

**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 April 12, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:36 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
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
Debbie Woods, Worth Education Association
Danette Keeler, Citizen
Andre Haynes, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
Andrew Witek, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
Mike Spolar, Village of Worth/Robinson Engineering
Sean Kelly, Robinson Engineering
Terry Smith, ESN
Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator
Colleen DeGonia, Worth Junior High Staff
Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wojtylewski noted changes to the order of the Superintendent's Report to accommodate guest presenters.

DCEO Energy Efficiency Program (ESN: Terry Smith)

At the March Board meeting the Board authorized Electrical Solutions Network to provide consulting services for the application and management of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Energy Efficiency Program.

Terry Smith from Electrical Solutions Network (ESN) distributed and reviewed information related to replacing the gymnasium lighting at Worth Elementary, Worthwoods, and Worth Junior High Schools, and replacing outdoor lighting at Worth Elementary, Worthwoods, Worth Junior High, and Worthridge Schools. The recommendation was based on a total cost of \$77,424.25, the DCEO incentive of \$23,947.53, an annual savings of \$18,045.00. The improvements will provide a dramatic aesthetic improvement and address deficiencies in lighting and reduce maintenance costs. The project was bid with a completion date of May 31st as required by the Program, and with the work being done during the second shift, outside the operation of the school day. Upon the awarding of the bid, suppliers will be notified to ship the materials. Since the lighting is currently working, it is not anticipated that the contractor will encounter major problems. Dr. Wojtylewski stated that work in the gymnasiums may be done if classes can be held outside.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Flood Control Project

Mike Spolar and Andre Haynes responded to questions related to the Flood Control Project in the Worthwoods Subdivision as presented in the document prepared by the MWRD and Robinson Engineering, which was included in the Board packet. The slight directional change as noted on Document C107 was done to minimize the disruption to the blacktop and bleacher areas and to provide future easy accessibility. The landscaping will be restored to cosmetically blend with the surrounding area. Once the Board has authorized MWRD and Robinson Engineering to proceed, it will take several months to develop the final design. The MWRD will request that Robinson Engineering provide an in-process design for the Board's review prior to its completion, which will also identify areas involving easement rights. The Board of Education will need to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the MWRD and the Village of Worth authorizing easement rights.

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked Andre Haynes, the MWRD and Robinson Engineering staff for the detailed document and for taking the time to address the Board's questions and concerns.

Staff and Student Recognition

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that Donna Weber, Speech Pathologist, and two students were each individually selected as recipients of the Eisenhower Cooperative Assistive Technology Award. A ceremony and breakfast will be held to recognize their accomplishments on May 2nd at the DoubleTree Hotel in Alsip. Board members were encouraged to attend the event if their schedules permitted.

Reading Committee

Dr. Wojtylewski referenced a memo from the Reading Committee, which was included in the Board packet. After meeting with six publishers, it is the Committee's recommendation that the Board adopt McGraw Hill: Wonders Program K-5 and McGraw Hill: Study Sync 6-8. The Reading Committee will share information on the McGraw Hill series at the Education Committee meeting.

Appraisal

The last appraisal was done by Industrial Appraisal in 2007, therefore the District is not adequately covered for the recent building improvements and technology upgrades. Dr. Wojtylewski and Cindy Dykas are investigating various firms and costs for an updated appraisal. It is hoped that an appraisal can be performed before the FY17 audit.

Details on Board Agenda Items

Approval of 2017-18 School Calendar – The Board will take action on the approval of the 2017-18 school calendar. This year the calendar aligned perfectly with the winter and spring breaks of Districts 218 and 230. A suggestion by District Caucus Committee that the day before Thanksgiving be a non-attendance day was not entertained as the WEA Contract specifies that the day before Thanksgiving is an early release day.

Approval of Contract with Alpha School Bus Company, Inc. – The Board will take action on the renewal of the contract with Alpha School Bus Company Inc. for special education transportation with an increase of 5%.

