# **Board of Education** Worth School District 127

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

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2018

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Drew Sernus, Rebecca Roti, Meghan Sisk, Dave Blanks, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Danette Keeler

Administrators:

Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Superintendent

Linda Esposito, Worthwoods Principal

Tim Hathhorn, Worth Elementary Principal

Cindy Dykas, Business Manager/CSBO/SFO

Marla Anglin, Worth Elementary Secretary

Gabriela Gronski, Worth Elementary

Sinéad Chambers, Special Education Director

Maureen Eichstaedt, Worth Junior High Assistant Principal

Others Present: Winnie Jurkovic, Worth Elementary

Bozena Walus, Worthwoods

Colm Egan, Worthwoods

Sharon DeGenova, Worth Elementary Danuta Gronska, Worth Elementary Walaa Morra, Worth Elementary Sereen Salem, Worth Elementary Orgwaan Mohammad, Worthwoods

Cathy Mulrenin, Worth Elementary Ameer Hamayel, Worth Elementary Mary Zirngibl, Worth Elementary Teacher Calliope Paraskevopoulos, Worthwoods Teacher

Janice Hope, Worthwoods Teacher

Shannon Fisher, Worthwoods Teacher Melissa Basa, Worthwoods

Ayden Basa, Worthwoods Agnieszka Lesniak, Worthwoods

Ashley Szeszycki, Worth Elementary

Andew Szeszycki, Worth Elementary Leslie Blanks, Worth Junior High

JoAnne Albrecht, WEA

Olivia Wal, Worth Elementary

Michael D'Ambrosio, Worth Elementary

Javier Hernandez

Hala Mohammad, Worth Elementary Deborah Hermandez

Felicia Shirey, Worth Elementary Christian Morales Panzo, Worthwoods

Nicolas McKenna, Worth Elementary

Kayla Denham, Worth Elementary

Kariman Zida, Worthwoods

Leonada

Colin Blanks, Worth Junior High Adel Tantawi, Worth Elementary Sulaman Tantawi, Worth Elementary

Wiktoria Baszewski, Worthwoods Ariel Foster, Worthwoods

Ayat Tantawi, Worth Elementary Blake Cook, Worthwoods

Zane Cook, Worthwoods Elhammanna Farrouth, Worthwoods Lynn Delenikas, Worthwoods Alma Mendoza, Worth Elementary

Antonio Young, Worth Elementary Cathy Wilson, Worth Junior High

Jeffrey Wilson, Worth Junior High Saba Abdulqawi, Worth Elementary Michael Bulger, Worth Elementary

Fayza Mohamed, Worth Elementary Annabell Bulger, Worth Elementary Emily Luszczek, Worthwoods

Anna Wieczorek, Worth Elementary Jozefe Juszczek, Worthwoods Sophia Schulte, Worth Elementary Paige Chamberlain, Worth Elementary Kerry McMahan, Worth Elementary

Sara Bengow, Worth Elementary Alexis Baxter, Worth Junior High Trevor Wilson, Worthwoods Jack Baker, Worth Elementary

David Luszczek, Worthwoods

Lujayn Talib, Worth Elementary Karolina Janik, Worth Elementary Patrycja Wojewoda Kobak, Worthwoods

Willow Beakley, Worth Elementary

**Gwen Gagler** 

Olivia Wojewoda, Worthwoods Samantha Beakley, Worth Elementary Mercedes Muirenin, Worth Elementary Kerrie Kupfer, Worth Junior High Bernard Young, Worth Elementary Sophie Cordova, Worth Elementary Michael Roberts, Worthwoods Maria Vasilakopoulas, Worthwoods Nicole Brinkis, Worthwoods Lilly Lave, Worth Elementary David Luszczek, Worthwoods Sean McNichols, Chicago Public Schools Eman Khalil, Worthwoods Abby Swiat, Worthwoods Ayoub Nassan, Worth Elementary Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

