

**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 January 11, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Bernadette Strama

Absent: Vince Flores, Meghan Sisk

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Superintendent
Tim Hathhorn, Worth Elementary Principal
Joe Zampillo, Worth Junior High Principal
Sinéad Chambers, Special Education Director
Cindy Dykas, Business Manager/CSBO
Linda Esposito, Worthwoods Principal
Maureen Eichstaedt, Worth Junior High Assistant Principal

Others Present: Scott Tamkus, Director of Facilities and Grounds
Colleen DeGonia, Worth Junior High
Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary
Lisa Bray, Worth Junior High
Debbie Woods, Worth Junior High

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; pending litigation; and student disciplinary cases.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent – Motion Carried

5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussion in closed session, reconvene in public session at 9:25 p.m.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION AGREEMENT

There was no discussion on this item.

7. EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR

There was no discussion on this item.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Project

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that a discussion about the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District proposal would occur at the February Board of Education meeting.

- B. Cook County Minimum Wage Ordinance
Dr. Wojtylewski reported on the Cook County Minimum Wage Ordinance which takes effect on July 1, 2017. Employers have the option to take no action during the first year. She was contacted by the Worth Park District about this matter. There is no plan to take action to increase wages during the first year. As discussion continues, she will share information with the Board members.
- C. Worth Park District
During a conversation with Bob O'Shaughnessy, Director of Parks and Recreation, Dr. Wojtylewski had an opportunity to inquire as to why the Park District no longer requests the use of the Worth School district facilities. Mr. O'Shaughnessy stated that the Worth Park District now uses facilities in Palos for their basketball teams and has no need to use school district facilities.
- D. Worthwoods' Wax Museum Project
Linda Esposito reported that the Worthwoods' fourth grade teachers, accompanied by several students, would like to make a presentation regarding the Wax Museum Project. This item will be placed on the March Board agenda.
- E. Reading and Mathematics Curriculum
Dr. Wojtylewski stated that with the completion of major facility projects this summer, the administration will shift its focus to an analysis of the district's curriculum needs. A committee, comprised of administrators and teaching staff, has been formed to begin to examine new reading materials and resources.
- F. Facility Projects Update
Scott Tamkus reported that the facility projects scheduled for over the winter break went well. He answered questions from a Board member regarding the repair of the WJH elevator and the installation of a pit ladder, which was required in order to bring the elevator in compliance with safety codes.
- G. Federal Grant Programs
Dr. Wojtylewski presented information on the District's federal Title I program. She is in discussion with ISBE on whether or not the current Title I Grant can be revised from a "targeted assisted" grant submission to a "schoolwide" grant submission. Once a decision has been rendered the administration can proceed with the allocation of the District's remaining federal funds. One option being considered is the purchase of Chromebooks for student use. She is also exploring a district license which would allow students to access 10,000 books electronically on the Chromebooks.
- H. Staff and Student Recognition
There was no discussion on this item.
- I. Details on Board Agenda Items
Approval of Board Policies – The Board will take action on the adoption of Board Policies dealing with district organization and the Board of Education.

Approval of Graduation Date for Worth Junior High – The Board will take action on the approval of June 2, 2017, as the graduation date for Worth Junior High.

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

There were no remarks made.

10. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	January 11, 2017	\$575,214.27
	January 11, 2017 #2	\$77,820.01
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$550,818.40
	Building Fund	\$34,633.26
	IMRF and FICA/Medicare	\$41,633.70

(end consent agenda)"

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent – Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Drew Sernus requested that the minutes of the December 14, 2016, regular meeting be tabled.

Drew Sernus requested that the minutes of the December 14, 2016, closed session meeting be tabled.

C. Approval of Board Policies

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the Board Policies, as presented in Attachments B1-B19.

Policy 1:30	School District Organization	School District Philosophy
Policy 2:20	School Board	Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
Policy 2:30	School Board	School District Elections
Policy 2:40	School Board	Board Member Qualifications
Policy 2:60	School Board	Board Member Removal from Office
Policy 2:70	School Board	Vacancies on the School Board – Filling Vacancies
Policy 2:100	School Board	Board Member Conflict of Interest
Policy 2:105	School Board	Ethics and Gift Ban
Policy 2:110	School Board	Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
Policy 2:120	School Board	Board Member Development

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent – Motion Carried

D. Approval of Graduation Date for Worth Junior High

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve Friday, June 2, 2017, as the graduation date for Worth Junior High School, with the ceremony to be held in the Worth Junior High Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent – Motion Carried

11. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Policy Committee Meeting Date
- B. Finance Committee Meeting Date
- C. Education Committee Meeting Date

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the recording secretary will contact Committee members to discuss possible meeting dates.

D. South Cook Division Breakfast Meeting – February 25, 2017

Board members were asked to let the recording secretary know at the February Board meeting if they would like to be registered for this event.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no Board member reports or requests.

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

There were no remarks made.

14. CLOSED SESSION

A closed session meeting was not held.

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

16. ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Roti moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Roti

Secretary Pro-Tem, Board of Education



Drew Sernus

President, Board of Education