

**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 10, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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	

Others Present:	Rich Kumnick, Concept 3	Bob Moyer, Technology Coordinator
	Brad Dizunno, WJH Teacher	Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Work

Dr. Wojtylewski advised the Board members of the presence of asbestos in the existing chimney flue located in the boiler room of Worthwoods School. She distributed a bid proposal for the removal of the asbestos during spring break (April 4-8). Bids are due by 2:30 p.m. on February 22, with a bid opening immediately following the deadline.

A report of inspection for the Worthwoods' hot water supply/return piping done by TEAM Industrial Services, Inc. was distributed. Rick Kumnick reviewed the findings which found the pipes serviceable, with no findings which would prevent continued normal operation.

Rich Kumnick and the Board reviewed drawings and specifications for the 2016 Mechanical and Electrical work at Worthwoods School and the replacement of HVAC at Worthridge.

The Board agreed to proceed with bidding the projects with bids due on March 2. Demolition of the boilers will take place in early May during the second shift of the day. The projects begin June 6 after school is out, with a completion day of August 12.

Dr. Wojtylewski, Cindy Dykas, and Rich Kumnick commented on options for the replacement of the fire alarm systems at each of the buildings. The alarm at both Worth Elementary and Worth Junior High have sent false signals to Central Dispatch resulting in a visit from a full brigade of emergency responders. ESSCOE evaluated and made adjustments to the system at Worth Elementary that should temporarily address the problem. The Board agreed with the administration's recommendation to proceed with the replacement of the panel at Worth Junior High over spring break, based on immediate necessity. Concept 3 will prepare bid

specifications for new systems at Worth Elementary, Worthwoods, Worth Junior High, and Worthridge with work to be completed this summer.

B. 2015 Mechanical and Electrical Work

Cindy Dykas reported on a walk-through of the Worth Elementary 2015 Mechanical and Electrical project conducted with Chris McAllister from Concept 3. Accomplished Mechanical will be on-site on Monday, February 15th, which is a student non-attendance day, to complete the minor and aesthetic items which will complete the punch list. The final payment will then be presented for approval.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported she met with Mayor Werner and shared the Board's response in the matter of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's plans for flood control on Worthwoods' property. A letter was sent to Robinson Engineering stating the Board would not consider plans that include a pond on its property, contain above-ground modifications, and/or reduce the ball fields on its property. The letter also stated that the Board was willing to discuss Alternate 10 at a meeting where our attorney, architect, Board members and administrative staff would be present. The administration is also making arrangements for a topographical survey of the Worthwoods' property.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that the crossing guard agreement between the Village of Worth and Worth School District 127 expires at the end of this school year. Mayor Werner will present the agreement for discussion at the next Village meeting and will report back to Dr. Wojtylewski. The RISE lease also expires at the end of this school year. The renewal hinges on the State budget, which funds this type of program. Dr. Wojtylewski will update the Board as information becomes available.

C. Eisenhower Cooperative

Dr. Wojtylewski commented on a letter sent to the Illinois State Board of Education by District 128 indicating their intent to withdraw membership from the Eisenhower Cooperative. Over the next few months, the Executive Board will be discussing the withdrawal and ramifications to the current membership and services provided by the Cooperative.

D. Details on Board Agenda Items

Approval of Graduation Date for Worth Junior High – The Board will take action on the graduation date for Worth Junior High.

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> | February 10, 2016 | \$480,082.29 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$503,669.80 |
| | Building Fund | \$31,632.33 |
| | IMRF and FICA/Medicare | \$43,582.17 |
| 3) <u>Additions to Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors</u> | | |
| 4) <u>Resignation of Classified Staff – Retirement</u> | | |
| Bonnie Kroll | Paraprofessional (Worth Junior High) | End of the 2016-17 school year |
| Barb O'Connell | Paraprofessional (Worth Elementary) | End of the 2016-17 school year |
| Mary Moore | Paraprofessional (Worth Junior High) | End of the 2016-17 school year |

Chris Kats
(end consent agenda)

Health Aide (Worthwoods)

End of the 2016-17 school year

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016, regular meeting.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

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

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the January 13, 2016, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Graduation Date for Worth Junior High

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve Friday, May 27, 2016, as the graduation date for Worth Junior High School, with the ceremony to be held in the Worth Junior High Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Rebecca Roti stated she would not be at the graduation ceremony due to a family commitment.

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. IASB South Cook Division Winter Breakfast Meeting – February 28, 2016

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board members that they would not attend the breakfast meeting.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A Board member reported on changes being discussed on the Summer Reading Program at Shepard High School.

In response to questions from Board members, Dr. Wojtylewski noted that each school has an EpiPen available for cases of extreme allergic reaction. Each school has AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillator) on site and the health aides and other staff members are trained in CPR. The Fire Department has offered to provide an after school opportunity for staff members to become certified/recertified for CPR.

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

There were no remarks made.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:55 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.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Dr. Wojtylewski stated there would be no Board action taken after closed session.

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

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 9:00 p.m.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Dr. Wojtylewski responded to questions regarding staff members who recently had family members pass away.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Roti moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

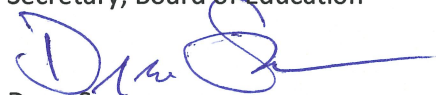
Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education