence of Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler served as Secretary Pro tem.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Sernus, Dave Blanks, Vince Flores, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Meghan Sisk (arrived at 8:00 p.m.), Rebecca Roti (arrived at 8:32 p.m.)

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Superintendent
Tim Hathhorn, Worth Elementary Principal
Dr. Joseph 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: Mandy Pittman, RSM
Stephanie Peltzer, Worth Elementary Parent
Mary Zirngibl, Worth Elementary Teacher
Scott Tamkus, Director of Facilities/CPMM
Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary
Jo Anne Albrecht, Worth Education Association
Frank M. Schaefer, Worth Elementary Parent
Kathy Bennett, Worth Elementary Parent
Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. **Auditors' Report for FY18**

Mandy Pittman from RSM presented an overview of the FY18 Auditor's Report, which included a Single Audit Report on the Federal Grant and the Child Nutrition Cluster in accordance with the government grant. The audit process went really well. The fiscal year ended with positive fund balances and it was the opinion of RSM that it was a clean, unmodified audit, which produced no issues. The District's Annual Financial Profile score submitted to ISBE was 3.9. This is the highest score our district can receive.

Cindy Dykas reported that when the district lunch program was first offered the vendor was contracted through an informal bid process. The district is now part of the National School Lunch Program and is required by law to contract through a lengthy and involved formal bid process that could take three to four months. Prior to the bid process, the documents must be approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. The plan is to have the documents submitted to ISBE in January and be prepared to submit the bid results to the Board of Education for action at the May 2019 meeting. As is with the bidding for any service/product, it is possible that a new vendor may be awarded the contract. Once the contract is awarded, the district is able to renew the contract for up to five years.

B. Staff and Student Recognition

Dr. Wojtylewski acknowledged the efforts of the administration and staff of Worth Junior High for their support of a student and his family struggling financially while facing medical challenges; the staff and students that participated in the Village's tree lighting ceremony; and former student Andrew Pahl for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Dave Blanks thanked the staff and students of Worth Junior High for their involvement during the Ton of Food Drive. This year's drive welcomed many more volunteers than in past years.

Linda Esposito acknowledged the efforts of the Worthwoods' Student Council for raising approximately \$330 through a *Quarter Campaign for Veterans*. The quarters collected will be distributed to various Veterans Homes and given to veterans to spend in the vending machines.

C. Report Cards

Copies of the report cards were provided in the Board packet. During the January meeting, Maureen Eichstaedt will present a PowerPoint presentation comparing data presented on the School Report Cards and the PARCC Testing results.

D. Telephone Project

During the November meeting, Dave Wilson of Wilson Consulting presented and answered questions on a report of his telecommunications system study. The Board members will take action on providing the administration with direction on proceeding with the project.

E. 2018 Facility Project Update

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that because the HVAC unit sleeves were not installed, the ISC4 issued a partial occupancy permit for the Worth Junior High. A site visit was conducted today and the ISC4 approved full occupancy.

Scott Tamkus reported on the remaining cosmetic work that still needs to be completed at the Junior High, active roof leaks at Worth Elementary, and projects being considered for the summer of 2019. He and Dr. Wojtylewski addressed comments and questions from the Board members regarding assurances that similar problems and delays won't be encountered during the next phase of the HVAC project at the Junior High.

F. Levy Process

Dr. Wojtylewski used two scenarios for explaining 1) how a levy is determined; 2) that Cook County sets the tax rates, not the governmental agencies; 3) how appealed property taxes are handled; and 4) that taxes paid to the schools seem inflated over monies paid to other governmental agencies but in the case of the Village of Worth, the school district is the largest employer of staff and many employees spend money back in the community.

Cindy Dykas reviewed a chart showing levy years 2010 through 2017. The chart outlined the amount requested, amount received, requested increase percentage over the prior year, actual increase percentage over the prior year, and the consumer price index.

G. 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, payroll, and additions to the call list for substitute teachers, instructional aides, office and lunch supervisors.

Resignation of Director of Buildings and Grounds – The Board will take action on the resignation of the Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Approval of Minutes – The Board will take action on the approval of the open and closed session minutes of the November 14th regular Board of Education meeting, and the open and closed session minutes of the November 27th and November 29th special Board of Education meetings.

Acceptance of Auditor’s Report for FY18 – The Board will take action on the acceptance of the Auditor’s Report.

2018 Tax Levy – The Board will take action on:

- ❖ the adoption of a Resolution Providing for 2018 Tax Levy for Working Cash.
- ❖ the adoption of a Resolution Providing for 2018 Tax Levy for Special Education Purposes.
- ❖ the adoption of a Resolution Providing for Tax Levy for the Year 2018.
- ❖ authorizing the President to sign the Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law.
- ❖ the adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2018 Levy Year.

Telephone Replacement Project – The Board will take action on permission to issue an RFP prepared by Wilson Consulting for the telephone replacement project.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2018 TAX LEVY

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education conduct a public hearing regarding the 2018 Tax Levy.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Cindy Dykas stated that the 2018 Tax Levy was presented and reviewed at the October 14th Committee of the Whole meeting and the November 14th Board of Education meeting. All requirements of the levy have been met and are following the law. The purpose of the hearing is to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the 2018 Tax Levy. Cindy Dykas invited audience members to comment and/or ask questions.

Hearing no comments or questions, 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: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

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

There were no remarks made.

7. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education approve the following consent agenda items:

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	December 12, 2018	\$201,856.65
	December 12, 2018 Supplemental	\$51,031.15

2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$552,261.41
	Building Fund	\$38,453.85
	IMRF and FICA/Medicare	\$44,230.41

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

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

B. Resignation of Director of Buildings and Grounds

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Scott Tamkus, Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Dr. Wojtylewski and Board members thanked Scott for his service to the District. His expertise has been invaluable. Scott thanked Dr. Wojtylewski and the Board members for the kind words and opportunities afforded him.

C. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the November 14, 2018, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 27, 2018, special meeting.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the November 27, 2018, special meeting.

Danette Keeler seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 29, 2018, special meeting.

Danette Keeler seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the November 29, 2018, special meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

D. Acceptance of Auditor’s Report

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education accept the Auditor’s Report, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO/SFO and the Superintendent.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

E. 2018 Tax Levy

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for 2018 Tax Levy for Working Cash, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO/SFO and the Superintendent.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for 2018 Tax Levy for Special Education Purposes, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO/SFO and the Superintendent.

Danette Keeler seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for Tax Levy for the Year 2018, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO/SFO and the Superintendent.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education authorize the President to sign the Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO/SFO and the Superintendent.

Danette Keeler seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2018 Levy Year, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO/SFO and the Superintendent.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Absent – Motion Carried

F. Telephone Replacement Project

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education direct the administration to proceed with the issuing of the RFP prepared by Wilson Consulting for the telephone replacement project.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 3 Aye, 1 Abstain (Blanks), 3 Absent – Motion Carried

8. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Policy Committee Meeting Date

Due to the scheduling of additional meetings for the Superintendent search process, it was recommended, and the Board agreed, that the Policy Committee not meet until after the Superintendent search process is completed.

Michelle Egan arrived.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A. Tri-Conference

Board members attending the Tri-Conference reported on sessions they attended related to the Illinois Report Card, Social Media Threats/Safer Schools, and Board Communication. Drew Sernus stated that the resolutions adopted at the Delegate Assembly were those supported by our Board.

10. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent – Motion Carried

It was noted that there would be no action taken after closed session. The Board took a break before entering closed session.

12. 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 9:50 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vince Flores moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.


Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Danette Keeler
Secretary Pro Tem, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education