

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center, Superintendent's Office
11218 South Ridgeland Avenue
Worth, Illinois 60482

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:31 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:	Bob Moyer, Technology Coordinator	Doreen Linderman, Forecast 5
	Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary	

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING ON INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM THE TRANSPORTATION FUND TO THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND**

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education conduct a public hearing regarding the interfund transfer from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund which has been set forth in accordance with the requirements of the School Code of Illinois.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Cindy Dykas explained that the purpose of the hearing was to allow the public to comment on the interfund transfer of monies from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. This type of transfer of funds is a permanent transfer and is allowable for one-time non-recurring expenses. The transfer requires a notice to the public and public hearing to hear comments and questions from members of the community. Having met all the requirements for the public hearing, Cindy Dykas asked that the Board open the floor to members of the audience for comments and questions on the interfund transfer.

Hearing no comments, Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education close the public hearing and return to regular session.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. PRESENTATION: Forecast 5 Annual Financial Analysis and Financial Projection

Doreen Linderman, Senior Financial Advisor for Forecast 5, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the district's finances. The presentation included information on the following:

- Revenue Budget – By Source Detail – FY16
- Local Revenue: Tax Base Assumptions – Consumer Price Index (CPI) – Levy Years
- Local Revenue: Tax Base Assumptions – New EAV Growth
- Local Revenue: Tax Base Assumptions – Existing EAV% Change
- General State Aid Assumptions - Revenue
- Expense Budget – Expenditures by Object – FY16
- Key Expenditure Assumptions – Salaries, Benefits, Other Expenditures, Capital Outlay
- Projections – Revenues VS. Expenditures
- Projected Year-End Balances through 2021

A copy of the presentation was provided to the Board members. Questions asked during the presentation were answered by Ms. Linderman and members of the administrative team.

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked Ms. Linderman for the informative presentation.

B. Staff and Student Recognition

Dr. Wojtylewski expressed her gratitude to the Board members who were available to participate in the 8th grade graduation ceremony, and to the administrative team for their leadership and dedication during this past school year.

C. Class of 1966 Reunion

Dr. Wojtylewski presented the Board of Education with a \$1,500.00 check from the Class of 1966. The class hosted a 50th reunion event on May 20-21 that began with Dr. Wojtylewski providing a tour of Worth Elementary, which in 1966 served as the elementary and junior high school. She had several samples of memorabilia given to attendees and invited the Board to view them.

D. Summer Facility Projects Update

Cindy Dykas and Dr. Wojtylewski reported that the mechanical/electrical projects began with a quick and effective start.

Worthwoods - An additional trailer, beyond the two trailers proposed at the April Board meeting, was needed for the contents of the building. The boilers are expected to be delivered this week and the unit ventilators are expected in mid-July. It has also been decided that a shed be constructed possibly on the north side of Worthwoods to house the lawn mowers, snow blowers, and other flammable materials.

Worthridge - The current unit ventilators were removed from Worthridge and found to be in surprisingly rusty condition. During the removal it was discovered that the tiles under the units contain asbestos. Appropriate asbestos abatement has been arranged. There is also plumbing work that needs to be done which will necessitate that the water be turned off for one day. The contractors have coordinated scheduling and all aforementioned work will be

done on June 17th. Since there is nowhere for the Administrative Center staff to relocate for the day, the offices will be closed. ComEd has indicated that Worthridge is the next project in the queue and anticipate an interruption in power around mid-July for approximately two weeks. At that time the Administrative Center staff will be moved to Worth Junior High. It has also been decided that a brick addition be constructed in the courtyard area to house the lawn mowers, snow blowers, and other flammable materials.

Fire Alarm Upgrades – Work is progressing on the installation of new fire alarms at the elementary schools and Administrative Center. Since the installation requires the disarming of the current system, the work at the Junior High work will take place in July when the building is less inhabited. The administrative staff and secretaries are working through June 16th and the RISE summer school program concludes at the end of June.

