

Board of Education
Worth School District 127

Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center, Conference Room
11218 South Ridgeland Avenue
Worth, IL 60482

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:37pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Absent: Meghan Sisk

Administrators:

Dr. Mark Fleming, Superintendent

Cindy Dykas, Business Manager/CSBO

Tim Hathhorn, Worth Elementary Principal

Linda Esposito, Worthwoods Principal

Dr. Joseph Zampillo, WJH Principal

Maureen Eichstaedt, WJH Assistant Principal

Dr. Sinéad Chambers, Special Education Director

Others Present:

JoAnne Albrecht, Worth Education Association

Mary Zirngibl, Worth Elementary Teacher

Brian Baier, Director of Facilities and Grounds

Robert Jeffers, Director of Technology

Pam Ephraim, EC Aide

Ed Wright, DLA

Brian Pencak, DLA

Mandy Pittmen, RSM

Heather Kozik, Worth Elementary

Jill Moore, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. AUDIT PRESENTATION FY19

Mandy Pittman from RSM presented an overview of the FY19 Auditor's Report, which included a Single Audit Report on the Federal Grant and the Child Nutrition Cluster in accordance with the government grant. The audit process went really well. The fiscal year ended with positive fund balances and it was the opinion of RSM that it was a clean, unmodified audit, which produced no issues. The District's Annual Financial Profile score submitted to ISBE was 3.9. This is the highest score a district can receive.

B. STAFF RECOGNITION

Dr. Fleming recognized Brian Prosapio after winning the 41st annual Orland Park Open Spelling Bee.

Dr. Fleming recognized Bryan Baier for successfully completing the training program and passing the comprehensive exam to obtain certification for the Certified Professional Supervisor. Illinois ASBO partners with the Association for Facilities Engineers (AFE).

C. HEATHER KOZIK – W.E. ENCHANTED BACKPACK GRANT

Heather Kozik gave a presentation regarding the WE Enchanted Backpack Grant. Enchanted backpack is a charitable organization serving under-privileged schools. They give schools the tools they need to support students and teachers which includes: outdoor supplies, indoor recess supplies, personal needs, core supplies, incentive prizes, and books. Worth School District was also given an Adopt-a-School grant for \$10,000. The Board Members and administrators thanked Ms. Kozik for all her hard work in achieving this wonderful grant.

D. SUMMER 2020 CONSTRUCTION PLANNING – DLA ARCHITECT

Ed Wright presented to the Board the upcoming 2020 projects at Worthwoods and Worth Elementary. The presentation covered detailed Life Safety repairs and remodeling work to meet ADA compliancy. Mr. Wright stated that bids will go out in January 2020 and will get Board approval at the February Meeting. Linda Esposito engaged the board in further discussion expressing her appreciation and her views on the upcoming projects. Mrs. Esposito stated how much she supports these projects and is very excited about the upcoming changes to Worth Elementary.

Bryan Baier commented that District 127 received an incentive check for \$10,997.40 for participating in the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program.

E. E-RATE COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Dr. Fleming briefly commented that District 127 is e-rate compliant and the necessary form is available in the Parent/Student Handbook on the website.

Dr. Fleming recognized the Board Members and stated that Friday, November 15, 2019 is Board Member Appreciation Day. With appreciation and gratitude for their dedicated service, Dr. Fleming presented each Board Member with a Worth School District pull over.

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

There were no citizens' remarks.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

Action (Consent): A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Action (Consent): B. BOARD BILLS PAYABLE

10 - Education Fund	\$256,841.52
20 - Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$148,784.68
40 - Transportation Fund	\$ 43,494.64
90 - Life Safety Fund	\$ 8,562.37
Total	\$457,683.21

Motion by David Blanks, second by Michelle Egan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action (Consent): C. MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS

That the Board of Education approve the monthly Finance Reports.

Motion by David Blanks, second by Michelle Egan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action (Consent): D. PAYROLL SUMMARY

Resolution: "That the Board of Education approve the Payroll Summary"

Education Fund: \$567,225.32

Building Fund: \$40,695.69

Benefits: \$41,764.52

Motion by David Blanks, second by Michelle Egan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action (Consent): E. MONIKA DANKO – FULL-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL

That the Board of Education approve Monika Danko – Full-Time Paraprofessional

Motion by David Blanks, second by Michelle Egan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action (Consent): F. APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED AND SUPPORT STAFF SUBSTITUTE CALL LIST ADDITIONS

That the Board of Education approve the Certified and Support Staff Substitute Call List Additions.

