

**Board of Education  
Worth School District 127**

Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center, Conference Room  
11218 South Ridgeland Avenue  
Worth, Illinois 60482

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 4, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti, Meghan Sisk, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Danette Keeler

**Absent:** Vince Flores

**Administrators:** Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Superintendent Cindy Dykas, Business Manager/CSBO

**Others Present:** Scott Tamkus, Director of Facilities and Grounds Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator  
Ed Wright, DLA Architects, Ltd. Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Details on Board Agenda Items**

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the purpose of the meeting was for the Board to take action on awarding bids and extending contracts for the 2018 general remodeling, paving, and roof replacement projects. The Board will also take action on a contractual agreement for telecommunications consulting and project management services.

Dr. Wojtylewski and Ed Wright addressed comments and questions from the Board members regarding the paving company, the wall separating the commons area from the front entrance, and the new marquee for the Administrative Center. Matthew Paving is located in Oak Lawn. The wall separating the Commons area from the front of the school will still provide visual security. The wall will extend to the ceiling and be framed. Installing doors was not an option due to egress concerns, space needed for the swing of the doors, and the space needed for the area to continue as a serving line for the lunch programs.

**5. BOARD MOTIONS**

**A. Awarding of General Remodeling Project**

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education award the bid and extend a contract for the 2018 remodeling and mechanical replacement work to the low bidder, Chicago Heights Construction Co., at a cost not to exceed \$1,518,720.00, as presented in Attachment A4.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

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

B. Awarding of Paving Project

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education award the bid and extend a contract for the 2018 parking lot replacement work to the low bidder, Matthew Paving, at a cost not to exceed \$178,638.00, as presented in Attachment B.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

C. Awarding of Roof Replacement Project

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education award the bid and extend a contract for the 2018 roof replacement work to the low bidder, Ridgeworth Roofing, at a cost not to exceed \$229,375.00, as presented in Attachment C.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Ed Wright responded to a Board member's questions about the August 3<sup>rd</sup> completion of the roofing project. The project will have substantial completion on or before August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The contractor was eager to secure the contract and did not increase his costs to expedite the project.

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

D. Approval of Proposal for Telecommunications Consulting and Project Management Services

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education enter into a contractual agreement with Wilson Consulting for telecommunications consulting and project management services, at a cost not to exceed \$4,760.00, as presented in Attachments D1-D9.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

Dr. Wojtylewski addressed comments and questions from the Board members. The consultant will meet with staff to evaluate the district's needs and then recommend a system. It is hard to predict the lifespan on phone systems. The present phone system is 11 years old. Parts and handsets for the current system are no longer manufactured and the software to run the system is no longer supported. The selection of a phone system will not be based on a high end phone system but on the system's functionality. The new system will be E911 compatible.

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

Dr. Wojtylewski distributed an invitation sent by Mayor Werner inviting her and the Board members to a "Breakfast with Your Legislators" event on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Georgios Banquets. Board members who would like to attend the event should contact the recording secretary by Noon on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Wojtylewski and Scott Tamkus reported that the Worth Junior High rooftop heating/air conditioning unit for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing went down during spring break. This is one of the original units installed in 2000. Parts have been ordered and we are hopeful that it can make it through the next winter. If not, it might be in the district's best interest to replace the unit this summer since there will already be a crane on site. The administration will update the Board members on the status of this unit during the April 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Dr. Wojtylewski distributed a quote from Stewart Signs for the Administrative Center marquee. The quote for \$22,784.92 has an additional \$3,000 discount factor bringing the cost to \$19,784.92, if submitted at this time with delivery terms prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the same firm that Alsip School District successfully worked with when bidding for new marquees.

The administration responded to comments and questions from the Board members on whether the funds should instead be spent on classroom projectors. We are still in the data collection phase on the cost for classroom projectors throughout the district. Worth Elementary has been evaluated and electrical sources are available in the classrooms as each room had ceiling fans prior to air conditioning the school. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Worth Junior High will have electrical sources within each classroom as part of the 2018 general remodeling project. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is scheduled for next year so it may be fiscally better to offer projectors on carts for the 2018-19 school year and then install projectors with the 2019 general remodeling project. The Worthwoods building is still being evaluated. Dr. Wojtylewski stated she is comfortable with proceeding with the marquee since all three 2018 projects were under budget. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with ordering the marquee as long as the administration was able to carry through with the commitment for a projector and white board in every classroom.

The administration addressed comments and questions from the Board members. The vandalized Worth Elementary marquee has been repaired. It was a larger and more costly repair than originally thought, so only the damaged side was restored.

Dr. Wojtylewski held up a copy of the floor plans for the remodeling of the Worth Junior High Commons and office area and described the transformation that will take place. She stated that product samples will be available for the Board at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Dr. Wojtylewski distributed a letter sent to staff updating them on the rapid decline of an employee's health status.

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

There were no remarks made.

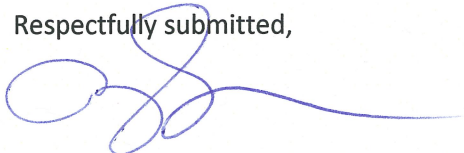
7. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Blanks moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk  
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus  
President, Board of Education