

**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 June 12, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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	Rebecca Roti, Worth Junior High Parent
	Bernadette Strama, Worth Junior High Parent	Michael Cozzi, Worth Police Department
	Tim Denton, Worth Police Department	Mark Micetich, Worth Police Department
	Mayor Mary Werner, Village of Worth	JoAnne Albrecht, Worth Education Association
	Mary Zirngibl, Worth Elementary Teacher	Donna Weiner, Administrative Center
	Brian Baier, Director of Facilities and Grounds	Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator
	Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary	Jill Moore, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dr. Wojtylewski amended the agenda for the Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Worth and Worth School District 127 for the School Resource Officer.

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Worth and Worth School District 127 for the School Resource Officer.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Chief Micetich from the Worth Police Department presented a plaque to Dr. Wojtylewski showing recognition and appreciation for her unwavering support and active involvement with the men and women of the Worth Police Department.

Mayor Werner showed her appreciation for getting the school district out of debt. Dr. Wojtylewski expressed her gratitude and stated we did this together to help everyone in the school district and community.

Drew Sernus spoke and recognized Brenda Miller for all her hard work and dedication to the district. Members of the Board expressed how they wish her well in her retirement.

A short recess was taken.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Staff and Student Recognition

Dr. Wojtylewski expressed her gratitude to the Board of Education. She stated that they've enriched her life and the people of Worth. We've worked very well over the years and I appreciate the sacrifices you've made. She expressed her appreciation to JoAnne Albrecht (WEA President) as well as the teachers. She wished Dr. Mark Fleming and Jill Moore the best in their new positions. She welcomed Brian Baier and expressed her appreciation to Robert Jeffers for showing the highest integrity as the Districts IT Coordinator.

B. Presentation of Flag

Dr. Wojtylewski presented to the Board President a certificate and flag that was flown over the Capital Building on March 1, 2019. The certificate will be displayed in the doorway as people enter the Administrative Office.

C. Legislative Update

There are plans to release monies to districts for capital improvements. Measures to consolidate small districts failed. Grant monies for capital improvements would benefit area schools in areas of plumbing.

Dr. Wojtylewski altered the agenda for an update regarding the Active Shooter Training that was held at Worthwoods Elementary. The Director of Special Education and the Principals attended this training that was hosted by Intermediate Service Center (ISC). Three key points were demonstrated in dealing with school threats: Confront shooter; Evacuate; or Barricade. Statistics have shown that it is not acceptable to do nothing and you have a greater chance of neutralizing the shooter with these concepts. The plan is to host this event again in August – 2019.

D. Fund Transfers

Cindy Dykas noted that the Board will be asked to approve transfer, Social Security/Medicare, Fund of interest from the Transportation Fund and Working Cash Funds to the Education Fund. The fund transfers are permanent and do not have to be repaid.

E. Fund Balance Update for FY19

The administration commented on the fund balances which was included in the board packets.

F. Facility Projects

Facility projects are proceeding as planned and projects will begin within the next week at Worthridge. Projects are underway at the Junior High. Certification of HVAC with sleeves are in the Joliet area and will arrive shortly.

G. Student Fees for the 2019-20 School Year

Dr. Wojtylewski recommended no changes for the 2019-2020 school year.

H. Residency Verification Process

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked Cindy Dykas for coordinating the Residency Verification Process. To date we have over 50% of families that have verified residency. Over 300 families have registered online and the process has gone very well. Another day in July will be offered to verify residency for those that were unable to come in.

I. Bullying Policy and Board Policy Process

Dr. Wojtylewski reviewed the process used for developing Board Policy. The District is a subscriber to IASB's Policy Services. Policies are developed and reviewed by PRESS attorneys in accordance with State and Federal laws. The Policy Committee reviews all PRESS Policies and makes recommendations to the Board for approval.

J. Other Informational Items

There were no other informational items.

K. 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 May 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes; the closed session minutes of the May 8, 2019; and the second closed session minutes of the May 8, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

Approval of Student Fees for the 2019-20 School Year - The Board will take action on the approval of the Student Fees for the 2019-20 School Year.

Approval of Authorization to Pay Bills through June 2019 - The Board will take action on the approval to pay all invoices due and owing on or before June 30, 2019.

Approval of Authorization to Pay Bills through July 2019 - The Board will take action on the approval to pay all invoices due and owing on or before July 31, 2019.

Approval of Contract Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, Inc. - The Board will take action on the Approval of Contract Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, Inc.

Approval of Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest - The Board will take action on the approval of the Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest from the Social Security/Medicare Fund to the Education Fund.

Approval of Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest - The Board will take action on the approval of the Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest from the Transportation Fund to the Education Fund.

Approval of Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest - The Board will take action on the approval of the Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund.

Approval of Prevailing Wages - The Board will take action on the approval of the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Cook County as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

Appointment of Board Recording Secretary – The Board will take action on the approval of the Board Recording Secretary.

