

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 9, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:05 p.m.)

Mr. Spaan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes,
Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Dreher, Ms. Dunham, Mrs. Styczen,
Dr. Sukenik, Dr. Greene, Dr. Stange, Mrs. Dorsey, Mrs.
Damon, Mrs. Pick, Sunset Ridge School Student Council
Representatives and Their Families.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Representatives from Sunset Ridge School's Student Council came to enlighten the Board on their role at Sunset Ridge. Their primary mission is to build school spirit, plan social and service activities, and create leadership opportunities for students in grades 4 through 8. In fact, they have done such a great job of this recently that their participants have increased to record numbers—60 members this year! The students shared many ideas that they look forward to implementing this year, such as the 4/5 grade Halloween party, a 6/7/8 Halloween movie night, raising money for Service Leagues activities, and t-shirts. Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange thanked the Student Council teacher leadership, and praised the students not only on their willingness to step forward as leaders, but also on their ability to foster connectedness in a world that sometimes can feel divided.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting – September 11, 2018

3.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting – September 25, 2018

3.3 Bills and Salaries

Mr. Subeck moved to approve the Consent Agenda with one correction to the minutes. Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes,
Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Stange shared a preview copy of the upcoming Fall Newsletter, to be mailed to all District 29 residents in the coming weeks. Dr. Stange and Board member Mrs. Anne Peterson both thanked Ms. Lauren Gray for her hard work on the project.

OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 Capital Improvement Update

Middlefork School: Dr. Stange reviewed updates regarding the Middlefork School Capital Improvement project, including the latest drawings, proposed construction timeline, planned plumbing renovations, and upcoming meetings regarding final cost projections and finishes selection

Sunset Ridge School: Dr. Stange reported that the landscapers are awaiting drier conditions to replaced dead landscaping.

5.2 Second Reading and Possible Approval: Board Policy 415-Incurring Debt

Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the revised Board Policy 415 regarding disclosures related to incurring debt. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes,
Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

6.2 Board Open Discussion

There was no Board open discussion.

REPORTS:

7.1 Finance & Facilities Committee

7.1a Report from October 9, 2018 Meeting

Mr. Subeck reviewed the October 9, 2018 Finance & Facilities Committee meeting including the report from a representative from the District's auditing firm whom reviewed the FY18 audit, the 2017 levy and the 2018 levy, and additional measures taken by the District to ensure that the Sunset Ridge School parking lot is safe for students, staff, and visitors alike.

7.1b Discussion and Possible Approval: FY18 Audit

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the FY18 District Audit as presented. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes,
Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr.
Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

7.1c Next Meeting: January 15, 2019 at 6:00p.m.

7.2 Education Committee

The next meeting is November 13, 2018, at 6pm.

7.3 External Relations

7.3a IASB

Ms. Alpert Knight reported that she ran into State Superintendent Mr. Tony Smith and he raved about District 29! Dr. Stange and Mr. Beerheide are looking forward to the IASB Annual Conference in November, at which District 29 will be receiving a prestigious award. Dr. Stange also reported that Sunset Ridge School has won The Best Green Project Award from ENR Midwest.

7.3b PTO

There was no report.

7.3c NSSED

A letter from NSSED Superintendent Dr. Kurt Schneider regarding allegations of “internet crimes against children” against an NSSED teacher

7.3d Northfield Park District

There was no report.

7.3e Village of Northfield

Mrs. Detlefsen reported that the Village continues to work on their Strategic Plan 2040. They have engaged many different stakeholders, including Avoca and Sunset Ridge students. The issues they hope to address are the village center, land use, branding, affordability, bike lanes and walkability, and village governance.

7.3f Foundation Fund

Mrs. Peterson reported that Foundation President Ms. Marti Bennett has retired from the position, and Ms. Terri Wareham has been named Interim President until formal elections can be held in the spring. There are still outstanding donations to be collected regarding the SRS fundraising initiative. At this time, the Foundation has not decided if or how it will participate in any fundraising surrounding the Middlefork project.

7.4 Administrative Reports

7.4a Update: 2018-2019 Enrollment

Dr. Stange reported that enrollments stands at 194 for Middlefork and 275 for Sunset Ridge, plus 10 resident students that receive educational service in out-of-district placements.

7.4b Update: 2018-2019 Staffing

Dr. Stange informed the Board that there are still a few openings for teaching assistants.

7.4c Discussion: 2019-2020 District Calendar

Dr. Stange reviewed key guidelines and timeframe developing the

District calendar. He also highlighted the influence of the planned Middlefork School construction (Summer 2019), a potential township wide spring institute day (February 2020), and the plans for the other township public schools (all starting the week of August 26, 2019) on the development of the District calendar.

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:46 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes from September 11, 2018 and September 25, 2018; to consider information regarding employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students; to discuss potential litigation; and to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 8:27 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – September 11, 2018

Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the closed session minutes from September 11, 2018. Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

10.2 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – September 25, 2018

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the closed session minutes from September 25, 2018. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

10.3 Approval: Employment of Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Mirkovic moved to approve the employment of a teaching assistant (Marti Benett). Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes,
Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr.
Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

10.4 Acceptance; Letter of Resignation from Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the resignation of a teaching assistant and Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes,
Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr.
Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

10.5 Approval: Superintendent's Contract

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the Superintendent's employment contract as presented. Mr. Mirkovic seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes,
Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr.
Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS: No delegations or petitions were presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mr. Subeck seconded by Mr. Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 13 November, 2018

