

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Drew Sernus, Carol Kats, Dave Blanks, Marty Flanagan, Meghan Sisk

Absent: Vince Flores, Rebecca Roti

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Cindy Dykas, Lisa Lyke, Tim Hathhorn, Joe Zampillo, Linda Esposito, Sinéad Chambers

Others Present: Regina Garrity, Bob Moyer, Brenda Miller (Recording Secretary)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Staff and Student Recognition

Joe Zampillo commended the Worth Junior High students and staff for collecting spare change for a family whose child attends Worth Elementary and was recently diagnosed with a rare brain disease. The efforts spearheaded by the Worth Junior High Student Council and under the direction of Lisa Bray and Colleen DeGonia raised \$765 that was donated to the family prior to the holidays. The Junior High advisory classes also sent cards. Dr. Wojtylewski stated she recently became aware of a fundraising event that will be held on May 9th. Additional information will be shared with the Board in a Friday memo.

B. Facility Projects Update

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the Worth Elementary HVAC project punch list should be completed by the end of the next week. The units are very quiet and provide no disruption to the classes.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the bid process for the Worth Elementary Boiler/HVAC project will begin in early February. The project start will likely be delayed by two days because of emergency school closings on January 7th and 8th due to dangerously cold temperatures.

Bob Moyer reported that the wireless access project was completed over winter break and the wireless units have been activated. He is working with E2 Services to address issues with wireless printing which should be remedied within 24 hours. E2 Services also setup the weather stations at Worth Elementary (2 stations), Worthwoods (2 stations), and Worth Junior High (4 stations). He showed the Board members the device that is used by each station to monitor weather conditions and communicate data for use in the classrooms. Dr. Wojtylewski stated she was very pleased with the management of the project and the responsiveness of E2 Services.

C. Lunch Program

As previously discussed with the Board members, Dr. Wojtylewski stated that beginning in February the district will offer students a “cold” lunch option. The Board members were given a copy of the letter that will be sent home to parents explaining the guidelines for ordering a lunch and a menu for February.

Dr. Wojtylewski provided the Board with a letter sent to Dr. Kinder advising her that District 127 has five seats open for the next consolidated election and only four candidates will be running. Dr. Wojtylewski will check with legal counsel regarding the process for filling the vacancy. Dr. Wojtylewski also shared information sent by Dr. Kinder on a candidate briefing session being sponsored by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center for potential first-time school board candidates and current members of school boards. The Board members were in agreement that Dr. Wojtylewski should share the information with Mrs. Egan who has been identified by the County Clerk as a candidate in the upcoming election.

D. Details on Board Agenda Items

Second Reading of Board Policy – This is the second reading of updated Policy 7:20, which prohibits the bullying and harassment of students. Once the policy is approved by the Board it will be distributed to the schools and sent to the Illinois State Board of Education, as required.

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

There were no remarks made.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve the following consent agenda items:

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| 1) <u>Accounts Payable</u> | December 30, 2014 | \$14,748.89 |
| | January 14, 2015 | \$235,682.85 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$503,662.90 |
| | Building Fund | \$31,156.54 |
| | FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS | \$43,130.39 |
| 3) <u>Employment of Classified Staff</u> | | |
| Laura Swiat | .5 FTE Paraprofessional, Worthridge | Effective January 15, 2015 |
| 4) <u>Request for Contractual Leave of Absence</u> | | |
| Julie Howaniec | Teacher, Worthwoods | Effective January 20, 2015
thru the end of the school year |
| 5) <u>Additions to the Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors</u> | | |
| <i>(end consent agenda)</i> | | |

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Carol Kats seconded the motion.

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

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the December 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 1 Abstain (Blanks), 2 Absent – Motion Carried

C. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings

Marty Flanagan moved that the Finance Committee approve the minutes of the December 4, 2014 Finance Committee meeting.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 2 Aye (Flanagan, Sernus), 1 Absent (Flores) – Motion Carried

D. First Reading of Board Policy

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve Policy 7:20 – Students – Harassment of Students Prohibited, as presented in Attachments D1-D5.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

There was no Board discussion or action.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no Board member reports or requests.

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

There were no remarks made.

10. CLOSED SESSION

A closed session meeting was not held.

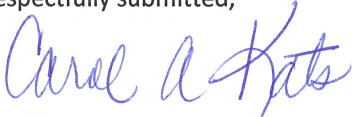
11. ADJOURNMENT

Carol Kats moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Carol A. Kats
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education

President, pro tem