

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

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 11, 2023**

Administrators:

Dr. Mark Fleming, Superintendent
Cindy Dykas, Assistant Superintendent, Business Manager/CSBO
Linda Esposito, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Sinead Chambers, Director of Special Education
Jason Tooth, Worth Junior High Principal
Melissa Wills, Assistant Principal, WJH
Maureen Eichstaedt, Principal, Worth Elementary
Elizabeth D'Andrea, Assistant Principal, Worth Elementary
Ashley Toms, Principal, Worthwoods
Robert Jeffers, Director of Technology
David Dvorchak, Director of Facilities and Grounds

Board Recording Secretary

Jill Moore

Others Present

Kristina Cozzolino, WE
Jeff Pagano, WW
Lisa Strzempa, WE
Mary Zirngibl, WE/WEA
Alyssa Zirngibl, WE
Michelle Okrzesik, WE
JoAnne Albrecht, WJH/WEA
Stefane Beddard, Consultant
John Weidner
Megan Dresden

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Drew Sernus, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, David Blanks, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President, Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. FOIA REQUESTS

Dr. Fleming opened by stating that since the last Board Meeting the district has not received any FOIA requests.

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - JANUARY 25, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Dr. Fleming reminded the Board that the Finance Committee Meeting will take place on January 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

C. WORTH JUNIOR HIGH GRADUATION

Dr. Fleming shared that Worth Junior High is proposing to hold the 8th grade graduation on Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. Stagg High School has scheduled their graduation ceremony on May 20.

3. BUSINESS MANAGER

A. QUEST FOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC EMERGENCY CONTRACT AMENDMENT - 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently released its November Consumer Price Index (CPI) report, noting that costs for food used in school settings has increased 110% in the last 12 months.
- USDA granted additional reimbursement funds to schools this year of \$0.40/lunch and \$0.15/breakfast served (above and beyond CPI increases).
- In addition to increased reimbursement rates, the USDA has just announced over \$2.5 billion in Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) funding available to schools
 - this is an additional \$0.85/lunch and \$0.60/breakfast served in reimbursement funds that will be available this spring.
- Quest is requesting an increase of \$0.39 for lunch meal rates and \$0.22 for breakfast meal rates for January – June 2023. This still has Worth's meal rates well below reimbursement rates, even before considering the Supply Chain Assistance Funding
 - Worth rate change as follows:
 - Breakfast \$1.81 to \$2.03
 - Lunch \$3.32 to \$3.71
- Reimbursement rates from National School Lunch Program
 - Breakfast \$2.67
 - Lunch \$4.43
- After milk cost of approx. \$0.30 per half pint, still make money per meal
 - Breakfast \$0.34
 - Lunch \$0.42

4. DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A. CURRICULUM CONSULTANT UPDATE

Linda Esposito introduced Stephane Beddard to share a PowerPoint presentation on Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs. Beddard gave an overview as follows:

- Curriculum Resources
 - K-1 - Heggerty
 - K-3 - Foundations
 - K-8 - Reading Fundamentals
 - K-8 Writing Fundamentals
 - 6-8 Commonlit 360
- Assessments
 - Fastbridge - Universal Screener
 - Lexia - Adaptive Assessment for Blended learning
- Professional Development/EdCamp/Instructional Practices
- School and District Improvement
 - Partnering with consultants to achieve district goals, enhance instructional practices, and improve student learning.
 - Literacy/Math/MTSS/Special Education

B. WORTH JUNIOR HIGH STEM LAB

Mrs. Kozik was unable to attend the Board Meeting and the Worth Junior High Stem Lab update will be on the February Agenda.

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

There were no citizens' remarks.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent): A. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Resolution: Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as listed in 6. b - 6. e."

Motion by Meghan Sisk, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

Action (Consent): B. BOARD BILLS PAYABLE

Resolution: Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the Accounts Payable for \$196,031.41 (EDUCATIONAL); \$100,661.27 (OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE); and \$24,923.82 (TRANSPORTATION) for a total of \$282,509.19."

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as listed in 6. b - 6. e."

Motion by Meghan Sisk, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

Action (Consent): C. PAYROLL SUMMARY

Resolution: Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the Payroll Summary for the Education Fund in the amount of \$1,009,232.03, the Building Fund in the amount of \$84,326.18, and the FICA/IMRF/Medicare in the amount of \$72,424.31."

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as listed in 6. b - 6. e."

Motion by Meghan Sisk, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

Action (Consent): D. RESIGNATION OF CERTIFIED STAFF - MONIKA DANKO - PARAPROFESSIONAL - WORTH ELEMENTARY - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2023

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as listed in 6. b - 6. e."

Motion by Meghan Sisk, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

Action (Consent): E. FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY #110

Resolution: Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the policies as listed in the attached."

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as listed in 6. b - 6. e."

Motion by Meghan Sisk, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

7. MOTIONS

Action: A. REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 regular meeting."

Motion by Michelle Egan, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

Action: B. QUEST FOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC EMERGENCY CONTRACT AMENDMENT - 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the Emergency Contract Amendment with Quest Food Management Services, LLC for the remainder of the 2022/2023 school year."

Motion by Danette Keeler, second by Drew Sernus.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

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

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Personal Property as presented in the attachment".

Motion by Meghan Sisk, second by Missy Sinclair.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

8. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION AND/OR REPORTS/REQUESTS

Board Member informed everyone that she will not be in attendance at the February 8, 2023 Board of Education meeting due to a prior commitment.

9. CITIZENS' REMARKS - AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizens' remarks.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting."

Motion by Danette Keeler, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

Action: B. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education upon completion of it's discussions in closed session reconvene in public session at 7:22 p.m."

Motion by Drew Sernus, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Meghan Sisk, Danette Keeler, Michelle Egan, Missy Sinclair

11. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion (voice vote): "that the Board of Education motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m."

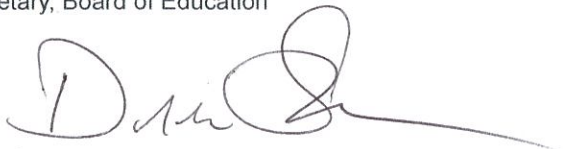
Voice Vote: All Yes

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Meghan Sisk
Secretary, Board of Education



Drew Sernus
President, Board of Education