Awarding of Copy Paper Bid – The Board will take action on the acceptance of the low responsible bid submitted by Murnane Paper Company for the 2017-18 school year. The District started bidding for paper in 2014 in order to ensure the best price available.

Approval of Consulting Agreement for Recalculation of State Aid – The Board will take action on an agreement with PAP Consulting, Inc., to investigate, prepare and file claims for recalculation of general state aid on behalf of the District.

Approval of Amendment to Comcast Agreement – The Board will take action on an amendment to a Service Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC. This amendment increases the bandwidth from 200 mps to 500 mps. The cost of the increase is \$1,000 per month of which 90% is reimbursable through e-rate.

Authorization for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Project Design Phase – The Board will take action on conceptually approving the proposed route and pipe location for the proposed storm sewer as set forth in the “Flood Control Project in the Worthwoods Subdivision” plan document subject to entering into an acceptable intergovernmental agreement and easement agreement with the Village of Worth and the MWRD.

Awarding of Energy Efficiency Upgrade Project – The Board will take action on awarding the materials only bid to Facilities Solutions Group and the labor only bid to Eco Lighting Services and Technology, LLC.

Approval of Administrative Contracts - After closed session the Board will take action on the approval of administrative contracts.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. 04/05/2017 Finance Committee (Drew Sernus)

Chairman Sernus reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on April 5, 2017. The Committee discussed:

- 1) the roof repairs at Worth Elementary and Worthridge. It was suggested, and the Committee agreed, to engage the services of an architect in the management of the project.
- 2) the replacement of the Worthridge parking lots. It was suggested, and the Committee agreed, to engage the services of an architect in the management of the project.
- 3) the replacement of HVAC units at Worth Junior High. It was suggested, and the Committee agreed, to engage the services of an architect in the management of the project.
- 4) an \$82,000 heating project at Worthridge, specifically the boys and girls bathrooms and hallway heating units, that was not included in the summer HVAC project, as requested. It was suggested, and the Committee agreed, to engage the services of an architect in the management of the project.
- 5) the replacement of 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.
- 6) the purchase of Chromebooks for each student, classroom charging stations, and professional development opportunities for staff as the District moves forward in using Google Classroom and Google Tools.
- 7) the completion of the districtwide security camera upgrades at Worth Elementary and Worth Junior High.

- 8) the replacement of rusting exterior doors throughout the district. It was suggested, and the Committee agreed, to engage the services of an architect to assess the scope of the repairs/replacement.
- 9) the approval of a \$100,000 grant submitted by Sinéad Chambers for the construction of a playground for the Pre-K students at Worthridge.

A Board member suggested the administration reach out to Jackie Johnson at District 218 on methods for introducing the Chomebook format to students.

A Board member reflected on the positive growth in facility and technology upgrades over the past years. Dr. Wojtylewski stated she is working on a community newsletter and it will highlight the great things happening in the classroom, but also the major facility upgrades done over the past several years.

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked Scott Tamkus for his contributions thus far. At this time last year, the District had spent over \$200,000 in heating and cooling repairs. The District has not contracted out for any repairs this year.

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

Dr. Wojtylewski responded to questions from an audience member on the purchase of additional bandwidth and Chromebooks for the classrooms.

7. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	April 12, 2017	\$245,523.47
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$802,749.91
	Building Fund	\$52,627.67
	IMRF and FICA/Medicare	\$63,752.65

(end consent agenda)

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017, regular meeting.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Abstain (Egan, Strama) – Motion Carried

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the March 8, 2017, regular meeting

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Abstain (Egan, Strama) – Motion Carried

C. Approval of 2017-18 School Calendar

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the 2017-18 school calendar, as presented in Attachments D1-D2, setting the first day of school as August 21, 2017, and the tentative last day of school as June 1, 2018.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

D. Approval of Contract with Alpha Bus Company, Inc.

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the contract with Alpha School Bus Company, Inc. for special education transportation with an increase of 5% for all route transportation categories in the 2017-18 school year, as presented in Attachments E1-E3.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

