

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

Worth Elementary School, Gymnasium
11158 South Oak Park Avenue
Worth, Illinois 60482

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Cindy Dykas, Lisa Lyke, Tim Hathhorn, Joe Zampillo, Linda Esposito

Others Present: Brad Dizonno, Rich Kumnick, Bob Moyer, Kelli Smith, Shannon Granger, Brenda Miller
(Recording Secretary)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. **Worth Elementary Renovation Project and Facility Tour**

Dr. Wojtylewski showed pictures taken during the Worth Elementary School renovation project and after its completion. The Board members and audience then took a tour to see parts of the completed renovation project led by Rich Kumnick.

Upon returning to the gymnasium, Dr. Wojtylewski stated that there are still some areas of the punch list which will be addressed on the next student non-attendance day. As the weather changes, the boilers will also be tested. The contractors have been very responsive in balancing the cooling and calibration of the units as concerns are identified.

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked Rich Kumnick for his efforts in the completion of the project. She expressed the Board's desire to proceed with the renovation of the Worthwoods' facility next summer. Dr. Wojtylewski requested that he contact her to set up a meeting in the very near future to discuss the project and be prepared to bid the project in early January 2016. In addition, the administration would like to evaluate air conditioning needs in the Worthridge School. Recently the building had to be evacuated due to the overheating of one of the roof-top units at the northern end of the building.

Rich Kumnick shared that the Worth Elementary project was one of the most pleasant experiences of his career. It was truly a pleasure to work with the administrative staff and this particular set of contractors.

B. **Facility Project Updates**

Facility projects were discussed during the tour.

C. **Update on Lunch Program**

Cindy Dykas reported about the breakfast/lunch program. Breakfasts and lunches were ordered for all students during the month of August and a portion of September while staff worked out the logistics of the ordering process. The principals agreed that each day things are better and they are sharing information on the likes and dislikes of the menu items. For the most part, the students are enjoying the food and have adjusted well to the breakfast component.

The Administration responded to questions and comments from Board members.

D. FY15 Administrator, Teacher, and IMRF Staff Salary Benefits Reports

Dr. Wojtylewski explained that the reports included in the packet represented the salary and compensation for all certified staff during the 2014-15 school year, and certain non-classified staff required to be reported under PA 097-0609. School districts are required to post this information on their websites by October 1st.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported on a teleconference hosted by the State Superintendent regarding PARCC test scores. Included in the teleconference were school administrators and members of the press. Information shared during the conference included that an aggregate of the online scores would be released at Noon on October 14th; the information will not include information of scores by school; the scoring of schools that took the testing on paper have not yet been completed; and schools should begin preparing parents and community members for significantly lower scores as has been seen on the scoring thus far. In summary, there are more questions than answers at this time. When asked, Dr. Smith responded that Illinois is committed by contract to the PARCC testing.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported she responded to a FOIA received from the Better Government Association with regard to all payroll information, administrative contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and the district's budget.

E. FY16 Budget

Cindy Dykas provided an overview of the proposed budget using documents that were distributed to Board members. The information presented contained: 1) a copy of the FY 16 budget; 2) revenue and expenditure amounts in each of the funds with a beginning fund balance as of July 1, 2015, a net gain/loss figure and projected fund balance on June 30, 2016; 3) the source and percentage of the revenues as they relate to the budget and compare to State percentages; 4) expenditures by fund and by object; 5) detail of General State Aid received since 2007; and 6) interest received since 2007. The proposed budget showed an audited fund balance of \$11,593,731 as of July 1, 2015 and a projected fund balance of \$10,958,101 as of June 30, 2016. Dr. Wojtylewski and Cindy Dykas responded to questions and comments by Board members.

F. Details on Board Agenda Items

Adoption of FY16 Budget – The Board will take action on the adoption of the FY16 Budget.

Approval of FORECAST5 ANALYTICS Contract – The Board will take action on a consulting agreement with FORECAST5 ANALYTICS for financial services. FORECAST5 ANALYTICS was formally named PMA.

Approval of Recognition of Schools Applications – The Board will take action on the annual approval of Recognition of Schools Applications.

