

**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 January 17, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:	Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti, Meghan Sisk, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Danette Keeler	
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	Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator
	Lisa Smith, Worth Elementary Parent	Amanda Elizondo, Worth Elementary Parent
	Andrew Pahl, Shepard High School Student	Jacob Pahl, Worth Junior High Student
	Colin Blanks, Worth Junior High Student	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 and Board members congratulated Joe Zampillo on receiving his Doctoral Degree from Governors State University.

B. Facility Projects Update

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that over the winter break LaForce installed the hardware for the access points for doors in the district. The current server, operating on Windows XP, could not accommodate the new installations. We are in the process of arranging to upgrade the server, but it must be done when staff and students are not in the buildings, as it requires that the server to be shut down.

United Analytical performed required testing of the water devices in each of the buildings. It is anticipated that the results will be available next week. If no findings are found then no further action is necessary. As required by law, the district will submit the results to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The administration and the Board are in the process of identifying projects for completion during the summer of 2018. The administration is scheduled to meet with the architect to discuss the design phase of filling the pit of the Worth Junior High Commons and the classroom projection device project. The projection device project will require a significant amount of data research. Ed Wright, Scott Tamkus and Robert Jeffers will perform a walk-thru to determine electrical needs for each of the classrooms.

C. Details on Board Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes – The Board will take action on the approval of the minutes of the November 8th and December 13th meetings of the Board of Education and the minutes of the December 11th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Agreement with DLA Architects, Ltd. – The Board will take action on entering into an agreement with DLA Architects, Ltd., subject to attorney review.

Approval by Resolution of Policy 5:20 – The Board will take action on the approval of a resolution to approve and adopt an updated sexual harassment policy, as required by law.

Approval of Graduation Date for Worth Junior High – The Board will take action on the approval of Wednesday, May 30 2018, as the graduation date for Worth Junior High School, with the ceremony to be held in the Worth Junior High Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. 01/10/2018 Committee of the Whole

Chairman Sernus reported that the administration and Committee reviewed and discussed several projects identified by the administration, and an estimated cost for completion of the projects prepared by DLA Architects.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that the DLA Architects bid the following projects.

<u>Worth Junior High</u>	<u>Preliminary Budget</u>
Commons Remodeling	\$800,000
Roof Replacement and Maintenance	\$225,000
Mechanical Third Floor Unit Replacement	\$300,000
Third Floor Ceiling and Lighting	\$125,000
 <u>Worthridge/Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center</u>	 <u>Preliminary Budget</u>
East Parking Lot	\$180,000
Mechanical Room/Hallway/Toilet Rooms	\$120,000
 <u>Worth Elementary</u>	 <u>Preliminary Budget</u>
Gym Stage Removal	\$100,000
Total:	\$1,850,000

The Committee also discussed patching of the Worthwoods parking lot, the purchase of classroom projection devices, and the construction of a wall between the Technology Class and Media Center at the Worth Junior High, based on the availability of funds.

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

There were no remarks made.

7. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	January 4, 2018	\$3,500.00
	January 17, 2018	\$213,767.67
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$542,072.15

Building Fund
IMRF and FICA/Medicare

\$35,762.82
\$42,455.00

(end consent agenda)

Danette Keeler 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 8, 2017, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

A Board member inquired as to why the minutes were not approved at the December meeting. A Board member stated that she had requested that the minutes reflect a summary of discussion on improving math comprehension discussed during the *Superintendent's Report* section on *Report Cards*.

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

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 13, 2017, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 3 Abstain (Flores, Keeler, Roti) – Motion Carried

C. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings

Danette Keeler moved that the Committee of the Whole approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 3 Abstain (Flores, Roti) – Motion Carried

D. Agreement with DLA Architects, Ltd.

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with DLA Architects Ltd, subject to attorney review.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

E. Approval by Resolution of Policy 5:20

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Approving and Adopting an Updated Sexual Harassment Policy to Conform to Illinois Public Act 100-0554, as presented in Attachments E1-E4.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

Dr. Wojtylewski responded to a Board member's question that the policy would be updated in the future to stay current with any change in the law or change in district personnel.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

F. Approval of Graduation Date for Worth Junior High

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve Wednesday, May 30, 2018, as the graduation date for Worth Junior High School, with the ceremony to be held in the Worth Junior High Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

8. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Policy Committee Date

It was the consensus of Policy Committee members that next Policy Committee meeting be held on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.

B. South Cook Division Legislative Breakfast – February 3, 2018

It was noted that the location of the event was in Harvey not Harvard, as published. Board members indicated they were not available to attend.

C. IASB: The Equity Event – April 28, 2018

This event will be placed on the February agenda giving Board members an opportunity to check their calendars. The recording secretary was instructed to contact IASB on whether or not Board members receive leadership points for attending the event.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A Board member attending the Tri-Conference reported she attended a session related to dealing with conflict; a session during which districts shared ideas and accomplishments in five minute slide presentations; and a high school art exhibit which was located in the main hall area. She felt that seeking opportunities to display art work might be of interest to the district. She also shared information she collected from the Exhibit Center dealing with modular classrooms, solar energy panels, and emergency contact binders.

A Board member asked about the status of moving to an electronic Board packet. Dr. Wojtylewski responded this is an option for the next school year.

A Board member commented on the Band's participation at the Shepard Pep Rally. She also expressed appreciation to all the chaperones and administrators for their support which enables the band members to attend so many events.

A Board member asked when the Education Committee might meet. Dr. Wojtylewski recommended they meet in late April, after MAP testing.

At the request of a Board member and for Board members not in attendance at the Committee of the Whole meeting, Dr. Wojtylewski explained why having students at Worth Elementary eat lunch in their classrooms is not an option. The lunch program generates much more food waste than the breakfast program. Additional waste receptacles would be needed in the hallways which cause egress issues. Eating in the classrooms are also an invitation to rodents and ants. Additional custodial staff would be needed to dispose of waste in multiple classrooms as opposed to one central location.

Drew Sernus commended Vince Flores. On January 6th Vince came upon a water main break which was flooding the track between Worth Elementary and Worth Junior High. The Village was able to repair the break, but the flooded area turned to a sheet of ice with bitter cold temperatures. Fortunately, warmer weather melted the ice prior to the start of school. Drew Sernus also commended the Village Public Works employees for their quick response, and Scott Tamkus for

coming in on a Saturday to monitor for affects the water main break might have had on the schools.

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

A Board member introduced the three Boy Scouts in the audience. Andrew Pahl is a graduate of Worth Junior High and is a senior at Shepard High School. Jacob Pahl and Colin Blanks are students at Worth Junior High. The scouts are in attendance as a requirement of merit badges they are working toward.

11. CLOSED SESSION

A closed session meeting was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Roti moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

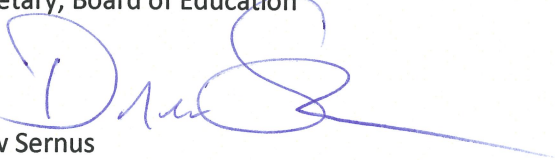
Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education