E. Awarding of Copy Paper Bid

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education accept the low responsible bid submitted by Murnane Paper Company for copy paper for the 2017-18 school year in an amount not to exceed \$15,206.80, as presented in Attachments F1-F2.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

F. Approval of Consulting Agreement for Recalculation of State Aid

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve an addendum to The Agreement for Consulting Services previously entered into by and between PAP Consulting, Inc. (Consultant) and School District 127 to authorize the Consultant to act as the District's exclusive agent to investigate, prepare, and file supplemental claims for recalculation of general state aid on behalf of the District for the additional tax year 2014 through 2017 upon the same terms and conditions set forth in the original agreement, as presented in Attachment G2.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

G. Approval of Amendment to Comcast Agreement

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve an amendment to Services Agreement No. IL-39503-031315-01 with Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC, as presented in Attachments H1-H4.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

H. Awarding of Energy Efficiency Upgrade Project

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education award the materials only bid to Facilities Solutions Group for a sum not to exceed \$59,548.00 and the labor only bid to Eco Lighting Services and Technology, LLC for a sum not to exceed \$17,876.25, as presented in Attachments I1-I4.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

In response to questions from the Board, Scott Tamkus stated that all the light fixtures will be bronze and there are several styles of fixtures that will be used depending on the location of the lights.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

I. Authorization for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Project Design Phase

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education conceptually approve the proposed route and pipe location for the proposed storm sewer as set forth in the "Flood Control Project in the Worthwoods Subdivision" plan document subject to entering into an acceptable

intergovernmental agreement and easement agreement with the Village of Worth and the MWRD.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

8. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A Board member thanked staff members who attended the Pancake Breakfast in support of the Worth students involved in the Cub and Boy Scouts, Brenda Miller for printing the flyers, and Dr. Wojtylewski for promoting the event on the Administrative Center marquee. He also congratulated the Boy Scouts on a 1st and 3rd Place finish in emergency preparedness at the recent Spring Jamboree. Several of the participants are students at Worth Elementary and Worth Junior High.

A Board member stated that the Band is performing at the Shepard High School Band Festival this evening. Having received a Division 1 rating at their last completion, they have qualified for the State competition on April 29th. She congratulated them not only on their musical abilities but continually choosing to perform at the highest level possible.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A Board member commented on the positive experience her daughter experienced being part of a group of Worth seniors invited to talk with the Worth Junior High 8th grade students on the high school experience and what they can expect. Mr. Zampillo agreed that it was a very successful event and hopes it will be an annual event. He thanked Jackie Johnson and Greg Walder from Shepard High School, and credited Worth Junior High teacher Brad Dizonno for coordinating the event.

As her time on the Board was coming to an end, Bernadette Strama stated that it has been an honor and pleasure to serve on the Board. The Board members expressed their appreciation for her service.

A Board member expressed her hope that the Worth Junior High staff will also reach out to Stagg High School to provide a similar presentation to 8th graders. Mr. Zampillo agreed and stated he knows Mrs. Tyrrell well and will contact her.

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

There were no remarks made.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Michelle Egan 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 pending litigation when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Dr. Wojtylewski stated there would be Board action after closed session.

The Board members took a break before entering closed session.

12. 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 10:45 p.m.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

13. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve administrative contracts for the Principals, as presented in Attachments J1-J24.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the administrative contract for the Assistant Principal, as presented in Attachments J25-J29.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the administrative contract for the Director of Special Education, as presented in Attachments J30-J37.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the administrative contract for the Business Manager/Chief School Business Official, as presented in Attachments J38-J47.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

The Education Committee agreed to meet at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

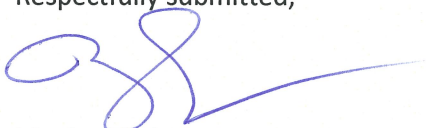
14. ADJOURNMENT

Vince Flores moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

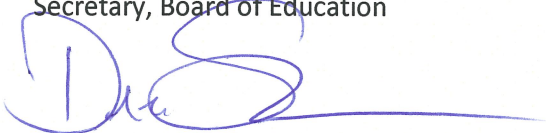
Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education