

**Board of Education  
Worth School District 127  
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting  
June 25, 2025  
Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administration Building  
11218 S. Ridgeland Ave, Worth, Illinois**

**Administrators:**

Dr. Mark Fleming, Superintendent  
Cindy Dykas, Assistant Superintendent, Business Manager/CSBO  
Dr. Sinead Chambers, Director of Student Services  
Dr. Maureen Eichstaedt, Assistant Director of Student Services  
Lisa Lyke, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
Jason Tooth, Principal, Worth Junior High  
Ashley Toms Bonnstetter, Principal, Worthwoods Elementary  
Elizabeth D'Andrea, Principal, Worth Elementary  
Alyse Koehler, Assistant Principal, Worth Elementary & Worthwoods Elementary

**Board Recording Secretary**

Jill Moore

**Others Present**

Brittan Swanagan-Russell  
Jeff Pagano

**1. MEETING OPENING**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Drew Sernus called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Drew Sernus, Vince Flores, David Blanks, Missy Sinclair

Absent: Danette Keeler, Meghan Sisk, Michelle Egan

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President, Drew Sernus led the Pledge of Allegiance

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

**Action: A. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees".

Motion by Vince Flores, second by Drew Sernus.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Vince Flores, 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 6:13 p.m."

Motion by Vince Flores, second by Missy Sinclair.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Vince Flores, Missy Sinclair

**3. 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 presented."

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Motion by Missy Sinclair, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Vince Flores, Missy Sinclair

Action (Consent): B. RESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF - MELISSA WILLS - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT WORTH JUNIOR HIGH - EFFECTIVE JUNE 24, 2025

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as presented."

Motion by Missy Sinclair, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Vince Flores, Missy Sinclair

Action (Consent): C. RECLASSIFICATION OF CLASSIFIED STAFF - MATILDE PRINCIPE - FROM PARAPROFESSIONAL TO FULL-TIME SECRETARY - WORTH ELEMENTARY - EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as presented."

Motion by Missy Sinclair, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Vince Flores, Missy Sinclair

Action (Consent): D. EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF - MELANNIE SAMANIEGO - KINDERGARTEN TEACHER - EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as presented."

Motion by Missy Sinclair, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Vince Flores, Missy Sinclair

Action (Consent): E. EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF - JAMIE SKIRMONT - KINDERGARTEN TEACHER - EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as presented."

Motion by Missy Sinclair, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Vince Flores, Missy Sinclair

Action (Consent): F. EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF - GUNNAR BETTENHAUSEN - PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER - WORTHWOODS ELEMENTARY - EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as presented."

Motion by Missy Sinclair, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Vince Flores, Missy Sinclair

Action (Consent): G. EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT WORTH JUNIOR HIGH - EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda Items as presented."

Motion by Missy Sinclair, second by David Blanks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Vince Flores, Missy Sinclair

#### **4. MOTIONS**

Action: A. WORTH EDUCATION SUPPORT TEAM (WEST) CONTRACT JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2029

Recommended Motion (roll call): "that the Board of Education approve the Worth Education Support Team (WEST) Contract effective July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2029."

Motion by David Blanks, second by Vince Flores.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Drew Sernus, David Blanks, Vince Flores, Missy Sinclair

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

There were no Citizens' Remarks.

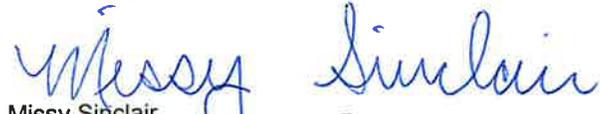
**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Recommended Motion (voice vote): "that the Board of Education motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m."

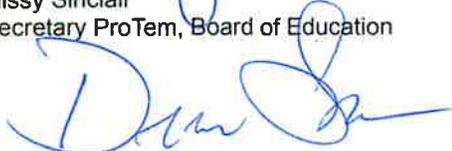
Voice Vote: All Yes

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Missy Sinclair  
Secretary Pro Tem, Board of Education



Drew Sernus  
President, Board of Education