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked the staff who have been relocated due to the mechanical and electrical projects at Worthwoods and Worthridge for their flexibility.

Dr. Wojtylewski shared that Chris McAllister will be leaving Concept 3 in two weeks. It is always difficult when someone leaves mid-project, but Rich Kumnick has been involved in all the meetings, as have she and Cindy Dykas. It is not anticipated that Chris' departure will have a negative effect on the overall projects.

E. 2016 Summer School Programs

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that during the month of August there will be several summer school programs held at the Junior High. Summer band and volleyball camps will be offered, along with Title I summer school.

F. Legislative Update

Dr. Wojtylewski reiterated the importance of the projected \$3.2 million State Aid revenue, as presented in the Forecast 5 presentation, and the impact on the district should the monies be delayed and/or prorated.

Dr. Wojtylewski shared an article that was in the May 26th edition of The Reporter on the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and District 127 providing a full-time school resource officer in the district. The officer will have office space at one of the buildings and will be assigned times between the four schools for the purpose of building relationships with the students and providing security assistance as necessary.

G. Details on Board Agenda Items

Approval of Resolutions Permanently Transferring Excess Interest – The Board will take action individually on the approval of transferring interest from the Debt Service Fund, Social Security/Medicare Fund, Transportation Fund, and the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Interfund Transfer from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund – Having met all requirements for a transfer of funds, the Board will take action on the approval of a permanent transfer of funds from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

Awarding of Copy Paper Bid – The Board will take action on accepting a bid from Midland Paper Company for copy paper for the 2016-17 school year.

Approval of Prevailing Wages – The Board will take action on the approval of the prevailing wages published as of July 2015. This is an annual event whereby Boards are required to approve the adoption of the most current prevailing wages for construction work in Cook County as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois. Since a budget has not been approved by the State, the Board will be asked to take action on the last established prevailing wages determination which is July 15, 2015.

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

There were no remarks made.

7. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	June 8, 2016	\$126,816.68
	June 8, 2016 #2	\$232,812.29
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$538,869.53
	Building Fund	\$32,772.39
	FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS	\$45,318.81

(end consent agenda)

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 May 11, 2016, regular meeting.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

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

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the May 11, 2016, regular meeting.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Resolutions Permanently Transferring Excess Interest

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest from the Debt Service Fund to the Education Fund, as presented in Attachment B1.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest from the Social Security/Medicare Fund to the Education Fund, as presented in Attachment B2.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest from the Transportation Fund to the Education Fund, as presented in Attachment B3.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund, as presented in Attachment B4.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

D. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Interfund Transfer from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Interfund Transfer from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, as presented in Attachments C1-C3.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

E. Awarding of Copy Paper Bid

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education accept the lowest responsible bid submitted by Midland Paper Company for copy paper for the 2016-2017 school year in an amount not to exceed \$13,999.00, as presented in Attachments D1-D3.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

F. Approval of Prevailing Wages

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve adoption of a resolution and legal notice 'that to the extent and as required by an Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works, approved June 26, 1941; as amended, determining that the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Worth School District 127, is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Cook County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of July 2015', as presented in Attachments E1-E7.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

8. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A Board member who served as a parent chaperone on the 4th grade Worth Elementary Springfield trip commended Mrs. Okrzesik, Mrs. Strycker, and Mrs. Horn for the well organized and educational trip.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no Board member reports and/or requests.

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

There were no remarks made.

The Board members thanked Lisa Lyke for her service to District 127 and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:40 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: All Aye – Motion Carried

The Board members took a break before entering closed session. During the break, Dr. Wojtylewski and Cindy Dykas provided a tour of Worthridge to view the progress so far in the mechanical and electrical project.

12. 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 9:41 p.m.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vince Flores moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

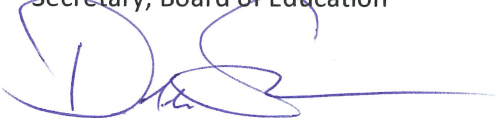
Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted, *



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education