

**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 February 11, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Pro-tem Rebecca Roti called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Rebecca Roti, Carol Kats, Dave Blanks (arrived 6:38 p.m.), Marty Flanagan, Vince Flores, Meghan Sisk

Absent: Drew Sernus

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

Others Present: Rich Kumnick, Bob O'Shaughnessy, Debbie Woods, Bob Moyer, Brenda Miller (Recording Secretary)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Pro-tem Roti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

2015 Mechanical and Electrical Renovation Work

Rich Kumnick reviewed drawings and specifications for the 2015 mechanical and electrical work at Worth Elementary and Worthwoods Schools. The work at Worth Elementary will encompass the demolition of the current steam system and installation of new hot water boilers, an electrical service upgrade to the building, and the HVAC replacement for 13 classrooms. There will be an electrical service upgrade to Worthwoods that is needed for future heating and cooling projects. The project will be published for bid on February 12th in the *Daily Southtown* newspaper, and bids will be opened on March 4th. Concept 3 contacted nine contractors who might be interested in the project and five have requested the drawings. The project, scheduled to begin on June 1st with a completion date of August 17th, will now be delayed as a result of the three days the district was closed due to inclement weather. After the contract is awarded, a new completion date will be determined so that a 2015-16 school year calendar can be set. Before school can start, the rooms need to be cleaned and materials unpacked.

Lunch Program Update

Cindy Dykas invited the Board members to taste-test samples of four different fresh lunch options, which were served to students during the last week. The lunch menus follow specific guidelines of the National School Lunch Program, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the district's wellness policy. The first month response to offering a cold lunch option for all of our students was well received. Some staff members also ordered lunches. Parents who paid for a lunch on February 2nd when school was closed due to inclement weather will be given a voucher to be used when ordering for March.

PARCC Testing

Dr. Wojtylewski referenced the letter from Chris Koch, State Superintendent of Education, and James Meeks, Chairman, State Board of Education, which was provided in the Board packet. The letter is in

response to the districts who are threatening to not administer the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). The letter makes it very clear that all districts must administer the PARCC assessment to all students. The ISBE will withhold Title I funds for any district that does not test and will seek non-recognition action which will cause the district to lose General State Aid. District 127 is prepared to administer the paper version of the PARCC assessment. Dr. Wojtylewski and the Board discussed the uncertainty of how the online testing data and paper testing data will be compared; the right of parents to opt their student(s) out of the assessment; and the concern of how the districts administering the online test at the same time will be able to connect with Pearson without “crashing” the system.

Legislative Update

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that she will be attending the Alliance Leadership Summit in Springfield next week. She will provide the Board with a legislative update upon her return.

Vision 20/20

Dr. Wojtylewski distributed copies of “Vision 20/20 Fulfilling the Promise of Public Education”, a vision partnership, authored by the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), the Illinois Principals Association (IPA), the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO), the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), the Superintendents Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity (SCSDD), and the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendent of Schools (IARSS). The vision prioritizes four areas to shape the vision for education in Illinois and calls for a comprehensive change in education in collaboration with parents, communities, businesses, and lawmakers. The four areas are: highly effective educators, 21st century learning, shared accountability, and equitable and adequate funding. Dr. Wojtylewski recommended the Board adopt the Resolution in support of the Vision 20/20 education improvement proposal.

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that a letter has been sent to parents who have not demonstrated proof that their student(s) has been immunized against the measles. If a case of measles occurs, the district is required to exclude all students who have not presented proof of immunity until proof of immunity is received or until 21 days after the onset of the last reported case.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that Hayes Mechanical will complete the punch list for the mechanical and electrical renovation work at Worth Elementary School on February 16th. Two thousand dollars will be withheld from the final payment until such time the air conditioning units can be tested. Hayes Mechanical is in agreement with this condition.

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the administration is preparing a letter to FBG, the contractor for the vestibule project, outlining costs back-charged to them for incomplete and/or unacceptable work that the district had to have completed. It is estimated that \$900 is owed to FBG.

Staff and Student Recognition

Lisa Lyke acknowledged the generous donations from students and staff of \$3,332.85 that was raised through a Worth Elementary Student Council fundraiser called “Money for Maddy”. She recently visited Maddy, who was diagnosed with a rare brain disease, in the hospital. Although Maddy is still not able to communicate, it is hoped that she will be strong enough to undergo surgery in March.

Joe Zampillo acknowledged Reim Efein for a 4th place finish in the South Suburban Junior High Conference Spelling Bee held at Worth Junior High on February 4th. He thanked Colleen DeGonia for her efforts in preparing the students for this event.

Details on Board Agenda Items

Approval of Graduation Date for Worth Junior High – Due to several school closure days, it is recommended that the graduation date for Worth Junior High be set for May 29, 2015.

Approval of Milk Contract – The current contract with CloverLeaf Farms expires in June 2015. This renewal will extend the contract to June 2016 under the same terms and conditions as the current contract.

Vision 20/20 Resolution – The Resolution was explained during the Superintendent's Report.

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

The new Director of Parks and Recreation, Bob O'Shaughnessy, introduced himself to Dr. Wojtylewski and the Board members. He stated he is very interested in meeting with the Board and/or the administration to form a relationship between the Park District and District 127. He thanked Dr. Wojtylewski for meeting with a Park District staff member to share information on preparedness should there be a reported case of measles. He extended an invitation to the Board to hold one Board of Education meeting per year at the Terrace Centre as an opportunity for the Board members and its visitors to tour the facility. Dr. Wojtylewski stated the District and the Park District have had a good relationship in the past and she would contact him to set up a meeting.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	January 27, 2015 February 11, 2015	\$3,637.30 \$106,257.76
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund Building Fund FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS	\$477,753.65 \$30,277.01 \$39,295.84
3) <u>Resignation of Classified Staff – Retirement</u> Charles O'Leary (end consent agenda)	Custodian (Worthwoods)	Effective June 28, 2016

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent – Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 regular meeting.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Graduation Date for Worth Junior High

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve May 29, 2015 as the graduation date for Worth Junior High School, with the ceremony to be held in the Worth Junior High School Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent – Motion Carried

D. Approval of Milk Contract

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with CloverLeaf Farms Distributors for milk delivery, as presented in Attachment B.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent – Motion Carried

E. Approval of Vision 20/20 Resolution

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the Vision 20/20 Resolution, as presented in Attachment C.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent – Motion Carried

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. IASB South Cook Division Spring Dinner Meeting – Tuesday, March 31, 2015

The Board members were given information on the IASB South Cook Division spring dinner meeting. Three Board members indicated they would be attending. Dr. Wojtylewski asked that Board members interested in attending contact the recording secretary by February 19th.

The Board members and Dr. Wojtylewski commented on information that should be shared during the meeting with Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

In response to a Board member's question, Dr. Wojtylewski stated that May 5th is the last day for school boards to reorganize by seating new members and electing officers.

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

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent – Motion Carried

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 8:45 p.m.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent – Motion Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Blanks moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Carol A. Kats
Secretary, Board of Education



Rebecca Roti
President Pro-tem, Board of Education