Approval of Contract with IXL Learning – The Board will take action on a three year contract with IXL Learning through June 30, 2018. Previous contracts for this software have been on a yearly contract. A multi-year contract is being recommended which will avoid a price increase which is expected for the FY17 school year.

Approval of Contract with R&G Consultants – The Board will take action on a contract with R&G Consultants for Medicaid Fee for Service.

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

Officers of the PTO, Kelli Smith, President, and Shannon Ganger, Vice President, introduced themselves to the Board members. They asked for a point of clarification on the breakfast program and the refunding of monies paid for milk before it was known that milk would be available to all students at no charge. The administration responded that students are allowed to bring their own breakfast items, but that any food brought in cannot be shared with other students. Refund checks to parents who prepaid for milk are

included within the Board bills being presented for approval this evening. Shannon Ganger shared information about events planned for this school year; declining membership; declining budget; ideas for increasing parental involvement in PTO activities; and the replacing of a negative Facebook site with a more structured and positive site for networking with Worth parents. The officers asked for the Board's support. The Board thanked Kelli Smith and Shannon Ganger expressed their partnership in the PTO's efforts.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY16 BUDGET

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for 2015-2016 which has been on file in accordance with the requirements of the School Code of Illinois.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

Cindy Dykas reported that, as required, a legal notice was published in the SouthtownStar after the Board was presented with a tentative budget at the August meeting. The notice stated that the Board set this date for a public hearing on its FY16 budget and that the budget would be on display August 13th through September 16th at the Administrative Center during normal business hours. Having met all the requirements for the public hearing, she opened the floor to members of the audience to comment on the budget.

Hearing no comments, Cindy Dykas recommended the Board close the public hearing and return to regular session.

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education close the public hearing and return to regular session.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

7. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

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| 1) <u>Accounts Payable</u> | September 16, 2015 | \$674,276.63 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$310,439.10 |
| | Building Fund | \$36,736.16 |
| | IMRF and FICA/Medicare | \$38,577.11 |
| 3) <u>Resignation of Classified Staff</u> | | |
| Kerrie Finley | Lunchroom Supervisor, Worth Elementary | Effective August 25, 2015 |
| Laura Swiat | Part-time 1-1 Aide, Worth Elementary | Effective September 10, 2015 |
| Joyce Geever | Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent | Effective September 15, 2015 |
| 4) <u>Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors</u> | | |
| (end consent agenda) | | |

Vince Flores 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 August 12, 2015, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the August 12, 2015, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

C. Adoption of FY16 Budget

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Budget according to the Resolution (page 1 of ISBE Form 50-36) for Worth School District 127.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

D. Approval of FORECAST5 ANALYTICS Contract

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the consulting agreement with FORECAST5 ANALYTICS for financial services in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00, as presented in Attachments D1-D2.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

E. Approval of Recognition of Schools Applications

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the Applications for Recognition of Schools for Worth Junior High, Worth Elementary, Worthwoods and Worthridge, as presented in Attachments E1-E6.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

F. Approval of Contract with IXL Learning

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve a three year contract with IXL Learning through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$11,025.00, as presented in Attachments F1-F4.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

G. Approval of Contract with R&G Consultants

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with R&G Consultants for Medicaid Fee for Services, as presented in Attachment G.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

8. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A Board member who is also a member of the Shepard High School staff shared that an assessment done of freshman students' reading and writing skills showed significant strengths in writing from students who attended Worth Junior High and Independence Junior High. Joe Zampillo stated he appreciated knowing this as the improvement of writing skills has been emphasized over the last few years.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

President Sernus asked the status of arrangements for the Tri-Conference on November 20-22, 2015. The recording secretary stated one Board member will not know until the end of this week if she will be available to attend. Once the Board member's status is known, the registrations will be processed.

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

There were no remarks made.

11. 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.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

The Board took a short break before entering closed session.

12. 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 9:57 p.m.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Roti moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

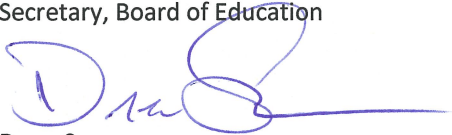
Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education