

**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 April 13, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Bernadette Strama, Meghan Sisk  
(arrived at 8:32 p.m.)

<b>Administrators:</b>	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	

<b>Others Present:</b>	Rich Kumnick, Concept 3	Bob Moyer, Technology Coordinator
	Maddie Abderrack	Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

In the absence of Meghan Sisk, Rebecca Roti served as Secretary Pro-Tem.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Staff and Student Recognition**

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that provided within the Board packet were the names of employees recognized for their milestone years of service to the district.

Dr. Wojtylewski shared a copy of a novel "Wake of a Warrior" written by Isabella Taylor, a graduate of Worth Junior High. Isabella is currently a sophomore at Shepard High School. After discussion, it was the consensus that additional copies be purchased, and that Isabella be invited to speak to the language arts/reading classes at the Worth Junior High.

Tim Hathhorn reported on the Wax Museum, a project presented by the 5th grade classes, whereby students researched famous people of the past and then transformed themselves into "live" wax figures to educate others about themselves. Monetary donations made to bring the wax figures to "life" raised approximately \$1,000, which was the largest amount raised since the project became an annual curriculum project. The money raised will be donated to the local Food Pantry.

Lisa Lyke acknowledged the students at Worth Elementary for raising over \$1,000 in the “Pennies for Patients” event for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She thanked Mrs. Berthold for organizing the event.

**B. Fire Alarm System Project**

Rick Kumnick reviewed the scope of the project for the fire alarm replacement work at Worth Elementary, Worthwoods, Worth Junior High and Worthridge. The replacement work will include fire alarm panels, annunciators, detection devices, wiring and conduit, and system programming. There was an immediate need to replace the fire alarm panel at Worth Junior High under separate contract. On April 6<sup>th</sup> four bids were opened ranging in cost from \$291,500 to \$426,900. Rick Kumnick stated that the bid and references submitted by the low bidder, Chicago Heights Carrier Electric Co., were checked and Concept 3 recommends that a contract be extended to Chicago Heights Carrier Electric Co. in the amount of \$291,500.00.

**C. 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Project**

Rick Kumnick reported that the asbestos removal at Worthwoods was completed during spring break. The air quality was tested after the removal and all air samples tested clean.

Dr. Wojtylewski and Rick Kumnick reported on the walk-through at Worthwoods and Worthridge in preparation for the 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Project. As soon as the boilers are turned off at Worthwoods, the contractor will begin demolition of the boilers. The demolition will be done after the school day and will pose no disruption. Due to the construction work, arrangements are being made to accommodate the RISE Summer School Program, the Administrative Center staff, the 2016-17 Registration event, and the August Board meeting. A meeting will be scheduled with the contractors to develop a timeline for the completion of the project. Once a timeline is known, the administration will be able to present a calendar for the 2016-17 school year.

**D. Withdrawal of District 128 from Eisenhower Cooperative**

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that documents sent to members of the Eisenhower Cooperative by District 128 to request withdrawal from the Cooperative were included in the Board packet. The superintendents were advised by the Cooperative’s legal counsel to not take action on the request at this time.

**E. FY17 School Calendar Draft**

As mentioned earlier, the administration will meet with the contractors to develop a timeline for the 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Project. A proposed FY17 school calendar will be presented to the Board at the May meeting.

**F. Details on Board Agenda Items**

Approval of Consent Agenda – Dr. Wojtylewski noted additions to the consent agenda:

Accounts Payable – Supplemental Bills - \$128,575.48.

Resignation of Certified Staff – Retirement - Jeanne Scanlan.

Resignation of Classified Staff – Stacy Costello.

Approval of WEST Contract for 2016-2019 – The Board will take action on a contract with the Worth Education Support Team. Officers of the Worth Educational Support Team were unable to be present at this meeting, as they are attending the IEA Convention in Rosemont.

Resolution – PTAB Intervention with Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins – The Board will take action on a resolution to authorize Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd., as legal representative to intervene in all 2014-2016 Tax year Appeals before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

Approval of Contract with Alpha Bus – The Board will take action on the renewal of a contract with Alpha School Bus Company, Inc. for special education transportation.

Approval of Bid for Fire Alarm System Project – The Board will take action on awarding a bid and extending a contract for the Fire Alarm System Project to Chicago Heights Carrier Electric Co.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported on damage done to, and suspicious activity at, the Worthridge/Administrative Center. She presented photographs of the field behind the school where vandals have again driven a vehicle and did “wheelies” causing damage to the lawn. She also spoke of a separate incident she witnessed of three cars in the front parking lot with 8-10 young males moving between the cars and conversing with occupants of another car parked in the apartment building lot. The cars had tinted windows and no visible plates. The cars left soon after realizing that Dr. Wojtylewski and the building custodian were at the front windows and watching them. A police report was filed for the damage to the school grounds. The area will need to be repaired as it is used by the Pre-K and RISE students.

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

There were no remarks made.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the following consent agenda items:

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| 1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>                            | April 13, 2016                                | \$335,554.61                                 |
|   | April 13, 2016                                | \$128,575.48                                 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>                             | Education Fund                                | \$529,945.56                                 |
|   | Building Fund                                 | \$33,767.01                                  |
|   | IMRF and FICA/Medicare                        | \$45,599.39                                  |
| 3) <u>Resignation of Certified Staff – Retirement</u> |   |  |
| Jeanne Scanlan  | Teacher, Worthwoods                           | Effective the End of the 2015-16 School Year |
| 4) <u>Resignation of Classified Staff</u>             |   |  |
| Stacy Costello  | Health Services Coordinator, Worth Elementary | Effective June 30, 2016                      |
| (end consent agenda)                                  |   |  |

Vince Flores 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 March 9, 2016, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the March 9, 2016, regular meeting.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of WEST Contract for 2016-2019

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the contract with the Worth Education Support Team effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, as presented in Enclosure A.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

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

D. Resolution – PTAB Intervention with Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education authorize Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. as legal representation to intervene in all 2014-2016 Tax Year Appeals before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, as presented in Attachments D1-D2.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

E. Approval of Contract with Alpha Bus

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the contract with Alpha School Bus Company, Inc. for special education transportation with an increase of 2.75% for all route transportation categories in the 2016-17 school year, as presented in Attachments E1-E3.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

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

F. Awarding of Bid for Fire Alarm System Project

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education award the bid and extend a contract for the Fire Alarm System Project to the low bidder, Chicago Heights Carrier Electric Co., at a cost not to exceed \$291,500.00, as presented in Attachments F1-F2.

Michelle Egan 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

Dr. Wojtylewski, Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti, Michelle Egan, and Vince Flores confirmed that they would attend the dinner at the Silver Lake County Club.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no Board member reports and/or requests.

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 7:25 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.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that after closed session the Board will take action on a personnel matter.

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

Meghan Sisk arrived during closed session and assumed her role as Board Secretary.

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 9:13 p.m.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

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

12. POSSIBLE PERSONNEL ACTION – CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the change in classification of Tom Krutilla from Director of Buildings and Grounds to full-time custodian, effective July 1, 2016.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vince Flores moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 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