

**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 March 9, 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, Meghan Sisk, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Bernadette Strama

Absent: Vince Flores

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
	Colleen DeGonia, WJH Teacher	Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked the members of the Board and the audience for wearing red in support of Kathy DeRuiter, the Worth Junior High physical education teacher, who has been diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS). Linda Esposito updated the Board members on Kathy's current medical condition.

A. 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Project

Rich Kumnick reported that on February 24th eight bids were opened for the 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Project. The low Base Bid with Alternate #1 and #2 was \$2,501,000 and submitted by Accomplished Mechanical Industries, Inc. They were also the mechanical contractor for the 2015 Mechanical Work Project at Worth Elementary. Both Concept 3 and the administration found Accomplished Mechanical to have managed the project on schedule, responsibly, and professionally.

Rich Kumnick reviewed and answered questions on the following scope of the work at Worthwoods and Worthridge Schools as outlined in the Board packet.

Base Bid – Worthwoods School: Work includes replacement of unit heaters at classrooms with new vertical Unit Ventilators with air conditioning capabilities, installation of rooftop air handler for the gymnasium and split air conditioning units for the school office area.

Alternate #1 – Worthridge School: The east wing of the building will have the classroom unit heater replaced with new vertical unit ventilators with air condition capabilities, new roof top

units to provide heating and ventilation to the gymnasium, and split air conditioning units for the reception office. The electrical service will be upgraded for additional electrical capability.

Alternate #2 – Worthridge School: The west wing of the building will have the classroom and office area existing classroom unit heaters replaced with vertical unit ventilators with air conditioning capabilities.

Dr. Wojtylewski recommended adding a \$75,000 cost overrun to the project cost. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to move forward and endorse the recommendation of Concept 3 to award the contract to Accomplished Mechanical Industries, Inc.

Rich Kumnick explained that with the replacement of the boilers at Worthwoods School, asbestos thermal insulation needs to be removed from the boilers chimney flue. Three proposals were submitted with the lowest responsible bidder being Valor Technologies, Inc. at a cost of \$6,895. Rich Kumnick also recommended that the Board approve an agreement with United Analytical Services, Inc. for the air sampling in conjunction with the asbestos removal work at Worthwoods. The asbestos removal will be done the week of spring break. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the recommendations of Concept 3.

As reported in the past, Dr. Wojtylewski reviewed projects that need to be addressed this summer. Several exterior doors throughout the district are rusted and need to be replaced; the fire alarms at each of the buildings need to be replaced as they are aging and sending false signals to Central Dispatch; and several security cameras need to be replaced. Multiple plumbing projects throughout the district have also been identified, along with repairs needed to several of the parking lots.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated the administration firmly believes that monies are available for the 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Project Base Bid, Alternate #1, Alternate #2, and the facilities projects.

B. Facility Updates

Facility updates were provided during the report on the 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Project.

C. Staff and Student Recognition

Colleen DeGonia, Spelling Tournament Coach, reported on the 4th Place finish by 8th grader, Suaad Rashid, in the 2016 South Suburban Junior High School Conference Spelling Bee, 8th grade division, which was held on February 3rd.

Tim Hathhorn reported on the American Heart Association “Jump Rope for Heart.” Under the guidance of the Student Council Sponsors, Mrs. Paraskevopoulos and Mrs. Fisher, PE teacher, Mrs. Kebr, and special guest rope turners, the students raised over \$5,100. 00.

Lisa Lyke reported on the success of the annual Family Reading Night held on February 4th. Many teachers and community members read stories as students and parents participated in

activities related to the stories. Among the special guest readers were Dr. Wojtylewski, Mayor Werner, and Sgt. Petersen and Officer Cozzi from the Worth Police Department.

Dr. Wojtylewski provided information on the March 15th Institute Day during which the majority of staff will hear presentations on the MAP Assessment and the next generation of science. Special education staff, social workers, speech language pathologists, and paraprofessionals will attend presentations specific to their positions in the district.

The Board asked the principals if press releases had been sent to the local newspapers. After indicating that they had not, the Board requested that press releases be sent.

D. Details on Board Agenda Items

Approval of Consent Agenda – Employment of Certified Staff – Dr. Wojtylewski noted the addition of Morgan Kats to fill a leave of absence position.

