

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

Worth Junior High School, Commons Area
11151 South New England
Worth, Illinois 60482

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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:	Brad Dizunno, WJH Staff	Jeff Sima, Parent
	JoAnne Albrecht, WEA	Bob Moyer, Technology Coordinator
	Matt Benoit	Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Staff and Student Recognition

Dr. Wojtylewski referenced a sampling of letters provided in the Board packet that were written by Worth Junior High students to three Village of Worth veterans who were returning tonight from Washington, D.C. The three veterans participated in the Honor Flight to visit memorials honoring veterans. One of the veterans, Lawrence Bromley, is the father of our staff member, Maureen Eichstaedt.

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the purpose of holding the Board meeting at Worth Junior High was to give the Board members an opportunity to view artwork done by students in grades 1 through 8. JoAnne Albrecht explained the introduction of art and drawing which begins in 1st grade with basic shapes, and progresses through the grade levels with the elements of art, chalk designs, ribbon drawing, 3D designs, shading concepts, multi-point perspective, techniques of water color, and mask designs. Dr. Wojtylewski thanked JoAnne Albrecht for arranging the display and thanked the students who came to demonstrate the various art techniques.

The Board took a short recess to view the artwork and visit with several Worth Junior High students demonstrating art in progress.

Lisa Lyke congratulated the Worth Elementary and Worthwoods 3rd and 4th grade students who competed in the Prairie State College's Annual Math Bowl. The team, coached by

Christine Slager, placed 4th in the competition. She also congratulated and acknowledged the efforts of the 5th and 6th grade team, coached by Kristina Brown. Press releases have been sent to the news media.

B. 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Project

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that the boilers have been removed at Worthwoods. The staff has begun packing up their classrooms and offices.

C. FY17 School Calendar

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the Board packet contained: 1) a copy of the 2016-17 school calendar which will be filed with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) upon approval by the Board; 2) copies of the District 218 and District 230 calendars; and 3) information comparing the two high school calendars to the District 127 calendar being recommended for approval. As required by the WEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, the administration met with the Advisory Council on May 4th to solicit input. The proposed calendar sets the first day of school as August 24, 2016, and the tentative last day of school as June 6, 2017.

D. Vacancy Postings

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that vacancy notices will be posted in the near future. The notices are generated through action taken at Board meetings on matters of resignation, resignation due to retirement, and/or request for contractual leaves of absence. The administration has met and discussed its staffing needs for the 2016-17 school year. In addition to these positions, a special education teacher position at Worth Elementary is needed to accommodate an increase in students, and a .5 paraprofessional position. The administration is also monitoring the number of Arabic and Spanish speaking students at Worthwoods. If the number of students requiring services increases during registration, there may be a need to seek approval to hire additional ELL teachers and/or bilingual teachers.

E. Student Fees for 2016-17 School Year

Dr. Wojtylewski recommended that the student fees for the 2016-17 school year not be increased. In addition, she noted that a fee for daily milk has been eliminated for all grade levels. Students will still need to choose during the registration process if they want white or chocolate milk, so the correct quantities can be ordered.

Additional Items

Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, Inc.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that the administration is in discussions with Quest Food Management Services, Inc. regarding possibly periodically offering warm meal options for the students.

Lease of Equipment - Cindy Dykas reported that the scope of the 2016 Mechanical and Electrical Project at Worthwoods and Worthridge will require the lease of 40' trailers for the purpose of storage. The Worthwoods gymnasium will not be available as its area is included in the mechanical project. Cindy Dykas conducted a site visit and it is estimated that two 40' trailers will be needed. The Worthridge gymnasium will be used to store materials from the RISE classrooms and offices. It is estimated that that one 40' trailer will be needed to contain the contents of the Administrative Center that need to be removed from offices.

Dave Blanks excused himself at 7:25 p.m.

Camera Security System – Dr. Wojtylewski stated in light of recent vandalism throughout the district, and reports by the WAA of damages to the portable buildings on the ball field, the replacement of the exterior security cameras is needed.

