

**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 April 11, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:30 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

Sinéad Chambers, Special Education Director

Others Present:

Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator

JoAnne Albrecht, WEA

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 thanked the Board members and staff for wearing pink in support of Erin Mott. Last week several staff members from Worthwoods, Worth Junior High, and the Administrative Center helped decorate the grounds of Worth Elementary with pink ribbons. Staff then decorated the grounds of the other schools. The outpouring of support has been incredible and the support is deeply appreciated by the family. There is a 5K "2018 Walk of Hope" being held on May 20, 2018, sponsored by the Cancer Support Center. Several staff members will be participating. Board members were instructed to contact the recording secretary if they would like information on the event.

B. School Funding

Dr. Wojtylewski explained the new evidenced-based funding formula developed by ISBE which ranks the districts by a 1 through 4 tier system. Tier 1 is for districts in "most need" of funding and Tier 4 for districts "in least need" of funding. The formula was developed and funds for General State Aid, English Language Learners Education, Special Education Personnel, Children Receiving Special Education Services, and Special Education Summer School were combined into one State allocation for school districts. The State also developed a research based rubric and looked at elements within each school system i.e. number of students, staff ratios, poverty level and services provided. She shared examples which were then used to evaluate districts on whether or not they met the targeted standards and District 127's final percent of adequacy of 61%, which ranks Worth School District in Tier 1.

C. School Calendar

Dr. Wojtylewski reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2018-19 school calendar and analysis of calendars for the surrounding districts. The first day of school will be August 27th, two weeks after the high schools begin the 2018-19 school year. The winter and spring breaks align with the high schools. In addition to the Institute days on August 27th and 28th, Institute days will be held on the election days in November and April. The main objective of starting a week later than normal is to accommodate the 2018 summer projects. In order to end the school year in the first week of June, Presidents' Day and Casimir Pulaski Day will be student attendance days. Casimir Pulaski is a holiday for 12 month employees, therefore an alternative paid holiday arrangement will need to be provided.

D. Facility Projects

The Board members were shown product samples of materials and colors (countertop, ceiling tile, floor tile, and carpeting squares) that are being considered for the summer remodeling project at the Worth Junior High. The Board will have an opportunity to see the materials selections once a final decision is made.

E. Details on Board Agenda Items

Consent Agenda – Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the Board will take action on the approval of the consent agenda items, which will include the employment of a Media Specialist for Worth Junior High. This has been a difficult position to fill due to a lack of qualified applicants.

Approval of Minutes – The Board will take action on the approval of the minutes of the March 14th Board of Education meeting; two sets of closed session minutes of the March 14th Board of Education meeting; and the minutes of the April 4th special meeting.

Approval of 2018-19 School Calendar – The Board will take action on the approval of the 2018-19 school calendar setting the first day as August 27th and the tentative last day as June 6, 2019.

Approval of Services Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC – The Board will take action on the approval of an E-Rate Services Agreement with Comcast Cable.

Authorization of Designated Signatories on District 127 Bank Accounts – The Board will take action on the authorization of individuals to serve as designated signatories on District 127 bank accounts.

Approval of SSBC Representative – The Board will take action on the appointment of Dr. Wojtylewski as representative and Cynthia Dykas as alternate representative on the SSBC Board of Directors.

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

There were no remarks made.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	April 11, 2018	\$325,412.80
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| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$798,401.01 |
| | Building Fund | \$57,733.40 |
| | IMRF and FICA/Medicare | \$64,659.94 |
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| 3) <u>Employment of Certified Staff</u> | | |
| Michele Routien | Science Teacher, Worth Junior High | Effective 2018-19 School Year |
| Natalie Valenti | Media Specialist, Worth Junior High | Effective 2018-19 School Year |
| Natalie Valenti | Long-Term Media Specialist Substitute, Worth Junior High | Effective April 16, 2018 |
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| 4) <u>First Reading of Board Policy</u> | | Att. A1-A17 |
| Policy 2:110 | School Board | Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers |
| Policy 2:150 | School Board | Committees |
| Policy 2:160 | School Board | Board Attorney |
| Policy 2:200 | School Board | Types of School Board Meetings |
| Policy 2:220 | School Board | School Board Meeting Procedure |
| Policy 2:220-E2 | School Board | Exhibit – Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting |
| Policy 2:240 | School Board | Board Policy Development |
| Policy 2:250 | School Board | Access to District Public Records |
| Policy 3:30 | General School Administration | Chain of Command |

