

**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 November 12, 2014

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

In the absence of Carol Kats, Vince Flores served as Secretary Pro-tem.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti (arrived 6:42 p.m.), Carol Kats (arrived 7:03 p.m.), Dave Blanks, Marty Flanagan, Vince Flores

Absent: Meghan Sisk

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

Others Present: John George, Representative Kelly Burke, Trisha Hoppenrath, Debbie Woods, Bob Moyer, Brenda Miller (Recording Secretary)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Wojtylewski introduced Illinois State Representative Kelly Burke. She addressed the Board members on discussions at the legislative level regarding Senate Bill 16 and pension reform. The Board members and Dr. Wojtylewski commented on the effect of SB 16 and pension reform as they relate to District 127. Representative Burke invited the Board members to sign-up to receive a newsletter that she shares with constituents five or six times a year. She also encouraged keeping the lines of communication open by calling her at any time to share information or concerns.

Bob Moyer presented a slide show of pictures taken at the November 6th Veterans' Day celebration held at Worth Junior High during which students and staff from all three schools gathered to honor twenty-three veterans.

Auditor's Report for FY14

John George from McGladrey & Pullen presented an overview of the FY14 Auditor's Report. It was the opinion of McGladrey & Pullen that it was a clean audit that produced no issues and found the District to be in a strong financial position.

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked the members of the Board of Education and staff for their efforts to ensure that the District operated under a balanced budget. She also acknowledged and thanked Cindy Dykas for her contributions in providing for a smooth audit process.

Staff and Student Recognition

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that due to the lengthiness of this meeting, staff and student recognition items will be reported at the December Board meeting.

Insurance Claims for Flood Damage

Cindy Dykas reviewed a memo included in the Board packet, which she sent to Dr. Wojtylewski outlining the costs incurred as a result of the flooding of the 4th grade classrooms at Worth Elementary on June 30th. A majority of the expenses for the clean-up and reconstruction were paid directly to Serv-Pro by Gallagher Bassett Services. The \$1,000 deductible owed by the district is incorporated within the Board bills presented for approval at this meeting. An estimated \$32,447.46 has been paid out by the district and will be submitted to the insurance company for reimbursement. Although the floor tiles did not appear to show damage from the flooding, the administration will continue to monitor their condition now that the weather has changed to less humid conditions.

Facility Project Updates

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that work on the HVAC system at Worth Elementary has been completed. A walk-through will be done and a punch list will be developed. Replacement of the rooftop units at Worthridge has been completed. LaForce has completed the work on the Aiphones and locks, which completes the vestibule projects. FBG continues to communicate that a final payment for the vestibule projects is still owed them. It is unlikely that money will be owed to FBG after the district back-charges them for corrective work done by other contractors.

Details on Board Agenda Items

- D. Acceptance of Auditor's Report for FY14 – The acceptance of the Auditor's Report is in order with its completion and presentation to the Board.
- E. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Lease – Approval is being recommended of a resolution authorizing a lease with the Governing Board of South Cook Intermediate Service Center 4 for a portion of the Worthridge School building. The previous agreement is currently in a one year automatic renewal status. The new lease is for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, with no increase to the annual rent.
- F. Acceptance of Informal Bid with Quest Food Management Services, Inc. – After review by our attorneys, it was the opinion that the intergovernmental agreement approved by the Board was not necessary, as Quest Food Management is not a governmental agency. The attorneys recommended and the district conducted an informal bid process. Quest Management was the only respondent. The administration is investigating a means of electronic management of the lunch program and hopes to offer the option of ordering lunches to all students in January 2015.
- G. Acceptance of Bid for Snow Plow Services – Five companies submitted bid proposals in response to a bid notice published in the SouthTown Star newspaper. The administration recommends acceptance of the bid from George's Landscaping for unlimited snow plowing for the 2014-15 school year.
- H. Approval of Administrative Services Agreement with Allied Benefit Systems, Inc. – The administration recommends a new third-party manager for the district's flexible spending accounts. The administration recommends an agreement with Allied Benefit Systems, Inc. effective January 1, 2015.
- I. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement – Prior to action on approving an amendment to the agreement with the South Cooperative Organization for Public Education (SCOPE), the Board will discuss whether or not they would like to join with District 135 in hiring a lobbyist to represent districts that are negatively impacted by Senate Bill 16.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. 10/27/2014 Education Committee