Cindy Dykas reported that a “Request for Proposal” was provided to four vendors. One vendor chose not to submit a proposal and one vendor was eliminated because the proposal did not contain information specific to product information, as requested. The proposal for Worthwoods and Worthridge required the removal of existing equipment, installation of new digital equipment, Cat6 cabling, and monitors for surveillance. Two alternate proposals were requested for needs specific to Worth Elementary and Worth Junior High. After review of the proposals and equipment recommended, it was the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Education award the Security Camera Project for Worthwoods and Worthridge to LaForce Inc., at a price not to exceed \$97,014.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that Senator Cunningham contacted her regarding SB 231, which did pass to the House of Representatives. The Bill deals with provisions for apportionment of State financial aid to the schools for the 2016-17 and subsequent school years. The Bill as currently written provides a \$750, 000,000 gain for Worth School District 127, but the gain is at the expense of losses in State aid to other districts. Senators Cunningham and Hastings voted against the bill. Overall, the Bill does not solve the problem. Senator Cunningham suspects the Bill will be defeated at the House level, but will resurface in the future.

F. Details on Board Agenda Items

Approval of 2016-17 School Calendar – The Board will take action on the approval of the 2016-17 school calendar.

Approval of Student Fees for the 2016-17 School Year – The Board will take action on the approval of the student fees for the 2016-17 school year.

Approval of SSBC Representative – The Board will take action on the appointment of Dr. Wojtylewski as Representative and Cynthia Dykas as Alternate to represent District 127 on the South Suburban Benefit Cooperative Board of Directors for the 2016-17 school year.

Approval of Proposal for Camera Security System – The Board will take action on the approval of a proposal submitted by LaForce, Inc.

Approval of Contract Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, Inc. – The Board will take action on the approval of a Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services.

Approval of Equipment Lease Agreement – The Board will take action on the approval of the Equipment Lease Agreement with A Warehouse on Wheels.

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

There were no remarks made.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

President Sernus requested that items related to the resignation of certified staff and a request for contractual leave of absence be removed from the consent agenda for discussion during closed session.

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

1)	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	May 11, 2016	\$198,505.07
2)	<u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$775,639.41
		Building Fund	\$48,739.69
		IMRF and FICA/Medicare	\$67,140.71

(end consent agenda)

Michelle Egan 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 April 13, 2016, regular meeting.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

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

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

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of 2016-17 School Calendar

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the 2016-17 school calendar, as presented in Attachments C1-C2, setting the first day of school as August 24, 2016, and the tentative last day of school as June 6, 2017.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

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

D. Approval of Student Fees for the 2016-17 School Year

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the student fees for the 2016-17 school year, as presented in Attachment D.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

E. Approval of SSBC Representative

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Representative, and, as Alternate Representative, Cynthia Dykas to represent District 127 on the South Suburban Benefit Cooperative Board of Directors for the 2016-17 school year.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

F. Approval of Proposal for Camera Security System

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education approve the proposal submitted for the Security Camera Project by LaForce, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$94,014.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

G. Approval of Contract Renewal Agreement for the Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, Inc.

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve the Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, as presented in Attachments E1-E4.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

Cindy Dykas responded to discussion of whether or not the students have been or will be surveyed on their likes and dislikes of the food selections. During the last couple of months, an informal survey was done whereby students provided feedback on both the breakfast and lunch selections.

H. Approval of Equipment Lease Agreement

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve the Equipment Lease Agreement with A Warehouse on Wheels, as presented in Attachments F1-F3.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

There was no Board member discussion and/or action.

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

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:47 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 that after closed session the Board will take action on the personnel items removed from the consent agenda.

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 9:50 p.m.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the following items.

Resignation of Certified Staff

Maura Loftus

Teacher, Worth Junior High

Effective the End of the 2015-16 School Year

Jessica Miglieri

Teacher, Worth Junior High

Effective the End of the 2015-16 School Year

Request for Contractual Leave of Absence

Ruth Bengtson

Media Specialist, Worth Elementary

Effective 2016-17 School Year

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vince Flores moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 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