

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Drew Sernus, Dave Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Danette Keeler, Stephanie Peltzer

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	Sin��ad Chambers, Special Education Director

Others Present:	Dr. Mark Fleming	Jill Moore
	Janice Hope, Worthwoods Teacher	Shannon Fisher, Worthwoods Teacher
	Debra Sernus, Worth Resident	Lisa Lynne Jeffers, Worth Resident
	JoAnne Albrecht, WEA	Colin Blanks, Worth Junior High Student
	Michelle Okrzesik, Worth Elementary Teacher	Sarah Egan, Worthwoods Student
	Kathy Dennis, Worthwoods Teacher	Eman Khalil, Worthwoods Student
	Naomi Cordova, Worthwoods Student	Mano Cordova, Worthwoods
	Sophie Cordova, Worthwoods	Iva Cordova, Worthwoods
	German Cordova, Worthwoods	Ella Zubek, Worthwoods Student
	Rebecca Kerkstra, Worth Junior High Student	Alex Kerkstra, Worth Junior High
	Liz Wojcik,	Melissa Soliday, Worthwoods Parent
	Rebecca Roti, Worth Junior High Parent	Nicole Moore,
	Sheila Malick, Worth Junior High	Chris & Paul Gliva, Worth Junior High Parents
	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. Zampillo congratulated the Worth Junior High School's Scholastic Bowl team for their 1st place finish at the 2019 South Suburban Junior High School Conference Scholastic Bowl held at Finley Junior High School on Saturday, April 27th. He also congratulated Ava Gliva for her 1st place finish in the 7th Grade Declamation event. Mrs. DeGonia served as coach of the teams.

The Board members viewed a Power Point presentation from students in Mrs. Hope's and Mrs. Fisher's, 5th grade classes. The students conducted a study on the garbage collected during a regular lunch period and compared the results to when students pack lunches with as little garbage as possible. The results showed a reduction of garbage. An average of five bags of garbage were collected on the regular lunch period with one bag of garbage collected when students committed to packing a waste-free lunch. A paper copy of the presentation was distributed to Board members.

Dr. Wojtylewski and the Board members commended the students on the study and presentation. The project used science, statistics, and a respect of our earth. The administration will take into consideration the suggestions made by the students for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the purpose of holding the Board meeting at Worth Junior High was to give the Board members an opportunity to view artwork done by students in grades 1 through 8. JoAnne Albrecht explained that the introduction of art and drawing begins in 1st grade with basic shapes, and progresses through the grade levels with the elements of art, chalk designs, ribbon drawing, 3D designs, shading concepts, multi-point perspective, techniques of water color, perspective selfies, and mask designs.

The Board members took an intermission to admire the displayed artwork and interact with the students demonstrating various art techniques.

On behalf of the administration and Board of Education, Dr. Wojtylewski thanked JoAnne Albrecht for arranging the display and thanked the students who came to demonstrate the various art techniques.

The meeting resumed at 7:42 p.m.

B. School Calendar

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that the 2019-20 calendar is still under review by the legislature and therefore school districts are unable to submit their calendars. She has a tentative calendar planned, but would prefer to submit the information through the ISBE portal before presenting a calendar to the Board for approval.

The 2018-19 calendar has been amended due to three days that school was not in session due to extreme weather conditions. The last day for the current school year is Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

C. Details on Board Agenda Items

Consent Agenda – The Board will take action on the approval of consent agenda items relating to accounts payable, payroll, resignation of classified staff, and the employment of certified staff and a nurse.

Approval of Minutes – The Board will take action on the approval of the April 23rd special and organizational Board of Education meeting minutes and the closed session minutes of the April 23rd special Board of Education meeting.

Approval of Contract with Alpha Bus – The Board will take action on the renewal of a contract with Alpha School Bus Company, Inc. for special education transportation for the 2019-20 school year.

Approval of Salaries for Supervisors – The Board will take action on the approval of salaries for supervisors.

Approval of Salaries for Supervisors – The Board will take action on the approval of the administrative contract for the Business Manager/Chief School Business Official/SFO.

