

**Board of Education  
Worth School District 127**

Worth Junior High School, Commons Area  
11151 South New England  
Worth, Illinois 60482

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 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, Vince Flores, Danette Keeler

**Absent:** Meghan Sisk

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

<b>Others Present:</b>	Scott Tamkus, Director of Facilities and Grounds	Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator
	JoAnne Albrecht, Worth Education Association	Colleen DeGonia, Worth Education Association
	Lisa Bray, Worth Education Association	Andrea Brejcha, Worth Elementary Parent
	Mayor Mary Werner, Village of Worth	Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Staff and Student Recognition**

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the purpose of holding the Board meeting at Worth Junior High was to give the Board members an opportunity to view artwork done by students in grades 1 through 8. JoAnne Albrecht explained that the introduction of art and drawing begins in 1<sup>st</sup> grade with basic shapes, and progresses through the grade levels with the elements of art, chalk designs, ribbon drawing, 3D designs, shading concepts, multi-point perspective, techniques of water color, and mask designs. Dr. Wojtylewski thanked JoAnne Albrecht for arranging the display and thanked the student who came to demonstrate the various art techniques.

**B. Lighting Project Update**

Scott Tamkus reported that the lighting project was started on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The gymnasiums at Worth Elementary and Worthwoods are finished. A small section of the Worth Junior High gymnasium still has to be done. Work on the exterior of the buildings will begin next week.

**C. Quest Contract Renewal**

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the Board will take action later in the meeting on a renewal with Quest to provide breakfast and lunch for students. The contract represents a 2.3% increase over this year's contract. Cindy Dykas stated that a hot lunch option, which was first offered two days a week, is now offered three days a week and has been well received by the

students. She is meeting with groups of students from each of the schools to taste test and provide feedback on possible new menu items for the next school year.

D. Details on Board Agenda Items

Approval of SSBC Representative – The Board will take action on the appointment of Dr. Wojtylewski as Representative, and, Cindy Dykas, as Alternate Representative, to represent the District on the South Suburban Benefit Cooperative Board of Directors for the 2017-18 school year.

Approval of Contract Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, Inc. – The Board will take action on the Contract Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, Inc.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. 04/25/2017 Education Committee (Rebecca Roti)

Chairman Roti reported on the Education Committee meeting held on April 25, 2017. The Committee heard a presentation by members of the Reading Committee on the Wonders Program (K-5) and Study Sync Program (Grades 6 – 8) as they relate to the general education, special education, and ESL/Bilingual populations. It was the recommendation of the Reading Committee that the Board of Education approve the adoption of this McGraw-Hill series as the new reading/language arts program beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

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

Joe Zampillo reported on three Worth Junior High students who competed at the South Suburban Junior High School Conference's first annual Declamation Event which was held at Richards High School on Saturday, April 29. All three students qualified for final individual competitions finishing in third, fourth, and sixth place. The students earned a combined second place finish as a team.

7. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	May 10, 2017	\$263,603.85
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$529,033.57
	Building Fund	\$35,544.07
	IMRF and FICA/Medicare	\$44,512.08

(end consent agenda)

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings

Rebecca Roti moved that the Education Committee approve the minutes of the April 25, 2017, Education Committee meeting.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 2 Aye (Roti, Egan), 1 Absent (Sisk) – Motion Carried

C. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 26, 2017, special meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the April 26, 2017, special meeting.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 26, 2017, organizational meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Danette Keeler requested that the minutes of the April 26, 2017, organizational meeting be corrected to reflect that she was re-elected to the Board not newly elected. Dr. Wojtylewski stated that although Danette served on the Board there was a break in service. The “newly elected” reference documents the legal requirement that all newly elected and re-elected Board members take the Oath of Office. As per Board policy, the minutes also reflect that the seated Board members renewed their commitment to the District by also taking the Oath of Office.

After discussion, the Board agreed to table the motion for further discussion and clarification of legal requirements.