Authorization of Designated Signatories on District 127 Bank Accounts – The Board will take action to authorize individuals to serve as designated signatories on District 127 bank accounts as of July 1, 2019.

Approval of SSBC Representative – The Board will take action on the approval to appoint Dr. Mark Fleming, Representative, and, as Alternate Representative, Cynthia Dykas to represent District 127 on the South Suburban Benefit Cooperative Board of Directors for the 2019-20 school year.

Approval of 2019-20 School Calendar – The Board will take action on the approval of the 2019-20 school calendar setting the first day of school as August 26, 2019 and the tentative last day of school as June 5, 2020.

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>	June 12, 2019	\$467,613.49
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$557,141.92
	Building Fund	\$37,562.00
	IMRF and FICA/Medicare	\$40,237.74

(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 May 8, 2019, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education approve the first closed session minutes of the May 8, 2019, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Stephanie Peltzer moved that the Board of Education approve the second closed session minutes of the May 8, 2019, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Student Fees for the 2019-20 School Year

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the student fees for the 2019-20 school year, as presented in Attachment C1.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

D. Approval of Authorization to Pay Bills through July 2019

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to pay all invoices due and owing on or before June 30, 2019, as recommended by the Superintendent and the Business Manager/CSBO/SFO.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to pay all invoices due and owing on or July 31, 2019, as recommended by the Superintendent and the Business Manager/CSBO/SFO.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

E. Approval of Contract Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, Inc.

Stephanie Peltzer moved that the Board of Education approve the Renewal Agreement for Vended Meal Services with Quest Food Management Services, as presented in Attachments D1-D7.

Danette Keeler seconded the motion.

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

F. Approval of Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest from the Social Security/Medicare Fund to the Education Fund, as presented in Attachment E1.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest from the Transportation Fund to the Education Fund, as presented in Attachment E2.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

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

Stephanie Peltzer moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Permanently Transferring Excess Interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund, as presented in Attachment E3.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

G. Approval of Prevailing Wages

Dave Blanks moved that the Board of Education approve adoption of a resolution and legal notice 'that to the extend and as required by an Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works, approved June 26, 1941; as amended, determining that the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for labors, mechanics and other workers engaged in construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Worth School District 127, is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Cook County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

H. Appointment of Board Recording Secretary

Danette Keeler moved that the Board of Education appoint Jill Moore as Board Recording Secretary effective July 1, 2019.

Michelle Egan seconded the motion.

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

I. 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 as of July 1, 2019:

Worth Junior High Activity Account:

Dr. Mark Fleming, Mrs. Cindy Dykas, Dr. Joseph Zampillo and Mrs. Maureen Eichstadt

Worth Elementary/Worthwoods/Worthridge Activity Account:

Dr. Mark Fleming, Mrs. Cindy Dykas, Linda Burnickas and Donna Weinert

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Dr. Mark Fleming, Mrs. Cindy Dykas, Linda Burnickas and Donna Weinert

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

J. Approval of SSBC Representative

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Mark Fleming, Representative, and, as Alternate Representative, Cynthia Dykas to represent District 127 on the South Suburban Benefit Cooperative Board of Directors for the 2019-20 school year.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

L. Approval of 2019-20 School Calendar

Stephanie Peltzer moved that the Board of Education approve the 2019-20 school calendar, as presented in Attachments F1-F2, setting the first day of school as August 26, 2019, and the tentative last day of school as June 5, 2020.

Meghan Sisk seconded the motion.

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

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Policy Committee Meeting Date

The Policy Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no Board Member reports and requests.

9. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss the collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; 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: 6 Aye, 1 Absent – Motion Carried

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 10:08 p.m.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1) Resignation of Certified Staff

Brad Dizonno	Social Studies Teacher Worth Junior High	Effective End of 2018-19 School Year
Ashley Roberson	Special Ed. Teacher Worth Elementary	Effective 06.12.19
Amy Smith	Reading Teacher Worth Junior High	Effective End of the 2018-19 School Year

2) Request for Contractual Leave of Absence

Joan Ahmer	Special Ed. Teacher Worth Junior High	Effective 09.16.19 through and including 04.03.20
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3) Employment of Certified Staff

Lucy Killian	Reading Teacher Worth Junior High	Effective 2019-20 School Year
Michael D. Londos	Social Studies Teacher – One Year Only Worth Junior High	Effective 2019-20 School Year

(end consent agenda)

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

13. APPROVAL OF SALARIES FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT SUPPORT STAFF

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education approve a 3% increase for non-bargaining unit support staff for the 2019-20 school year.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

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

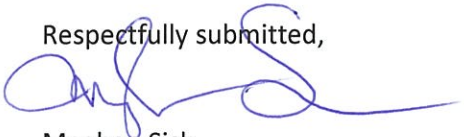
14. ADJOURNMENT

Danette Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 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