Approval of Milk Contract – The Board will take action on the approval of a contract with CloverLeaf Farms Distributors for milk delivery.

Awarding of Bid for 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Renovation Work – The Board will take action on the awarding of a bid and extending a contract for the 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Renovation Work to the low bidder Accomplished Mechanical Industries, LTD.

Awarding of Bid for 2016 Asbestos Removal Work – The Board will take action on awarding a bid and extending a contract for the 2016 Asbestos Removal Work to the low bidder, Valor Technologies, Inc.

Approval of Agreement with United Analytical Services, Inc. – The Board will take action on the approval of an agreement with United Analytical Services, Inc. for the air sampling in conjunction with the asbestos removal work at Worthwoods.

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> | March 9, 2016 | \$254,268.74 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$525,171.59 |
| | Building Fund | \$32,184.91 |
| | IMRF and FICA/Medicare | \$45,027.16 |
| 3) <u>Additions to Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors</u> | | |
| 4) <u>Resignation of Certified Staff</u> | | |
| Lois Vaughan | Teacher, Worthridge | End of the 2015-16 school year |
| Julie Howaniec | Teacher, Worthwoods | End of the 2015-16 school year |
| Aneta Koeneman | Teacher, Worth Elementary | End of the 2015-16 school year |
| Margaret Sandrzyk | Teacher, Worth Elementary | End of the 2015-16 school year |
| 5) <u>Request for Contractual Leave of Absence</u> | | |
| Jessica Osmanski | Teacher, Worth Junior High | Effective the 2016-17 school year |

6) Employment of Certified Staff

Maggie Krull	Teacher, Worth Elementary	Effective the 2016-17 school year
Christine Slager	Teacher, Worthwoods	Effective the 2016-17 school year
Emily Herbold	Teacher, Worthridge	Effective the 2016-17 school year
Morgan Kats	Leave of Absence Position, WJH	Effective only for the 2016-17 school year

7) Employment of Classified Staff

Paula Ruane	Lunch Supervisor, Worth Elementary	Effective March 10, 2016
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(end consent agenda)

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016, regular meeting.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

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

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the February 10, 2016, regular meeting.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Milk Contract

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with CloverLeaf Farms Distributors for milk delivery, as presented in Attachment C.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

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

D. Awarding of Bid for 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Renovation Work

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education award the bid and extend a contract for the 2016 mechanical and electrical renovation work to the low bidder, Accomplished Mechanical Industries, LTD., at a cost not to exceed \$2,501,000.00, as presented in Attachments D1-D12.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

E. Awarding of Bid for 2016 Asbestos Removal Work

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education award the bid and extend a contract for the 2016 asbestos removal work to the low bidder, Valor Technologies, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$6,895.00, as presented in Attachments E1-E2.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

F. Approval of Agreement with United Analytical Services, Inc.

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve an agreement with United Analytical Services, Inc. for the air sampling in conjunction with the asbestos removal work at Worthwoods, as presented in Attachments F1-F8.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. IASB South Cook Division Dinner Meeting – April 14, 2016

Several Board members indicated they would attend the IASB dinner meeting on April 14th at the Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. Ralph Martire, Executive Director for the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, will speak on “The Future of Illinois and State Funding”. Board members who were unsure of their availability were asked to contact the Recording Secretary by March 18th if they planned on attending.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A Board member complimented the members of the District 127 band on their performances at the Worth Junior High on February 23rd and the Band Festival at Arbor Park on March 2nd. The tireless hours of dedication and commitment of the students and Dave Blyth are truly noteworthy.

A Board member stated that if there were no objections, she would like to reach out to students at Shepard High School who know Mrs. DeRuiter and might want to send well wishes through Worth Junior High. There were no objections voiced.

Dr. Wojtylewski and the administrators responded to parent comments made to a Board member on whether or not the District planned on implementing the parent portal of the PowerSchool program so parents can see how their students are doing between midterms and report cards. Dr. Wojtylewski stated that plans are in place to implement the parent portal with the start of the 2016-17 school year. For the benefit of Board members unfamiliar with the use of a parent portal, administrators and Board members familiar with the portal explained the benefits.

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 7:45 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

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

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 9:29 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Several Board members voiced their disappointment that press releases noting the accomplishments of the students and staff members of the District are not sent to the local newspapers.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Blanks moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education