

**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 13, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Meghan Sisk, Bernadette Strama

Absent: Vince Flores

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| Administrators: | Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Superintendent | Cindy Dykas, Business Manager/CSBO |
| | Lisa Lyke, Worth Elementary Principal | Tim Hathhorn, Worthwoods Principal |
| | Joe Zampillo, Worth Junior High Principal | Linda Esposito, Worth Junior High Assistant Principal |
| | Sinéad Chambers, Special Education Director | |

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| Others Present: | John George, RSM US LLP | Bob Moyer, Technology Coordinator |
| | Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary | |

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Auditors' Report for FY15

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the auditor was detained due to traffic. The report will be given when he arrives.

B. Staff and Student Recognition

Lisa Lyke thanked the Worth Police Department for making the holidays much brighter for four Worth Elementary students and their families. Coordinated by Sgt. Hernandez, four students were taken to Walmart, accompanied by a police officer, and given a \$400 gift card. After the students completed their holiday shopping for their families, they returned to the Police Department where they enjoyed a pizza lunch and wrapped the gifts they purchased.

Dr. Wojtylewski and Joe Zampillo reported on a special cheer assembly held on January 8th for Kathy DeRuiter, a Worth Junior High physical education teacher, who has been diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS). Linda Esposito described the significant health and life style challenges that Kathy will be facing in the future. Kathy has been very open, honest and informative with students and staff and is embracing their support and prayers as a source of strength moving forward.

C. Facility Projects Update

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that the bidding schedule for the Worthwoods and Worthridge summer HVAC projects has been moved from January to February. The corrected documents for the projects have not yet been received. The testing of the existing piping mains at

Worthwoods for corrosion was delayed and is now scheduled to take place on January 18th. Since this is a holiday for all district employees, the district will have to make arrangements for a staff member to work.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that, as previously shared with the Board members, the fire alarm panels throughout the district will need to be replaced. Updated panels will be connected to multi-function sensors. The Worth Junior High panel is malfunctioning on a regular basis and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. This panel has been sending false alarms to central dispatch. The remaining panels will be bid out as a summer project since the combined cost will be over \$25,000. The district is currently working with ESSCOE on the replacement of the Worth Junior High panel. The district already has carbon monoxide detectors in all required areas in the schools. Additional carbon monoxide units will be placed in storage areas. Cindy Dykas stated that the replacement of the fire alarm panels is an appropriate expense to be paid from the Tort Fund.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that new safes have been ordered for the Administrative Center and each of the schools. The administration is still studying the replacement of some rusting exterior doors and door frames throughout the district.

Auditors' Report for FY15

John George from RSM, formerly McGladrey & Pullen, presented an overview of the FY15 Auditor's Report. It was the opinion of RSM that it was a clean audit that produced no issues and found the District to be in a strong financial position. A single audit which was done on the Title I Grant as required produced findings which management has addressed.

D. Details on Board Agenda Items

Acceptance of Auditor's Report – The Board will take action on the acceptance of the Auditor's Report.

Approval of Agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) – The Board will take action on the approval of an 18 month Licensing Agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) at a cost not to exceed \$37,462. The licensing is for online implementation of Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), a personalized assessment experience that adapts to each student's learning level, and Skills Navigator.

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

There were no remarks made.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

Megan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve the following consent agenda items:

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| 1) <u>Accounts Payable</u> | January 13, 2016 | \$149,811.90 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$538,061.05 |
| | Building Fund | \$30,947.34 |
| | IMRF and FICA/Medicare | \$45,703.56 |
| 3) <u>Employment of Certified Staff</u> | Morgan Kats, Leave of Absence Position, WJH, 2015-16 School Year Only | Effective January 14, 2016 for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year only |

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

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 9, 2015, regular meeting.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 1 Abstain (Sernus), 1 Absent – Motion Carried

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the December 9, 2015, regular meeting.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 1 Abstain (Sernus), 1 Absent – Motion Carried

C. Acceptance of Auditor's Report for FY15

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

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

D. Approval of Agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve Schedule A, a Licensing Agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association, as presented in Attachments C1-C2.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Drew Sernus reported that the IASB Delegate Assembly held at the Tri-Conference in November was uneventful, with only six resolutions presented to the Assembly.

In response to questions from Board members, Cindy Dykas reported that snow removal has been completed as per the contract with George's Landscaping for snow accumulation of 1" or more. The final payment has not been made for the Worth Elementary HVAC project. The administration is waiting for Concept 3 to set up a meeting to review the punch list and sign-off on the project.

In response to a question from a Board member, Dr. Wojtylewski stated that that she did not believe that the delay in bidding for the Worthwoods' HVAC project would jeopardize the project. Again, she would be in discussion with the architect to determine why the bid date was changed.

A Board member commented how she enjoyed getting the holiday card from Worthwoods showing a panoramic shot of all the students standing in the back of the school.

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

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:25 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.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

The Board members took a short break before entering closed session.

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 8:16 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that each Board member was given a copy of a letter that will be sent to all parents of students in grades 4 through 8, along with their child's individual reports from the PARRC testing which was done in the spring 2015.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Roti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education