Approval of Hourly Rate for Lunchroom Supervisors for FY20 – The Board will take action to set the compensation rate for the lunch supervisors.

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

Linda Esposito shared a copy of a book written and illustrated by the Worthwoods second grade students under the direction of the second grade teachers and Dan Sherman. Kathy Dennis provided a brief description of how the students shadowed someone for 30 minutes and wrote a story of the experience.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:51 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.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 8:41 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, and student discipline matters.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

7. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 9:21 p.m.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

The Board members took a short recess. The public session portion of the meeting resumed at 9:28 p.m.

8. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	May 8, 2019	\$141,648.86
	May 8, 2019	\$74,193.17
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$548,911.49
	Building Fund	\$38,653.42
	IMRF and FICA/Medicare	\$40,037.00

- 3) Resignation of Classified Staff
Diana Zuniga Lunch Supervisor, Worth Elementary Effective April 29, 2019
- 4) Employment of Certified Staff
Ashley Roberson Special Education Teacher - Elementary Effective 2019-20 School Year
Krystal Goldschmidt Music Teacher - Elementary Effective 2019-20 School Year
- 5) Employment of Nurse
Christy Poppish Nurse – Worthwoods Effective May 15, 2019

(end consent agenda)

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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 April 23, 2019, special meeting.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

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

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the April 23, 2019, special meeting.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019, organizational meeting.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

C. Approval of 2019-20 School Calendar

Discussion on this item was tabled until such time the ISBE portal has been opened for the submission of calendar data for the 2019-20 school year.

D. Approval of Contract with Alpha Bus

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the contract with Alpha School Bus Company, Inc. for special education transportation with an increase of 5% for all route transportation categories in the 2019-20 school year, as presented in Attachments D1-D3.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

A Board member stated, for the record, her displeasure with the services provided in the transportation of her student to Worth Elementary. She thanked Cindy Dykas and Dr. Wojtylewski for the addition of a second route, which decreased the three hours per day that her son was on the bus. Unfortunately, her son arrives late to school approximately three days per week. It was her opinion that with the availability of technology the administration of Alpha Bus should be able to communicate better with parents in resolving ongoing issues.

The administration requested that the Board member also share daily concerns/problems and they will share these concerns with Alpha Bus officials.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

E. Approval of Salaries for Supervisors

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve the salaries for supervisors, as presented in Confidential Attachment B.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

F. Approval of Administrative Contract

Meghan Sisk moved that the Board of Education approve the administrative contract for the Business Manager/Chief School Business Official, SFO, as presented in Attachments E1-E10.

Danette Keeler seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

G. Approval of Hourly Rate for Lunchroom Supervisors for FY20

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education set compensation for lunchroom supervisors at a rate of \$12.50 per hour effective for the 2019-20 school year.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye – Motion Carried

9. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. South Cook Division Governing Board Meeting – June 6, 2019

After discussion, it was determined that no Board member was available to attend this meeting.

B. Worth Junior High Graduation

Dr. Wojtylewski requested that the Board members confirm with the recording secretary if they are available to attend the graduation ceremony on May 31st. The Board members should also let her know if there is a particular student or students they would like to personally present a diploma to at the ceremony.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Drew Sernus engaged the Board members in discussing committee assignments. After discussion, the following appointments were agreed upon.

Education Committee – Danette Keeler, Meghan Sisk and Michelle Egan serving as Chairman.

Finance Committee Members – Dave Blanks, Vince Flores and Drew Sernus serving as Chairman.

Policy Committee Members – Michelle Egan, Stephanie Peltzer and Dave Blanks serving as Chairman.

Eisenhower Representative – Meghan Sisk

IASB Governing Board Member – Drew Sernus

SCOPE Representative – Dave Blanks

A Board member stated that he felt uncomfortable that the district has not formally announced the employment of Dr. Fleming. He requested that by mid-week a letter be sent home to parents, a press release be sent to area newspapers, and names of the three parents and three staff members who participated in the superintendent search be acknowledged on the district website. The Board members agreed with his request.

11. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Danette Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 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