

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Vince Flores

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Superintendent Cindy Dykas, Business Manager/CSBO/SFO
Tim Hathhorn, Worth Elementary Principal Linda Esposito, Worthwoods Principal
Dr. Joseph Zampillo, Worth Junior High Principal Maureen Eichstaedt, Worth Junior High Assistant Principal
Sinéad Chambers, Special Education Director

Others Present: Ed Wright, DLA Brian Pencak, DLA
Jo Anne Albrecht, Worth Education Association Stephanie Peltzer, Worth Elementary Parent
Ginny McClure, Worth Elementary Teacher Mary Zirngibl, Worth Elementary Teacher
Ashley LeQuesne, Worthwoods Teacher Dawn Young, Worthwoods Teacher
Scott Tamkus, Director of Facilities/CPMM Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator
Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. 2019 Summer Facility Projects

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that she, Cindy Dykas, and Scott Tamkus met with DLA to discuss 2019 summer facility projects as prioritized by the Board of Education.

Ed Wright distributed a summary of the 2019 projects and anticipated costs involved. Ed Wright and the administration responded to questions and comments regarding the scope and timeline of the projects, and measures that will be taken to ensure that the replacement equipment will be on site no later than two months before the project is scheduled to begin.

Worth Junior High

2019 Mechanical and Lighting Replacement \$1,600,000 - \$1,750,000

Administrative Center

Roof Replacement Work (West Roof Area) \$310,000 - \$320,000

2019 Parking Lot Replacement (Northwest Lot) \$150,000 - \$160,000

Worth Elementary School

2019 Roof Replacement (Roof Areas 11 and 12) \$120,000 - \$135,000

Remove Chimney and Gutter Repairs \$10,000 - \$15,000

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to include the installation of a marquee at Worthwoods to the 2019 projects.

Dr. Wojtylewski and Ed Wright responded to a request to update the Board on the status of the installation of projectors and white boards in each classroom.

B. Possible Parking Lot at Worth Elementary - DLA

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the Board of Education has not investigated the purchase of land across from Worth Elementary, but has asked DLA to provide a conceptual drawing of how the land could be used to provide additional parking.

Ed Wright distributed a concept design that would accommodate 23 parking spaces and free up congestion on 112th Street. Dr. Wojtylewski and Ed Wright responded to questions and comments from the Board members. A very preliminary estimated cost of the parking lot was \$300,000.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Dr. Wojtylewski investigate the matter further.

C. Staff and Student Recognition

Tim Hathhorn and Linda Esposito reported on the generosity of Worth Elementary and Worthwoods students during the annual Treasure Chest Toy Drive. The toys are distributed to hospitals throughout the United States.

Maureen Eichstaedt acknowledged the generosity of the WJH staff, administration, and Board of Education in the donation of a basket of various gift cards totaling \$625 for a student and his family who are facing significant medical challenges.

D. Report Cards

Maureen Eichstaedt presented a PowerPoint presentation comparing data presented on the School Report Card using state, district, and school comparisons of performance.

The administration responded to comments and questions. Discussions on improving math skills, math comprehension and cross curricular articulation are in the forefront of discussions with staff. Math mechanics instruction is reinforced, both at the elementary and junior high, within the classroom and through extra-curricular activities. A pilot program with Title I students is currently under discussion. The Board suggested offering an algebra summer session for incoming 7th and 8th graders that parallels the Title I summer school to assist students in preparing for high school. Many graduates returning to visit the Junior High indicated that they felt academically prepared but did not necessarily feel prepared for the immediate "independence" skills needed.

Dr. Wojtylewski gave credit to the teaching staff who readily seek STEM professional development activities.

E. Title I Plan

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that she was notified that the Title I Grant presented to the Board at the November 14, 2018 Board of Education meeting needed a new Title I Plan also. Districts

are now required to submit a new Title I Plan each year. This is a change from past requirements. She distributed and reviewed all changes submitted on the revised Title I Plan.

F. PTAB Appeals

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that we are in receipt of a tax appeal reduction that has the potential to be in excess of \$50,000. As in the past, it is in the district's best interest to have Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd., as legal representative, intervene on larger appeals. The Board will take action on this authorization for all 2017 – 2019 Tax Year appeals before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

G. Details on Board Agenda Items

Consent Agenda – The Board will take action on the approval of the consent agenda items that relate to accounts payable, payroll, employment of classified staff, and additions to the call list for substitute teachers, instructional aides, office and lunch supervisors.

Approval of Minutes – The Board will take action on the approval of the open and closed session minutes of the December 11th special Board of Education meeting, and the open and closed session minutes of the December 12th regular Board of Education meeting.

Resolution – PTAB Intervention with Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins – The Board will take action on authorization of Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd., to intervene in all 2017 – 2019 tax year appeals.

Acceptance of 2019 Summer Facility Projects – The Board will take action to approve the release of bid specification information for projects as described by the administration and DLA during the Superintendent's Report.

Approval of Worth School District 127 Title I Plan – The Board will take action to approve the Worth School District 127 Title I Plan.

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:

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| 1) <u>Accounts Payable</u> | January 9, 2019 | \$497,921.30 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$568,095.50 |
| | Building Fund | \$37,302.61 |
| | IMRF and FICA/Medicare | \$45,387.98 |
| 3) <u>Employment of Classified Staff</u> | | |
| Ariel Burns | Part-Time Custodian at Worth Junior High | Effective January 10, 2019 |
| 4) <u>Additions to Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors</u> | | |
| (end consent agenda) | | |

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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 December 11, 2018, special meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the December 11, 2018, special meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018, regular meeting.

Danette Keeler seconded the motion.

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

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the December 12, 2018, regular meeting.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

C. Resolution – PTAB Intervention with Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education authorize Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd., as legal representation to intervene in all 2017 – 2019 Tax Year Appeals before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, as presented in Attachments D1-D2.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

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

D. Acceptance of 2019 Summer Facility Projects

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the release of bid specification information for the following projects: Worth Junior High Mechanical; Worth Elementary Roof; Worthridge Parking Lot; Worthridge Roof; Worth Elementary Marquee; and Worthwoods Marquee, as described in the presentation by the administration and DLA to the Board of Education at the January 9, 2019 meeting.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

E. Approval of Worth School District 127 Title I Plan

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education approve the Worth School District 127 Title I Plan, as presented in Exhibit A.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. South Cook Winter Breakfast – February 2, 2019 – The Art of School Boarding

After discussion, it was determined that no one was available to attend this event.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A. Tri-Conference

Rebecca Roti reported that in addition to the breakout sessions at the Tri-Conference she had an opportunity to visit the Exhibit Hall. She was pleased to see exhibits by several of the vendors the Board contracts with such as PowerSchool, DLA Architects, and Quest. She gave information to Cindy Dykas regarding the Summer Food Service Program.

9. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 8:41 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

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

It was noted that there would be no action taken after closed session. The Board took a break before entering closed session.

11. 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 10:12 p.m.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meghan Sisk moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

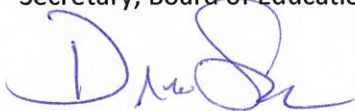
Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Meghan Sisk *DANETTE M KEELER*
Secretary, Board of Education *SECRETARY PRO TEM*



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education