(end consent agenda)

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

A Board member requested that the employment of Natalie Valenti under Item #3 in the consent agenda be removed for the purpose of discussion during closed session. The Board members agreed to this request.

A Board member noted that on Policy 2:220, Attachment A8, the second paragraph contained a typographical error. "Items submitted by the Board members to the Superintendent or the President shall be *"paced"* on the agenda" should read *"placed."*

The roll call vote was taken on the amended Consent Agenda.

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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 March 14, 2018, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the first closed session minutes of the March 14, 2018, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve the second closed session minutes of the March 14, 2018, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

A Board member requested that the motion for the approval of the second closed session minutes be tabled for the purpose of discussion during closed session. The Board members agreed to this request.

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018, special meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

In response to a Board member's question, Dr. Wojtylewski confirmed that each classroom will have a projector and white board prior to the start of the 2018-19 school year.

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

C. Approval of 2018-19 School Calendar

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve the 2018-19 school calendar, as presented in Attachments E1-E2, setting the first day of the school as August 27, 2018, and the tentative last day of school as June 6, 2019.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

D. Approval of Services Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the Services Agreement (E-Rate) No. IL-Akaspa-032118-01 with Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC, as presented in Attachments D1-D19.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 2 Abstain (Blanks, Flores) – Motion Carried

E. Authorization of Designated Signatories on District 127 Bank Accounts

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education authorize the following individuals to serve as designated signatories on District 127 bank accounts:

Worth Junior High Activity Account:

Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Mrs. Cindy Dykas, Dr. Joseph Zampillo and Mrs. Maureen Eichstaedt

Worth Elementary/Worthwoods/Worthridge Activity Account:

Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Mrs. Cindy Dykas, Linda Burnickas and Donna Weinert

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Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

F. 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 27 on the South Suburban Benefit Cooperative Board of Directors for the 2018-19 school year.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A Board member inquired whether or not the Board would be moving forward with purchasing software for an electronic Board packet. Dr. Wojtylewski stated this is still an option but that it would require that staff and the Board members be trained. It would be better to plan for training this summer.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Scott Tamkus responded to a Board member's question about the trailers on the Worthwoods property. The trailers contain the old student desks. The trailers will be emptied and removed this summer. The Board member also complimented the staff on their efforts in restoring the grassy area where the Worth Elementary playground was removed.

Dr. Wojtylewski responded to a Board member's question of whether or not the 4th graders would be taking the annual trip to Springfield. The cost of the trip has made it difficult for a number of students to participate, therefore, the trip was not offered. Student safety is also an issue. The Board members and administration discussed what arrangements were made for students in the past who did not participate; options for offering a payment plan; not limiting educational opportunities based on student participation; safety concerns for other field trip events; and offering the Springfield trip at the eighth grade level when students are more mature. Dr. Wojtylewski will meet with administrators about the possibility of offering the Springfield trip within the 8th grade constitution curriculum.

9. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; student disciplinary cases; and security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

The Board members took a short recess before entering closed session.

11. 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 8:55 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

12. POSSIBLE PERSONNEL ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education employ Natalie Valenti as the Worth Junior High Media Specialist effective for the 2018-19 school year and as the long-term Media Specialist Substitute at Worth Junior High effective April 16, 2018.

Danette Keeler seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

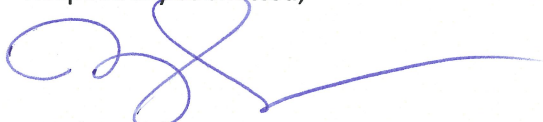
13. ADJOURNMENT

Danette Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 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