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the April 26, 2017, organizational meeting.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

D. Approval of SSBC Representative

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Representative, and, as Alternate Representative, Cynthia Dykas to represent District 127 on the South Suburban Benefit Cooperative Board of Directors for the 2017-18 school year.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

E. Approval of Contract Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, Inc.

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, as presented in Attachments D1-D3.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

The Board took a short recess to view the new lighting in the gymnasium, view artwork on display, and visit with an eighth grade Worth Junior High student demonstrating art in progress.

President Sernus provided the audience with an additional opportunity to make remarks on agenda and non-agenda items.

A parent of a Worth Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> grade student made several comments. The parent voiced concerns that the students are only given fifteen minutes to eat lunch. She felt that since the students receive physical education four days a week recess time after lunch could be shortened to ten minutes which would provide twenty minutes for lunch. Dr. Wojtylewski stated that it was her understanding students were given twenty minutes for lunch and ten minutes for recess. She will investigate the matter.

The parent asked if it is typical that no remarks are made by special's teachers on the quarterly report cards. JoAnne Albrecht, art teacher, stated that due to the number of students she teaches during any one quarter, she typically only includes comments if the grade given is lower than the previously grade given.

The parent commented on the unsafe conditions present during drop-off and pick-up times at Worth Elementary School. The comments were responded to by the Board members, Dr. Wojtylewski, and Mayor Werner. The district is aware of the situation and working with the Village and Police Department in addressing safety issues and a plan to remedy.

Danette Keeler moved to amend the motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2017, organizational meeting to reflect that "the Board of Education amend the minutes of the April 26, 2017, organizational minutes, thereby stating in Item 4. "and newly elected former Board member".

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

8. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

At this time, committee assignments will remain the same except for the Policy Committee. Dave Blanks will serve as Chairman of the Policy Committee. Since Meghan Sisk was not present, President Sernus will contact her regarding whether or not she wishes to continue serving on the Education and Policy Committees.

Education Committee – Michelle Egan, Meghan Sisk and Rebecca Roti serving as Chairman.

Finance Committee Members – Dave Blanks, Vince Flores and Drew Sernus serving as Chairman.

Policy Committee Members – Michelle Egan, Meghan Sisk and Dave Blanks serving as Chairman.

Eisenhower Representative – Meghan Sisk

IASB Governing Board Member – Drew Sernus

SCOPE Representative – Dave Blanks

Mandatory Board Member Training – Dr. Wojtylewski stated she will provide the Board members with a list of opportunities available to take the mandatory training. Although Danette Keeler will need to take the PERA training, all Board members are invited to take any or all of the training sessions if they so choose.

Graduation Tickets – Six Board members indicated they would be in attendance at the graduation ceremony.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A Board member congratulated the Band and Mr. Blyth on their representation of the district at the IGSMA State Band Contest on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A Board member commented on Boy Scout Troop 668's visit to the Illinois Veterans' Home in Manteno with the Marrs-Meyer American Legion Post 991. The troop consists of current and former students of Worth School District 127.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that Rich Kumnick from Concept 3 is retiring September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board will need to name a new architect of record. She provided an update on the discussions with several architectural firms regarding various summer projects. Each firm is working on project design and costs for a specific project. This information will be presented at the June Board meeting. The Board will need to make a decision on whether or not to proceed with the projects based on availability of funds and need. One Board member requested a list of fund balances and allotment toward projects prior to the Board making a decision. Another Board member stated he would be interested in seeing the designs for correcting the pitch of the roof at the Administrative Center.

A Board member commented that she hopes the administration can move forward in the investigation of replacing the marquee at the Administrative Center with a digital marquee, if possible.

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

There were no remarks made.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

The Board 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 10:38 p.m.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent (Keeler, Sisk) – Motion Carried

13. EMPLOYMENT OF HEALTH COORDINATOR

No action was taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Vince Flores moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 p.m.

Michelle Egan 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