

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center, Conference Room
11218 South Ridgeland Avenue, Worth, IL 60482

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 5, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Sernus, Dave Blanks, Vince Flores

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Cindy Dykas, Linda Esposito, Joe Zampillo, Maureen Eichstaedt, Sinéad Chambers

Others Present: Scott Tamkus, Director of Facilities and Grounds
Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator
Michelle Egan, Citizen
Danette Keeler, Citizen
Brenda Miller (Recording Secretary)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **CITIZENS' REMARKS**

There were no remarks made.

5. **BUDGET FY18 DISCUSSION**

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the completion of and/or purchase of items being presented for discussion is contingent on the availability of funds in the O&M, Tort, and Education Funds.

6. **FACILITY NEEDS DISCUSSION**

The administration and Committee engaged in discussion of each of the items listed, with the administration providing supportive documentation and photographs.

- 1) The purchase of Chromebooks for each student, cases for each device and classroom charging stations; increase of bandwidth and electrical needs to support the devices; possible consumables savings as a result of each student having access to his or her own Chromebook; staffing needs associated with maintenance of Chrombooks; professional development opportunities for staff in the use of Google Classroom; recommendation of new reading series; and use of Title I funds and local dollars to support recommendations.
- 2) The completion of the districtwide security camera upgrades at Worth Elementary and Worth Junior High; the evaluation of needs by LaForce, which includes the removal and/or trimming of trees; updating and installation of additional electronic locks to access the buildings by staff; not being required to bid the project, and problems that would jeopardize the communication between the equipment already installed during Phase 1 of the project if the project was not completed as planned.
- 3) The repair of roofs at Worth Elementary and Worthridge; and the need to accelerate the repairs before the leaks become a mold concern. It was suggested, and the Committee agreed, to have Ridgeworth evaluate all the roofs and submit a proposal for repairs; and engage the services of an architect to manage the project.

- 4) The replacement of rusting exterior doors throughout the district, which pose a security risk, as well as a loss in thermal savings. It was suggested and the Committee agreed to engage the services of an architect to manage the project.
- 5) The replacement of the Worthridge parking lots. It was suggested and the Committee agreed to engage the services of an architect to manage the project.
- 6) The authorization given to Electrical Solutions Network to replace gymnasium lighting at Worth Elementary, Worthwoods, and Worth Junior High Schools, along with outdoor lighting at Worth Elementary, Worthwoods, Worth Junior High, and Worthridge Schools; the publishing of bids on March 25th, walk-thru conducted on March 31st, and the April 5th bid due date.
- 7) The awarding of a \$100,000 grant submitted by Sinéad Chambers for the construction of a playground for the Pre-K students at Worthridge; preparation of land prior to the installation; and enclosure of the playground.
- 8) The repair of the Worth Junior High bleachers and the prioritizing of the repair among the list of work to be done.
- 9) The replacement of HVAC units at Worth Junior High. It was suggested and the Committee agreed to engage the services of an architect to manage the project.
- 10) The \$82,000 heating project at Worthridge involving hallway units and units in the boys' and girls' bathrooms that was excluded from the HVAC project this past summer. It was suggested and the Committee agreed to engage the services of an architect in the management of the project.

Dr. Wojtylewski reviewed that the District will seek the architectural services of four different architectural firms to oversee projects related to districtwide roofing needs, districtwide door replacement, the Worthridge parking lot, and completion of the Worthridge HVAC work. This will provide an opportunity for the administration and Board to evaluate firms as it prepares to select a new architect of record. The administration will proceed as planned with the completion of the security camera upgrade project.

7. METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT PROPOSAL DISCUSSION

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that she has received copies of the written proposal for the Flood Control Project in the Worthwoods subdivision. She has forwarded it to Tom Melody for review. She will provide the document as a Board action item on the April 12th agenda. She will contact Andre Haynes and request that he attend the Board meeting to address questions and comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vince Flores moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Drew Sernus
Chairperson