Chairman Kats shared an overview of information discussed at the Education Committee. The Education Committee heard presentations regarding the new math series at Worth Elementary and Worthwoods; the Rising Star web-based platform to track school progress and accomplishments; the goals developed by each of the schools; plans to develop a K-8 technology curriculum using the ISTE standards; Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing; the framework for reading instruction and the use of differentiated instruction in grades 6, 7, and 8; and plans for the November institute day. At the meeting, a committee member commented that she would like to see parents have access to the PowerSchool website to see how their child(ren) are doing in school.

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

There were no remarks made.

7. 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> | October 15, 2014
November 12, 2014 | \$2,608.75
\$260,776.54 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund
Building Fund
FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS | \$742,991.90
\$51,114.88
\$66,757.27 |
| 3) <u>Resignation of Classified Staff</u>
Christopher Sanchez | Technology Specialist | Effective November 10, 2014 |
| 4) <u>Employment of Classified Staff</u>
Charlene Kats | Part-Time Secretary, Worth Junior High | Effective November 13, 2014 |
| 5) <u>Additions to the Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors</u>
(end consent agenda) | | |

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014 regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the October 8, 2014 regular meeting.

Carol Kats seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings

Rebecca Roti moved that the Education Committee approve the minutes of the October 27, 2014 Education Committee meeting.

Carol Kats seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 2 Aye (Kats, Roti), 1 Absent (Sisk) – Motion Carried

D. Acceptance of Auditor's Report for FY14

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education accept the Auditor's Report, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

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

E. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Lease

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing a lease with the Governing Board of South Cook Intermediate Service Center 4, as presented in Attachments E1-E10.
Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

F. Acceptance of Informal Bid with Quest Food Management Services, Inc.

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education accept the informal bid from Quest Food Management Services, Inc. for the period beginning August 19, 2014 and ending May 29, 2015, as presented in Attachment F.
Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

G. Acceptance of Bid for Snow Plow Services

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education accept the bid from George's Landscaping for unlimited snow plowing for the 2014-2015 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$9,105.00.
Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

H. Approval of Administrative Services Agreement with Allied Benefit Systems, Inc.

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the Administrative Services Agreement with Allied Benefit Systems, Inc. for management services for flexible spending accounts through December 31, 2016, as presented in Attachments H1-H8.
Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

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

I. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement

Dr. Wojtylewski and the Board members engaged in a discussion regarding a letter sent by District 135 to feeder districts. The purpose of the letter was to determine if there is interest in entering into a cost-sharing intergovernmental agreement to hire a lobbyist to represent collective interests in Springfield to fight Senate Bill 16. It is the concern of District 135 that if the bill moves forward, it may be a conflict for SCOPE to represent both the winners and the losers. It was the consensus of the Board that District 127 was not interested in entering into an intergovernmental agreement with District 135.

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement to participate in a joint agreement with other school districts to be commonly known as the South Cooperative Organization for Public Education, as presented in Attachments I1-I11.
Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

8. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Position on Resolutions for IASB Delegate Assembly

Dr. Wojtylewski presented recommendations on twenty-five proposed IASB resolutions. It was the consensus to support recommendations 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25. The remaining recommendations will be opposed.

B. Finance Committee Meeting Date

The Finance Committee members agreed to meet on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the 2014 levy, and facility upgrades that include the replacement of boilers.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Dr. Wojtylewski confirmed that the Board members attending the Tri-Conference will join her and Cindy Dykas for lunch on at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 22nd.

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

There were no remarks made.

11. CLOSED SESSION

A closed session meeting was not held.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Carol Kats moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 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