

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Pro Tem Rebecca Roti called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Rebecca Roti, Meghan Sisk, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Danette Keeler

Absent: Drew Sernus

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 Jo Anne Albrecht, WEA
Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Pro Tem Rebecca Roti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Staff Recognition

Dr. Wojtylewski expressed her appreciation to the Administrative Center staff and Technology Department for their flexibility when recently relocated to the RISE classrooms due to the construction dust and odor associated with the roof replacement. Staff have now returned to their offices.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported on a meeting regarding Senate Bill 1 which was hosted by District 230. She distributed a list of talking points which were addressed at the meeting. Senate Bill 1 as it is currently written ranks schools into a four tier status with tier 1 being the poorest districts and tier 4 being the wealthiest. District 127 ranks in tier 1. She stated she cannot support a tax freeze at this time as the tax freeze proposal is not well-defined. District 127 has 63% of its budget coming to the district through property taxes. Property taxes are solid dollars and State dollars are inconsistent.

Tentative FY18 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, 2017, a net gain (loss), and a projected fund balance on June 30, 2018. The figures represent tentative amounts and changes will be made prior to the September meeting as information becomes available from the state. A legal notice has been scheduled to advertise that a public hearing on the FY18 budget will be held on September 13,

2017, and the budget will be on display for 30 days at the Administrative Center during normal business hours prior to the public hearing.

Facility Projects Update

Dr. Wojtylewski distributed correspondence from DLA Ltd. Architects which provided an update on the door replacement, roof replacement and the playground installation. She also distributed a summary of the summer projects for which she, Scott Tamkus and Cindy Dykas provided project updates.

Playground at WR – The materials and equipment have been ordered and construction will begin on August 1st. The equipment is expected to arrive the week of August 7th. The project is expected to be completed by the start of the school year.

Exterior Door Replacement – Door deliveries are scheduled for August 14th and August 28th.

Roof Replacement at Worthridge – The roof replacement is almost complete. Gravel work, sheet metal work, and tuck-pointing is still in process.

Security Camera Upgrade at Worth Elementary and Worth Junior High – The upgrade work is 95% complete at Worth Elementary. Upgrade work will begin at Worth Junior High on August 11th.

HVAC at Worthridge – All bids were rejected.

Student Desk Replacement – The first of three shipments is scheduled to arrive in approximately eight weeks. The desks will be assembled by the company in a staging area (gymnasium) of each school. Worthwoods will receive desks at the end of October; Worth Elementary in early November; and Worth Junior High during winter break.

Teacher Chairs – The fully assembled chairs are scheduled to ship on August 27th.

Playground Demolition at Worthwoods – The playground demolition will be done August 10th thru August 18th.

Sealcoating for Parking Lots at Worth Elementary, Worth Junior High, and Worthwoods – The sealcoating will be done August 10 thru August 18th. Work will be completed by August 21, 2017.

Marquee Replacement at Worthridge – An electrician is scheduled to determine if there is an electrical connection to the old marquee.

Sidewalk Replacements – Project completed.

Replacement of Faucets in Restrooms at Worth Elementary – Project completed.

Correction of Leak in Below Grade Classroom (4th Grade) at Worth Elementary – Future work.

Bleachers, Backstops and Floor in Gym at Worth Junior High – The work on the bleachers and backstops has been completed. The refinishing of the gym floor is scheduled for August 16th.

HVAC Automation System at Worth Junior High – Future project.

Replacement of District Telephone System – Future project.

Repair and/or Replacement of Unit Ventilators at Worth Junior High – Scott Tamkus is in the process of cleaning, repairing if possible, and performing diagnostic checks on the units.

PRESS Plus Services – Due to the cost and estimated time from start to completion of the process, the administration will instead work with the Technology Department on the posting of policies on our website. The Board will be notified when the policies are posted.

Chromebooks and Google Classroom – Eleven hundred Chromebooks have been received. The first Institute Day will be dedicated to training teachers on setting up Google accounts and additional training on the use of Google Classroom. The deployment of the Chromebooks will begin after Labor Day.

Reading Resources – The new reading series from McMillan McGraw Hill has been shipped. Delivery is expected the week of August 14th.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that during the first two days of registration approximately 30 new students registered. At this time, the Worth Elementary kindergarten class is at capacity. All new kindergarten students will be placed at Worthwoods. A waiting list for Worth Elementary has been started. As always, if a student is enrolled it does not mean that the student will attend. We are often not notified that students have moved until after the school year starts. We also have students on the Direct Certification List with addresses outside the attendance area. Mail has been returned to us as having a forwarding address outside the Worth boundaries. A letter will be sent to these families requiring them to verify residency before their students will be allowed to start school. A sample of the letter will be sent to Board members in a Friday update.

