



# SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2023 MINUTES

### ROLL CALL: (5:30 p.m.)

Mr. Zeidler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Damon, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Ho

Absent: NONE

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Ms. Evans, Ms. Crabtree, Mr. Neuman, Mr. Beerheide, Ms. Galin, Ms. Patel, Middlefork School Dolphin Pods student representative and their families.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board of Education meetings, and bills and salaries. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

### SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

Student representatives of the Middlefork School Dolphin Pods and their teacher (Ms. Patel) shared their experiences and perspectives relative to the program at Middlefork School. Board members asked questions of the student representatives and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Stange shared a copy of the recent "Safety & Security in District 29" presentation from the Parent Connections meeting.

### BOARD BUSINESS:

#### 5.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

#### 5.2 Board Open Discussion

There was no Board open discussion.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

**6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Dr. Stange shared information about the one FOIA request received since the October Board meeting.

**6.2 Enrollment Report**

Dr. Stange reviewed the most recent enrollment data, noting that there was no change in enrollment since the October meeting.

**6.3 Personnel Report**

Dr. Stange noted that there were no personnel recommendations for the November meeting.

**6.4 Discussion; 2024-2025 District Calendar**

Dr. Stange shared a draft of the 2024-2025 District 29 Calendar noting highlighting the alignment of breaks with New trier High School and a start date for students of August 21, 2024. Mr. Pick suggested consideration of holding school on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week and starting school two (2) days later. Ms. Damon suggested consideration of moving the fall Parent-Teacher Conference day from October 24 to October 25. Ms. Joseph suggested consideration of moving the spring Early release Day from March 21 to March 23.

**6.5 District, School, and Department Updates**

Dr. Stange submitted the monthly school and department updates, highlighting the first ever RULER Family Night, Halloween festivities, the start of the basketball season, recent staff development activities, and maintenance efforts.

**BOARD COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**7.1 Policy Committee**

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**7.2 Finance Committee**

Dr. Stange introduced the Post Issuance Tax Compliance Report, required by the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Dotzler then motioned to approve the report as presented and Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

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### **7.2 Finance Committee**

Mr. Zeidler introduced the approval of the Final 2023 Tax levy. Mr. Dotzler then motioned to approve the Levy as presented and Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

### **7.3 Education Committee**

Ms. Joseph summarized the Annual Student Academic Assessment Report from the November 14, 2023 Education Committee meeting. The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

## **EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS:**

### **8.1 IASB**

Mr. Pick reviewed his recommendations regarding voting on the proposed IASB Resolutions. His fellow Board members indicated their agreement with his proposed position on each Resolution.

### **8.2 PTO**

Ms. Damon reported on the PTO meeting highlighting the annual PTO Gifts program and the upcoming Holiday Gifts Project.

### **8.3 TrueNorth**

Mr. Tideman provided an update on the TrueNorth 804 Educational Cooperative, highlighting interests from some non-member districts to join the cooperative.

### **8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield**

Mr. Pick summarized ongoing communications regarding the upcoming capital improvement planning efforts.

### **8.5 Foundation Fund**

There was no report.

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

At 7:54 p.m. it was motioned by Mr. Dotzler and seconded by Mr. Pick that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the October 2023 Closed Session meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees or independent contractors; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students and; to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

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Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF  
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:00 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

**11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – October 10, 2023**

Ms. Joseph moved to approve the closed session minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board meeting as presented. Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph

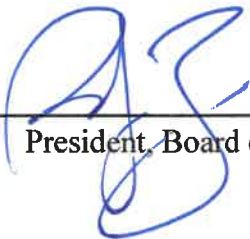
Nay: None

Abstain: Ms. Ho

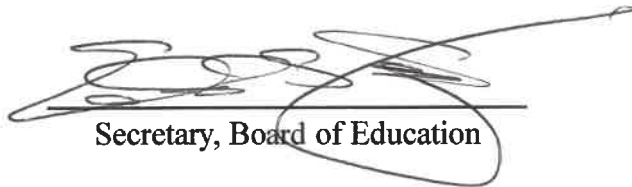
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was motioned by Mr. Pick and seconded by Mr. Dotzler to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.



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President, Board of Education



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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 12 DECEMBER, 2023

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