

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

Worth Junior High School, Media Center
11151 South New England Avenue
Worth, Illinois 60482

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:34 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	Cindy Dykas, Business Manager/CSBO
	Tim Hathhorn, Worth Elementary Principal	Linda Esposito, Worthwoods Principal
	Joe Zampillo, Worth Junior High Principal	Sinead Chambers, Special Education Director

Others Present:	Scott Tamkus, Director of Facilities and Grounds	Bob Moyer, Technology Coordinator
	JoAnne Albrecht, WEA President	Maureen Eichsteadt, WJH Staff Member
	Thomas Eichsteadt	Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **CLOSED SESSION**

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

5. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 7:36 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

The Board members took a break before reconvening in open session at 7:50 p.m.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. **Staff and Student Recognition**

Dr. Wojtylewski recognized, first and foremost, the hard work of the custodial staff during the construction projects. They have been flexible and have gone above and beyond as they worked to ensure that the schools will be ready for the return of staff and students.

B. **Facility Projects Update**

Scott Tamkus provided an update on the facility projects. The custodial staff have had an elevated work schedule due to the projects and have met the challenge. The work at

Worthridge/Administrative Center is near the end and custodians are working in teams at Worthwoods. He has had an opportunity to get to know each of them and to discuss support and expectations for the upcoming year. Communication with the project managers from Accomplished Mechanical Industries and Sharlen Electric has been positive and they keep him informed of progress on a daily basis. Scott has also repaired several existing units at Worth Elementary and the Administrative Center which were not functioning properly and will continue to make repairs and modifications as concerns are brought to his attention.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the unit ventilators are high end and demand throughout the United States and Canada has caused a delay in delivery. A representative from the manufacturer was in attendance at today's construction meeting and assured the group that all the units will be on-site by Friday. At Worthridge, attention will first be given to the RISE offices and classrooms and the Pre-K classroom. All units will be operational by the walk-thru on Friday, August 19th. On Tuesday, August 16th, the fire department will conduct a walk-thru and test the new fire alarm systems at each of the schools. The new video cameras at Worthwoods and Worthridge have been installed and are now operational. After all the invoices are paid from the summer projects, the administration will determine if funds are available to replace the cameras at Worth Elementary and Worth Junior High.

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked Scott Tamkus for his expertise and his quick familiarization with the projects.

C. Tentative FY17 Budget

Cindy Dykas provided the Board with an itemized summary of all fund revenues and expenditures, Operating Fund Summary (Education, Operations and Management, Transportation, Retirement, and Working Cash), and the Operating Fund Summary (without Working Cash). The summaries showed beginning fund balances on July 1, 2016, a net gain (loss), and a projected fund balance on June 30, 2017. The figures represent tentative amounts and changes will be made prior to the September meeting as information becomes available from the State. She attributed the positive beginning fund balance to the diligence and hard work of the administration and Board of Education in past years to maintain a balanced budget. A legal notice has been scheduled to advertise that a public hearing on the FY17 budget will be held on September 14, 2016, and the budget will be on display for 30 days at the Administrative Center during normal business hours prior to the public hearing.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that although the boilers have been replaced there are still several big projects that need to be addressed such as the replacement of security cameras at Worth Elementary and Worth Junior High, replacement of several exterior doors that are rusting out, replacement of parking lots that can no longer be repaired, plumbing upgrades throughout the District, and continuing with plans for the renovation of bathrooms at the elementary schools.

D. Board Policy

The Recording Secretary will contact members of the Policy Committee (Meghan Sisk, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan) to schedule Committee meetings to be held every other month beginning in September. The Committee's first priority will be to revisit the bullying policy as required by law, to write policy related to transgender rights, and setting limits for Board

travel, lodging, and food. Dr. Wojtylewski invited Board members not on the Committee to attend the meetings as citizens and engage in the discussions.

E. Details on Board Agenda Items

Several Board members commented favorably on the Board packet being in a binder as opposed to the spiral-bound packet. The change in format was the result of the unavailability of the equipment during construction. It was the consensus to continue with the three-hole punched format.

Approval of Contract for Principal of Worthwoods Elementary School – The Board will take action on the approval of a contract for the Principal of Worthwoods Elementary School.

Approval of Contract for Assistant Principal of Worth Junior High School – The Board will take action on the approval of a contract for the Assistant Principal of Worth Junior High School.

Approval of Hourly Rate for Lunchroom Supervisors for FY17 – The Board will take action on the hourly rate for Lunchroom Supervisors for FY17.

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

There were no remarks made.

8. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1)	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	July 13, 2016	\$170,258.32
		August 10, 2016	\$116,744.85
2)	<u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund (June)	\$2,352.47
		Building Fund (June)	\$4,799.40
		IMRF and FICA/Medicare (June)	\$1,137.73
	<u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund (July)	\$85,326.06
		Building Fund (July)	\$32,147.73
		IMRF and FICA/Medicare (July)	\$19,345.08
3)	<u>Employment of Certified Staff</u>		
	Marie Avolio	Early Childhood Teacher – Worth Elementary	
	Megan Charniak	Science Teacher – Worth Junior High	
	<i>(end consent agenda)</i>		

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 29, 2016, special meeting.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the June 29, 2016, special meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Contract for Principal of Worthwoods Elementary School

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve a Principal's Contract for Linda Esposito effective the 2016-17 school year, and rescind the former Assistant Principal's Contract with Linda Esposito, which was approved at the special meeting of June 29, 2016.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

D. Approval of Contract for Assistant Principal of Worth Junior High School

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve an Assistant Principal's Contract with Maureen Eichstaedt effective for the 2016-17 school year.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

E. Approval of Hourly Rate for Lunchroom Supervisors for FY17

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education set compensation for lunchroom supervisors at a rate of \$11.85 per hour for FY17.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

9. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Worth Days Parade – Sunday, August 28, 2016

Dr. Wojtylewski invited Board members to walk in the parade if their schedules permitted. Information regarding the meeting time and location will be sent to Board members in a Friday update.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

In response to a question from a Board member, the principals stated that class assignment letters will be mailed to parents early next week.

A Board member expressed her pride and appreciation of all staff for their flexibility during all the construction projects and reorganization of personnel. She wished everyone a great year.

A Board member commented on the negative chatter seen on the Worth Facebook Page about the school supply lists not being available. Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the lists were posted later than usual, as they were reviewed with items removed to keep the overall cost for supplies down.

A Board member shared information about a store which provides cash back on purchases to the purchaser's school of choice. Dr. Wojtylewski explained that the district is not allowed, per policy, to share this information on its website as it would be considered advertising.

Dr. Wojtylewski responded to questions about the status of the PTO. Although the PTO has ceased operations, Pam Brzeczek is still overseeing the After-School Bowling League. The Board members voiced appreciation for Pam's efforts.

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

JoAnne Albrecht shared that the members of the Worth Education Association and the Worth Educational Support Team will be walking in the Worth Days Parade.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Roti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

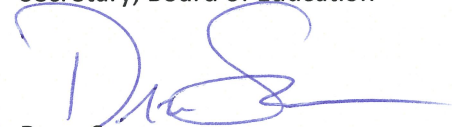
Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education