Details on Board Agenda Items

Approval of Summer School Contracts – The Board will take action on the approval of contracts for Title I Summer School employment.

Approval of Contract with R&G Consultants – The Board will take action on the approval of renewing the Independent Contractor Agreement with R&G Consultants for Medicaid Fee for Service.

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

There were no remarks made.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	July 25, 2017	\$12,178.17
	August 9, 2017	\$498,273.09
	August 9, 2017	\$6,025.37
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$92,551.38
	Building Fund	\$39,096.30
	FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS	\$21,428.04

- 3) Employment of Certified Staff

Michele Routien	1.0 Science Teacher - WJH - 1 Year Only Leave Position	Effective 2017-18 School Year
Steven Weagant	1.0 Special Education Teacher – WJH	Effective 2017-18 School Year
Mary Zirngibl	1.0 Early Childhood Special Education Teacher - WE	Effective 2017-18 School Year
- 4) Employment of Classified Staff

Irma Lazcano	Lunch Supervisor - WW	Effective 2017-18 School Year
Janet Egan	1.0 Sp. Ed. Paraprofessional – WJH	Effective 2017-18 School Year
Gina Kiebles	1.0 EC Paraprofessional – WE	Effective 2017-18 School Year
Melissa Poole	1.0 1:1 Paraprofessional – WE	Effective 2017-18 School Year
Cari Soldan	1.0 1:1 Paraprofessional – WE	Effective 2017-18 School Year
- 5) Resignation of Classified Staff

Olive Farrell	Lunch Supervisor – WE	Effective August 2, 2017
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- 6) Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors
(end consent agenda)

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

A Board member requested that #3, the Employment of Certified Staff, on the Consent Agenda be removed for the purpose of discussion during closed session. Item #3 was removed and a vote was taken on the amended Consent Agenda.

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

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 14, 2017, regular meeting.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the June 14, 2017, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 13, 2017, special meeting.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 2 Abstain (Flores, Keeler), 1 Absent – Motion Carried

C. Approval of Summer School Contracts

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education approve the contracts for Title I Summer School employment, as presented in Attachments C1-C2.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

D. Approval of Contract with R&G Consultants

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with R&G Consultants for Medicaid Fee for Service, as presented in Attachment D.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Worth Days Parade – Sunday, August 27, 2017

Dr. Wojtylewski and a Board member stated they will be walking with the Band members at the Worth Days Parade. Board members were invited to join them.

B. Tri-Conference – November 17-19, 2017

Board members were asked to let the recording secretary know at the September Board meeting if they would like to be registered for the conference.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A Board member suggested moving from a paper Board packet to an electronic Board packet. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that software be investigated. Dr. Wojtylewski stated she will contact area Superintendents using the electronic format for software recommendations.

The Board members were invited to the gymnasium to view a demonstration of the remote control installed for setting up the bleachers.

In response to a Board member's request for an update on the status of the community newsletter, Dr. Wojtylewski stated she has been in contact with a printer, but has not had an opportunity to meet with him. She noted that during a conversation with the Village the community newsletter was mentioned. The Village has the ability to include a one page newsletter from the school with water bills. The cost for this service is \$125. Unfortunately, apartment dwellers would not receive the newsletter since the water bill would be sent to building owners. The newsletter could be posted on the district's website for those who do not receive water bills. A decision has not been made on which option will be used for the newsletter.

A Board member commented favorably on the benefits of the new exterior lighting, which she had an opportunity to see during a recent evening walk.

A Board member commented on how much better the landscape and grounds behind Worth Elementary looks. She thanked those responsible for the improvement.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Megan Sisk moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Megan Sisk moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 8:21 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

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Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Danette Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

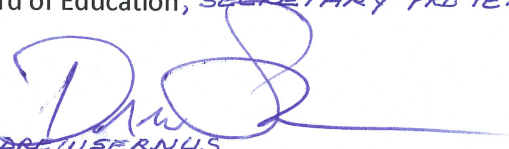
Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk MICHELLE EGAN
Secretary, Board of Education, SECRETARY PRO TEM



Rebecca Roti REBECCA ROTI
President Pro Tem, Board of Education, PRESIDENT