

**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 December 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 Maureen Eichstaedt, Worth Junior High Assistant Principal

Others Present: Scott Tamkus, Director of Facilities and Grounds Bob Moyer, Technology Coordinator
Lisa Bray, Worth Junior High Mary Plotke, Worth Junior High
Colleen DeGonia, Worth Junior High Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 TAX LEVY

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education conduct a public hearing regarding the 2016 Tax Levy.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Cindy Dykas stated that the 2016 Tax Levy was presented and reviewed at the November 9th Board of Education meeting. All requirements of the levy have been met and are in compliance with the law. The purpose of the hearing is to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the 2016 Tax Levy. Cindy Dykas invited audience members to comment and/or ask questions regarding the 2016 Tax Levy.

Hearing no comments or questions, Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education close the public hearing and return to regular session.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Project

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that Andre Haynes from the MWRD responded via email to questions asked by the Board. His responses were included in the Board Update section. Mr. Haynes will be in attendance at the January Board meeting. Board members asked that he bring the first illustration which showed a retention pond in the Lucas Berg area and illustrations showing the swells. The Board continues to have concerns of possible increases

in the student population which could be addressed by adding on to the facility. The proposed MWRD plan will restrict any new construction.

B. Staff and Student Recognition

Dr. Wojtylewski and Board members commended the band students, under the direction of Dave Blyth, on the Winter Concert performance.

Joe Zampillo acknowledged 1) the efforts of the Student Council, under the direction of Colleen DeGonia and Lisa Bray, in the Village's annual Ton-Of-Food Drive; 2) the participation of six students in the South Suburban Junior High School Conference's Annual Student Senate with students from other conference schools; and 3) the members of the Worth Police Department who played the Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams.

Tim Hathhorn acknowledged the generosity of the local Home Depot for the donation of five decorated Christmas trees to Worth families. Home Depot also donated decorated trees in conjunction with the Worth Police Department's "Shop With A Cop" event.

C. School Report Cards

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the 2016 School Report Card for each of the buildings will be sent to the Board members and administrators at the end of the week. Once the administration has had an opportunity to review the information, the School Report Card will be posted on our website.

Other Information

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that superintendents are being cautious in decisions to close schools due to cold weather; saving the five emergency days for when snow accumulation makes it difficult/unsafe for staff and students to get to school. Principals have reminded parents to make sure their child(ren) are dressed appropriately. All students are allowed to enter the building any time after 8:15 a.m. at the elementary buildings and 8:05 a.m. at WJH.

Dr. Wojtylewski distributed documents outlining the procedures and requirements which must be followed when searching for an architect. The Finance Committee is in the process of identifying future projects which will be incorporated when the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) is developed.

D. Details on Board Agenda Items

2016 Tax Levy – The Board will take action on the adoption of resolutions Providing for 2016 Tax Levy for Working Cash, Providing for 2016 Tax Levy for Special Education Purposes, Providing for Tax Levy for the Year 2016, and Authorizing the Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2016 Levy determining the estimated amount of money to be raised for the 2016 tax levy.

First Reading of Board Policy – The Board will take action on the first reading of Board Policies dealing with district organization and the Board of Education.

Resolution for Membership in the Illinois Energy Consortium Electricity Purchasing Pool – The Board will take action on a Resolution for Membership in the Illinois Energy Consortium Electricity Purchasing Pool.

Purchase of District Vehicle – The Board will take action on the purchase of a district vehicle from Hawk Ford of Oak Lawn.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. 11/30/2016 Policy Committee

Chairman Sisk reported on the Policy Committee meeting held on November 30, 2016. The Committee reviewed policies for language changes, compliance with current legislation, and relevance. The Mission Statement of the District was updated. The Committee's recommendations are presented for action under Board motions.

B. 12/01/2016 Finance Committee

Chairman Sernus reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on December 1, 2016. The Committee discussed a list of identified facility needs for all four buildings, architect services, and the proposed MWRD proposal. At the next meeting, the administration will present the Committee with a dollar amount available to complete facility projects. The Committee will prioritize the projects based on need.

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:

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| 1) <u>Accounts Payable</u> | December 14, 2016 | \$236,669.38 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$524,564.04 |
| | Building Fund | \$37,100.80 |
| | IMRF and FICA/Medicare | \$40,075.12 |
| 3) <u>Resignation of Certified Staff – Retirement</u> | | |
| Diane McMillin | Teacher, Worth Elementary | End of the 2017-18 School Year |
| 4) <u>Employment of Classified Staff</u> | | |
| Nancy McCabe | Health Services Coordinator, Worth Elementary | Effective December 15, 2016 |
| (end consent agenda) | | |

Rebecca Roti 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 November 9, 2016, regular meeting.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the November 9, 2016, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

C. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings

Michelle Egan moved that the Policy Committee approve the minutes of the November 30, 2016, Policy Committee Meeting.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye (Egan, Sisk, Blanks) – Motion Carried

Vince Flores moved that the Finance Committee approve the minutes of the December 1, 2016, Finance Committee meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye (Flores, Blanks, Sernus) – Motion Carried

D. 2016 Tax Levy

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for 2016 Tax Levy for Working Cash, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for 2016 Tax Levy for Special Education Purposes, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education authorize the President to sign the Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Bernadette Strama moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Providing for Tax Levy for the Year 2016, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2016 Levy Year, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

E. First Reading of Board Policy

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve the first reading of:

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
Policy 2:70 School Board

Policy 2:100 School Board
Policy 2:105 School Board
Policy 2:110 School Board

Policy 2:120 School Board
as presented in Attachments E1-E19.
Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Board Member Removal from Office
Vacancies on the School Board – Filling
Vacancies
Board Member Conflict of Interest
Ethics and Gift Ban
Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board
Officers
Board Member Development

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

- F. Resolution for Membership in the Illinois Energy Consortium Electricity Purchasing Pool
Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution for Membership in the Illinois Energy Consortium Electricity Purchasing Pool, as presented in Attachment F1.
Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

- G. Purchase of District Vehicle
Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a district vehicle from Hawk Ford of Oak Lawn, as presented in Attachments G1-G22.
Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

9. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Policy 2:125 – School Board – Board Member Expenses
As requested by the members of the Policy Committee, Dr. Wojtylewski provided Chairman Sisk with a summary of expenses incurred for attendance at workshops and/or conferences. At a recent meeting of superintendents it was reported that \$2,500.00 was being considered by many Boards. At the next superintendents meeting Dr. Wojtylewski will ask for an update on discussions.
- B. Architect Services
This item was addressed under the Superintendent's Report.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Board members attending the Tri-Conference reported on sessions they attended. Drew Sernus, the IASB Governing Board delegate, reported on action taken by the Delegate Assembly.

A Board member suggested that a letter or certificate of appreciation be sent to the Home Depot store responsible for the donation of Christmas trees and ornaments. Dr. Wojtylewski will arrange for this to be done.

A Board member commented on the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the fantastic job the Worth Choir carolers did. He also commended the WJH Student Council for their participation in the Village's annual Ton-Of-Food Drive.

A Board member commended students and families who participated in the Toys for Tots event sponsored by the Gaelic Organization which provided for many families in the Worth community.

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

There were no remarks made.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, and student disciplinary cases.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

The Board members took a break before entering closed session.

13. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 10:56 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

14. POSSIBLE PERSONNEL ACTION

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education terminate the employment of Robert Moyer effective December 14, 2016.

Bernadette Strama seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Abstain (Sernus, Blanks) – Motion Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Blanks moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.


Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education