Motion by David Blanks, second by Michelle Egan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action: G. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD MINUTES 10.09.19

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion by Danette Keeler, second by Stephanie Peltzer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Abstain: Michelle Egan

Action: H. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD MINUTES 10.09.19

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 9, 2019, regular meeting.

Motion by Stephanie Peltzer, second by Danette Keeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Abstain: Michelle Egan

Action: I. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION BOARD MINUTES 10.09.19

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 9, 2019 closed session minutes.

Motion by David Blanks, second by Drew Sernus.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Abstain: Michelle Egan

Action: J. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD MINUTES 10.28.19

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion by Michelle Egan, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action: K. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

That the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Personal Property as presented in the attachment.

Motion by Michelle Egan, second by Vince Flores.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action: L. APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL EXPENSES

That the Board of Education approve the projected travel expenses in the amount of \$1,300 for attendance at the Tri-Conference in Chicago, Illinois on November 22-24, 2019, for the following Board members: Drew Sernus, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, and Stephanie Peltzer.

Motion by Danette Keeler, second by Vince Flores.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action: M. ACCEPTANCE OF AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR FY2019

That the Board of Education accept the Auditor's Report, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent.

Motion by Stephanie Peltzer, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action: N. E-RATE COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

That the Board of Education is aware that Worth School District 127 has internet usage safety policies, rules and procedures in place and has publicly discussed this information.

Motion by Michelle Egan, second by Vince Flores.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action: O. 2019 TAX LEVY

That the Board of Education adopt the Resolution determining the estimated amount of money to be raised by taxation for 2019 and establish the Board meeting of December 11, 2019, as the time for the public hearing regarding the levy, as recommended by the Business Manager/CSBO and the Superintendent, as presented in the attached documents.

Motion by Vince Flores, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action: P. APPROVAL TO BID SUMMER 2020 WORK, AS DESIGNED BY DLA, LTD

That the Board of Education authorize the creation of bid specifications and release bid documents for Summer 2020 projects, including the remodel work at Worthwoods Elementary School, resurfacing of the north parking lot at Worthwoods Elementary School and interior security work at Worthridge/Administrative Center, as designed by DLA, Ltd.

Motion by Danette Keeler, second by Vince Flores.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. JANUARY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATE

Due to the upcoming bids for the 2020 Summer projects, Dr. Fleming engaged the Board regarding moving the January 8, 2020 meeting to January 15, 2020. Board Members will resume this discussion at the December 11, 2019 Meeting.

B. IASB RESOLUTIONS

Drew Sernus presented recommendations on the proposed IASB resolutions. Mr. Sernus will be attending the 2019 Delegate Assembly Meeting on November 23, 2019 to make recommendations made by Board Members.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Board Member commented on the Wizard of Oz performance at Shepard High School. We have many musically and artistically talented students that performed in the play. Mr. Zampillo also commented that several Worth Junior High students continued sports and have now gone on to State. A Board Member suggested we should link these milestones in our social media so our schools can see the successes of those students. Robert Jeffers, from our IT Department, will look into this further so the district can recognize those students.

Several Board Members attended the IASB Dinner on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. A presentation was given regarding school safety and implementing ways to make students and schools safer. Several Board Members commented on how informative and engaging the speaker was. Three Board Members were recognized and given awards for their service.

Board Member commented regarding seeing more announcements on the district social media page. More specifically when basketball, bowling and other sports events will be taking place. The Board further engaged in discussion regarding updating our consent form and resending to parents to give them further options to opt out of social media areas. The main concern is safety and how we can further protect our children when they are on social media. The consensus by everyone is that there are gray areas regarding newspaper publications as well as social media. Dr. Fleming noted that Tom Melody, the district attorney, reviewed our consent form.

9. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizens' remarks.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

That the Board of Education adjourn to closed session 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, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Motion by Michelle Egan, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Action: B. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

That the Board of Education upon completion of its discussions in closed session reconvene in public session.

Motion by Drew Sernus, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

11. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. ADJOURN MEETING

That the Board of Education upon completion of public session adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Drew Sernus, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Vince Flores, Stephanie Peltzer

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Blanks

Secretary Pro Tem, Board of Education



Drew Sernus

President, Board of Education