

**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 December 10, 2014

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti, Carol Kats, Dave Blanks, Marty Flanagan, Vince Flores, Megan Sisk

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

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014 TAX LEVY**

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education conduct a public hearing regarding the 2014 Tax Levy.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Cindy Dykas stated that the Finance Committee met on December 4th and reviewed documentation for the 2014 Tax Levy. All requirements of the levy have been met and are in compliance with the law. The purpose of the hearing was to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the 2014 Tax Levy. Cindy Dykas invited audience members to comment and or ask questions regarding the 2014 Tax Levy.

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: All Aye – Motion Carried

5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Staff and Student Recognition

Joe Zampillo recognized the Junior High Choir, under the direction of Joe Smyth, for their holiday performances at the Terrace Center, for the seniors group, and at the Village's tree lighting ceremony. Dr. Wojtylewski noted that at the Village's tree lighting ceremony several of the veterans who were honored at the Veteran's Day assembly approached her and again thanked her, the students and staff. Tim Hathhorn publicly thanked the Worth Library for the donation to the Worthwoods library of 6 tables and 24 chairs which the library no longer needed. Lisa Lyke provided an update on the condition of a Worth Elementary student facing significant medical challenges.

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked Bob Moyer and Cindy Dykas for their efforts in the wireless project. E2Services will begin work on December 22nd. If all goes well, all four buildings will have wireless access on January 5th. Dr. Wojtylewski reported that the automated system used by the district's libraries is no longer

functional. She is discussing with Follett a new library automation system. It is hoped that a proposal and implementation would be completed by the end of January.

B. Details on Board Agenda Items

2014 Tax Levy – Having met all the requirements associated with the tax levy process, the Board will adopt the 2014 Tax Levy, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

First Reading of Board Policy – Statutory amendments to the current legislation require school districts to update their bullying policy. Since some of the changes become effective January 1, 2015, the Board will approve a first reading of revised Policy 7:20 – Students – Harassment of Students Prohibited.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. 12/04/2014 Finance Committee

Chairman Sernus shared an overview of the information discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting. The administration and architect presented estimated costs for demolition of the current steam boiler system and installation of a new hot water boiler system at Worth Elementary; the HVAC replacement for 13 classrooms at Worth Elementary; and electrical service upgrades at Worth Elementary and Worthwoods Schools. It was the recommendation of the Committee that the district proceed with the projects and have specifications drawn so that bids can be requested in early January. The Committee also heard a presentation from Cindy Dykas outlining the 2014 tax levy process. The Committee agreed with the administration's recommendation to levy for all revenue legally available to the school district.

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

There were no remarks made.

8. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	November 26, 2014	\$2,193.15
	December 10, 2014	\$275,644.82
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$495,865.27
	Building Fund	\$31,312.39
	FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS	\$41,420.30

(end consent agenda)

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

C. 2014 Tax Levy

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for 2014 Tax Levy for Working Cash, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Carol Kats seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for 2014 Tax Levy for Special Education Purposes, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for Tax Levy for the Year 2014, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Carol Kats 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 and the Superintendent.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2014 Levy Year, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

D. First Reading of Board Policy

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the first reading of Policy 7:20 – Students – Harassment of Students Prohibited, as presented in Attachments C1-C5.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

9. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Tri-Conference

Drew Sernus reported on discussion and action taken during the annual Delegate Assembly at the Tri-Conference during which he served as the district's representative.

Carol Kats and Vince Flores reported on sessions they attended at the Tri-Conference which included the impact of social media within the schools, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Testing. The conference provided an opportunity to network with other districts to discuss and share how districts are responding to common issues.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A Board member inquired on the status of making the purchase of sack lunches available to all students. Cindy Dykas reported that online ordering programs that were investigated had a monthly charge for the service. The district will begin by offering a paper ordering option and then assess the best way to manage the program based on the response. A letter will be sent to parents the week of January 19th explaining the process for purchasing lunches beginning February 2nd.

A Board member asked about the procedure for sharing the records of 8th grade students with the high schools. Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the district follows the conditions set forth in the Illinois Student Records Act. The district is required notify parents that the public high schools are requesting information. An example of why a parent might ask that records not be released would be that their child would be attending a private high school.

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

There were no remarks made.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, and student disciplinary cases.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Dave Blanks excused himself and left the building at 7:45 p.m.

13. 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 8:43 p.m.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

14. EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education employ Robert Jeffers as Technology Specialist with a salary of \$50,000 effective December 11, 2014.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

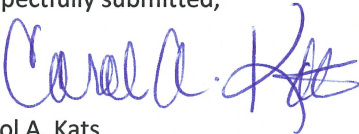
15. ADJOURNMENT

Carol Kats moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Carol A. Kats
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education