

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 13, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Mr. Spaan called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, Mrs. Styczen, Dr. Sukenik,
Dr. Greene, Dr. Stange, Mrs. Dorsey, Mrs. Damon, Sunset
Ridge School Robotics Class Representatives and Their
Families.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Participants in the Sunset Ridge Robotics class came to demonstrate how their self-designed and self-built pull toys work. They described the process by which they created their toys, which includes design work, collaboration with team members, and a lot of trial and error. They are looking forward to coding the robots in order to make them move independently. Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange recognized that many future job markets may be driven by technology, and commended the students on their desire to build tech skills, practice persistence when trying to solve real-world problems, and hone their ability to innovate and work together, all valuable skills for the future.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting – October 9, 2018

3.2 Bills and Salaries

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 an article spotlighting Sunset Ridge School's LEED Platinum Certification, a student letter to the Winnetka Current editor regarding the new Sunset Ridge building, and a feature article focusing on two Sunset Ridge students who developed Starbucks cups that promote kindness. Dr. Stange also congratulated Ms. Kim Albright (formerly Heilenbach), Sunset Ridge Computer Science teacher, on her receipt of the highest honor given to Project Lead The Way's teachers -PLTW Outstanding Teacher- at their national conference.

OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 Capital Improvement Update

Middlefork School: Dr. Stange reported that the Middlefork Capital Improvement Team continues to work on the final section of finishes for inclusion in the bidding process, and construction timelines and logistics are being finalized. Dr. Stange reported that the District is working closely with the Park District in order to accommodate their summer camps during construction as best as possible.

Sunset Ridge School: Dr. Stange reported that all warrantied landscaping has now been replaced and final payments to subcontractors are being submitted. Dr. Stange reported that a few plumbing vent stacks will be rerouted over winter break in order to create less proximity to ventilation intakes.

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.

6.3 Discussion and Possible Approval: Change in January 2019 Board Meeting Date

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Detlefsen moved to change the January Regular Board Meeting and the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting from January 15th to January 22nd, in order to accommodate the bid process for the Middlefork School construction project. 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.

6.4 First Reading: Board Policy 523 - FMLA

The Board had a first reading of Board Policy 523 regarding Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) procedures.

REPORTS:

7.1 Finance & Facilities Committee

7.1a Discussion and Possible Approval: 2018 Tentative Tax Levy

Mr. Hayes Motioned to approved the 2018 Tentative Tax Levy and Mrs. 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

7.1b Next Meeting: January 22, 2019 at 6:00p.m.

7.2 Education Committee

Board member Ms. Amanda Alpert Knight reported that Dr. Stange gave a presentation on the District's efforts and improvements in it's communications systems. This included a review of the website, newsletter, teacher pages, conferences and progress reports, and the weekly news, all in direct response to the District's Strategic Plan.

The next meeting is December 11, 2018, at 6pm.

7.3 External Relations

7.3a IASB

Ms. Alpert Knight reported that the Annual Joint Conference is this weekend, at which Sunset Ridge School will be receiving the Award of Distinction in the annual Invitational Exhibition of Educational Environments. This award honors projects displaying innovative solutions to challenges both in new school construction and facility renovations. 27 schools around the state submitted projects, and only three were chosen for this prestigious award. Additionally, Dr. Stange presented the state-wide list of referendums that were voted on in recent elections.

7.3b PTO

Ms. Mirkovic reported that plans are in the works for the Winter Benefit taking place on March 2, 2019. The PTO reviewed the progress of #D29Connect, Sunset Ridge School's new SEL initiative.

7.3c NSSED

Mr. Hayes reported that the co-op has communicated with all of their districts and parents regarding the recent arrest of a teacher on child pornography and criminal sexual assault charges. The investigation by the Glenview Police Department is ongoing.

7.3d Northfield Park District

Mrs. Detlefsen reported that the Park District is anticipating the impact of the Middlefork construction on their summer camps. They plan to work closely with the District and Pepper Construction to make sure that all goes smoothly. They are very cognizant of any dangers, in any form, that could pose a threat to the children, and are already problem solving to find safe solutions or alternatives.

7.3e Village of Northfield

Mr. Subeck reported that the community engagement meeting in support of Northfield's Strategic Plan is on Wednesday, 7:00pm, at the North Shore Senior Center.

7.3f Foundation Fund

Mrs. Peterson reported that Mrs. Marti Bennett has officially transferred the duties of President to Ms. Terri Wareham.

7.4 Administrative Reports

7.4a Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Stange reported on four Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests from 1) Sheet Metal Workers LU73 regarding any planned maintenance, 2) SmartProcure regarding purchasing records, 3) Querrey and Harrow, Ltd regarding the Sunset Ridge School lease agreements, and 4) Mr. Anthony Drabik regarding the District's electricity supply.

7.4b Update: 2018-2019 Enrollment

Dr. Stange reported that enrollment is holding steady at 475 students, with 10 students receiving educational services in out-of-district placements.

7.4c Discussion: 2019-2020 District Calendar

Dr. Stange reviewed key guidelines and timeframe developing the District calendar. The Board then discussed 3 different 2019-2020 school calendar options, keeping in mind the desire to give the Middlefork construction project some breathing room and our efforts to allow for more teacher collaboration and planning time. The calendar discussion is ongoing.

7.4d Discussion: ISBE Annual School Report Cards

Dr. Stange also reported on the newly released Illinois State Board of Education annual School Report Cards, which are computed using PARCC assessment results in reading and math proficiency and growth, absenteeism reports, and overall performances on the annual IL 5Essentials survey. Both Middlefork and Sunset Ridge received "Commendable" labels, which Dr. Stange explained is because less than 95% of our students participated in the PARCC test. Were it not for this arbitrary cut-off rule, both schools would have received an "Exemplary" label.

CLOSED SESSION: At 8:21 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Detlefsen and seconded by Mr. Subeck that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes from October 9, 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 9:12 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – October 9, 2018

Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the closed session minutes from October 9, 2018. Mrs. Detlefsen 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: Employment of Theonie Koumbis

Mrs. Mirkovic moved to approve the employment of Theonie Koumbis.

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

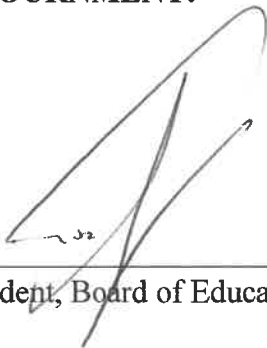
10.3 Approval: FMLA Request from J. Bauer

Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the employment of a FMLA request from Mrs. Bauer. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

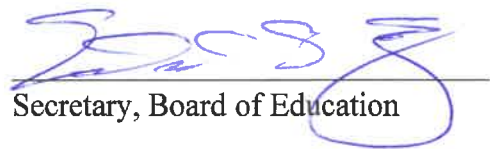
Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes,
Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr.
Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS: No delegations or petitions were presented.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Ms. Alpert Knight seconded by Mr. Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 11 December, 2018