Ty Kupfer, Worth Junior High
Cathy Cordova, Worth Elementary
Rebecca Roberts, Worthwoods
Kristina Korovilas
Chris Chamberlain, Worth Elementary
Naomi Cordova, Worthwoods
Laura Wagner, Worth Elementary
Nicole McMahon, Worthwoods
Christina M. Peter, Worth Junior High
Zuzanna Walus, Worthwoods
Patrick Lesniak, Worthwoods
Robert Jeffers, Technology Coordinator

## 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

## A. Staff and Student Recognition

Linda Esposito, Tim Hathhorn, and Maureen Eichstaedt introduced Student Council members of the Worth Elementary, Worthwoods and Worth Junior High Schools. Each group reported on how the councils provide leadership in engaging the student population in various beneficial and worthwhile projects throughout the school year.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. Wojtylewski thanked the students, staff moderators, and parents for making a difference in enriching the lives of others within the Worth community.

The Board took a short recess to afford parents and students an opportunity to exit the meeting.

#### B. School Facility Project Updates

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the WJH 3<sup>rd</sup> floor unit ventilators have not been hooked up. When the units arrived, it was discovered that wall sleeves were not included. The architects and contractor have reached out to the manufacturer, but have not yet located the sleeves. Scott Tamkus is working with Chicago Heights Construction Co. on an emergency heating plan.

After discussion, the Board members directed Dr. Wojtylewski to meet with the architect on whether replacing the units with a comparable or better unit is an option. The colder weather is approaching and the current situation is unacceptable.

#### C. 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 and payroll.

Approval of Minutes – The Board will take action on the approval of the regular and closed session minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup> regular Board of Education meeting.

Approval of Contracts with Waste Management – The Board will take action on the approval of individual three-year contracts with Waste Management for Worth Elementary, Worthwoods, Worth Junior High and Worthridge.

#### 5. <u>CITIZENS' REMARKS -- AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS</u>

There were no remarks made.

#### **BOARD MOTIONS** 6.

## A. Consent Agenda

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

1) Accounts Payable October 10, 2018 October 10, 2018

Payroll Summary Education Fund \$635,781.32 **Building Fund** \$37,871.65 IMRF and FICA/Medicare

(end consent agenda)

Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

\$559,550.83

\$5,317.09

\$50,207.46

# B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Michelle Egan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018, regular meeting.

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Rebecca Roti moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the September 17, 2018, regular meeting.

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

# C. Approval of Contracts with Waste Management

Vince Flores moved that the Board of Education approve individual three year contracts with Waste Management for the following District 127 properties: Worth Elementary, Worthwoods, Worth Junior High and Worthridge, as presented in Attachments B2-B13. Rebecca Roti seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

There was no Board discussion or action.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

A Board member commented that she attended the Worthwoods Student Council induction ceremony and it was quite impressive.

A Board member commented that she felt the administration made the right decision in cancelling the Band's participation in the Columbus Day parade.

A Board member stated she was approached on a particular policy and was surprised to find that not all the policies are listed on the website. Dr. Wojtylewski explained that the Policy Committee is in the process of reviewing all policies. As the Board adopts and reviews policies, the policies are then posted on the website. It was the consensus that the administration make sure that each of the schools has a Policy Manual until such time that all the policies are on the website.

A Board member commented on accessing information on the district website. The administration explained that the mobile version of the website displays itself differently than the website when accessing with a computer.

# 9. <u>CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS</u>

There were no remarks made.

## 10. CLOSED SESSION

Dave Blanks moved <u>that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss</u> <u>the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District.</u>

Vince Flores seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - 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 <u>that the Board of Education</u>, <u>upon completion of its discussions in closed session</u>, <u>reconvene in public session at 8:08 p.m.</u>

Dave Blanks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

#### 12. PERSONNEL ACTION

There was no personnel action taken.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Dave Blanks moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Danette Keeler seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Sisk

- REBECCA ROTI

Secretary, Board of Education

SECRETARY PRO-TEN

Drew Sernus

President, Board of Education