

**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 November 18, 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, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Meghan Sisk (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Absent: Bernadette Strama

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Lisa Lyke, Tim Hathhorn, Joe Zampillo, Linda Esposito, Sinéad Chambers

Others Present: Brad Dizonno, Bob Moyer, Brenda Miller (Recording Secretary)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. **Staff and Student Recognition**

Joe Zampillo commented on the press release provided to Board members regarding students who participated in the South Suburban Junior High School Conference's Annual Student Senate. The six students who participated were chosen by staff for demonstrating strong character and leadership potential among their grade levels and peers. Ms. Bray and Mrs. DeGonia serve as Student Council Moderators.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that Worthwoods celebrated Veterans Day with an assembly at which several local veterans were honored.

B. **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Meeting Update**

Dr. Wojtylewski, Drew Sernus and Dave Blanks reported on the meeting with officials from the Village of Worth and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. Also in attendance at the meeting were Tom Melody, Cindy Dykas and Ed O'Malley. During the meeting it became evident that the MWRD and the Village had engaged previously in discussions to alleviate the flooding of 18 homes in the area with plans to use the Worthwoods property as part of the solution. The proposals presented at the meeting were rejected by the district. A Board member requested a blown up copy of the drawings for the new underground proposal sent to Dr. Wojtylewski via email on November 13, 2015.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated she will not consent to any proposal sent via email since many questions need to be answered. This is clearly a matter that should be discussed at a meeting. The district plans to hire a company to survey the land and provide a digital plat of survey for a clearer definition of the property lines.

C. Village of Worth Downtown Project Meeting Update

Dr. Wojtylewski and Drew Sernus reported on the Village of Worth Downtown Project Meeting. The meeting did not start as planned as there were technical problems with the equipment, so the moderator from Farr and Associations engaged the audience in comments about the strengths and weaknesses of the Village. Comments from the audience members listed the schools as both a strength and a weakness. A parent complained that school schedules don't match and a resident commented on the hearsay working relationship with the Park District.

Dr. Wojtylewski responded to comments from the Board members on the incorrect information contained in the article that the Daily Southtown published. The Village should contact the newspaper to correct incorrect information. She also noted that no one has responded to the email that she sent to Colleen McElroy requesting information from the meeting.

D. Worth Elementary 2015 HVAC Project Update

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that part of Worth Elementary was recently without heat. She met with the architects, engineers and contractors. It was determined that the piping diameter to the regulators was too small. The piping, regulators and gas valves had to be replaced, and was done so at no cost to the district. The work was done on Parent/Teacher Conference Day and Veterans Day.

E. Finance Committee Meeting

Dr. Wojtylewski invited Board members who don't serve on the Finance Committee to attend as citizens. The committee will discuss the HVAC project planned for Worthwoods during the summer of 2016, a possible HVAC project at Worthridge, and the replacement of exterior doors and other small projects. Meghan Sisk arrived during the discussion.

F. Details on Board Agenda Items

Approval of Contract with Anderson Pest Solutions – The Board will take action on a contract with Anderson Pest Solutions for services at the three schools and the Administrative Center.

Approval of Contract with Neopost USA – The Board will take action on a contract with Neopost USA for mail metering and reporting services in an amount not to exceed \$9,576.00, effective November 18, 2015 and continuing for a period of 63 months.

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

There were no remarks made.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that item #3 should be "Certified" staff not "Classified" staff.

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

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| 1) <u>Accounts Payable</u> | November 18, 2015 | \$204,664.22 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$770,737.30 |
| | Building Fund | \$48,178.45 |
| | IMRF and FICA/Medicare | \$56,863.74 |
| 3) <u>Employment of Certified Staff</u> | | |
| Mitchell Means | Leave of Absence Position, WJH | Effective December 7, 2015 |
| | | For the Remainder of the 2015-16 School Year Only |
| 4) <u>Additions to Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors</u> | | |
| (end consent agenda) | | |

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 14, 2015, regular meeting.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the October 14, 2015, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Contract with Anderson Pest Solutions

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Anderson Pest Solutions, as presented in Attachments C1-C8.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

D. Approval of Contract with Neopost USA

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Neopost USA for mail metering and reporting services in an amount not to exceed \$9,576.00, effective November 18, 2015 and continuing for a period of 63 months.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Position on Resolutions for IASB Delegate Assembly

Dr. Wojtylewski presented recommendations on six proposed IASB resolutions. It was the consensus to support recommendations 2, 4, 5, 6. The remaining recommendations will be opposed.

B. Policy Committee Meeting Date

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the recording secretary will contact members of the Policy and Education Committees to set meeting dates for January, 2016.

C. Tri-Conference

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that Tom Melody is presenting a mock expulsion hearing on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. She suggested, and the Board members agreed, to meet earlier for lunch so that they could attend his presentation.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that there would be no Board update on November 20th, as most Board members will be at the Tri-Conference. The next Board update will be November 25th.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A Board member commented that she thought it was a great idea that Quest handed out samples of the breakfast and lunch entrees served to the students during parent/teacher conferences.

Cindy Dykas responded to questions from several Board members. The odor near the Worth Elementary library during parent/teacher conferences was due to the contractors working on the heating system. In response to the students input, the monthly lunch menus will offer fewer salads. The increase in waste disposal as a result of serving breakfast and lunch has not posed any problems.

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

There were no remarks made.

The Board took a short break before entering closed session.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:58 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.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 9:27 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

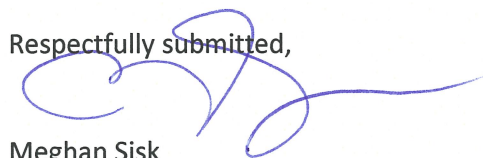
12. ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Roti moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Roti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

~~Drew Sernus~~ *REBECCA ROTI, VICE PRESIDENT*
~~President, Board of Education~~