

**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 April 10, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

In the absence of Meghan Sisk, Michelle Egan served as Secretary Pro Tem.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Danette Keeler, Meghan Sisk (arrived at 8:02 p.m.)

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:	Dr. Mark Fleming	Mary Zirngibl, Worth Elementary Teacher
	Stephanie Peltzer, Worth Elementary Parent	Michelle Okrzesik, Worth Elementary Teacher
	Lisa Bray, Worth Junior High Teacher	Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator
	Scott Tamkus, Director of Facilities/CPMM	Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Facility Projects Summer 2019

Scott Tamkus reported on several projects which were completed at Worth Junior High during spring break. The gym floor was re-coated, the air handler in the girls' 1st floor locker room was replaced, and LaForce addressed several door lock issues.

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that because the gym floor was re-coated, tape could not be applied to the floor to outline courts for pickle ball instruction. She met with the P.E. teachers and they devised a plan to mark the courts using balloon weights and yarn.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the first contractors' meeting for the summer 2019 projects will take place in May.

Staff and Student Recognition

Linda Esposito reported that she and several 5th grade students recently attended a meeting of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. The students explained the annual 5th grade wax museum project and presented the Women's Auxiliary with a check for over \$1,100 raised by the wax museum project to assist in providing food baskets for Worth residents in need. In addition to thanking the students for the donation, the Auxiliary once again thanked the Worthwoods'

Student Council for the well-received *Quarter Campaign for Veterans*. The quarters were distributed to various Veterans Homes and given to veterans to spend in the vending machines.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported on the April 2nd Institute Day on GSuite Basics and Beyond. She thanked the principals for their leadership in scheduling the speakers and providing a differentiated agenda to meet the needs of staff at all levels. She also thanked Drew Sernus and Dr. Fleming for attending.

Dr. Wojtylewski and the Board members recognized Rebecca Roti for her service as Board Member since 2011. Rebecca Roti thanked Dr. Wojtylewski, community members and Board members for having had the opportunity.

Details on Board Agenda Items

Consent Agenda – The Board will take action on the approval of consent agenda items relating to accounts payable and payroll.

Approval of Minutes – The Board will take action on the approval of the regular and closed session minutes of the March 13th regular Board of Education meeting.

Approval of Administrative Contracts – The Board will take action on the approval of administrative contracts

Employment Matters – The Board will take action after closed session on the approval of employment matters related to the rescindment of employment of a classified staff member; employment of certified staff; and the additions to the call list of substitute teachers, instructional aides, office and lunch supervisors.

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

There were no remarks made.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the following consent agenda items:

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	April 10, 2019	\$176,275.03
	April 10, 2019	\$31,483.88
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$839,958.52
	Building Fund	\$59,246.41
	IMRF and FICA/Medicare	\$61,876.50

(end consent agenda)

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent – Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent – Motion Carried

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the March 13, 2019, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent – Motion Carried

C. Approval of Administrative Contracts

Drew Sernus requested that discussion on this item be tabled until after closed session.

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Date of Reorganization Meeting

The Board members and newly elected Board member, Stephanie Peltzer, discussed dates for reorganization of the Board. It was the consensus to meet on April 23rd pending the availability of Meghan Sisk.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A Board member commended the students on taking responsibility and demonstrating their commitment to community as citizens by attending various events such as last month's Board of Education meeting and the American Legion Women's Auxiliary meeting.

On behalf of the Board members, Drew Sernus congratulated re-elected Board members Michelle Egan and Meghan Sisk and newly elected Board member Stephanie Peltzer.

9. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 6:57 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.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent – Motion Carried

It was noted that there would be Board action after closed session.

Audience members were invited to join the Board members for refreshments and conversation honoring Rebecca Roti's service to District 127.

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 8:50 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye– Motion Carried

6. BOARD MOTIONS

C. Approval of Administrative Contracts

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve administrative contracts for the Principals, as presented in Attachments C1-C24.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education approve the administrative contract for the Assistant Principal, as presented in Attachments C25-C29.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the administrative contract for the Director of Special Education, as presented in Attachments C30-C37.

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

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

It was consensus of the Board to table the approval of the administrative contract for the Business Manager/Chief School Business Official/SFO.

12. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the rescindment of employment of the lunch supervisor hired at the March meeting is due to the individual securing a job elsewhere.

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

- 1) Rescindment of Employment of Classified Staff
Sereen Sulaiman Lunch Supervisor – Worth Elementary Effective March 14, 2019
- 2) Employment of Certified Staff
Sean Hankin 6th Grade: Social Studies Teacher – Worth Junior High
Leave Position – One Year Only
Effective 2019-20 School Year
- 3) Additions to Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

The Board members agreed to set Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. for the reorganization meeting.

Dr. Wojtylewski responded to comments about sending a press release regarding the employment of Dr. Fleming to the area newspapers, and posting information on the district website. This will be done.

A Board member asked if pictures taken by Shannon Fisher of the students presenting at the March Board meeting could be sent as a press release and posted on the district website. Dr. Wojtylewski stated she would check with Linda Esposito.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Roti moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.


Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Egan
Secretary Pro Tem, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education