

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:02 p.m.)

Mr. Subeck called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Mr. Subeck, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Welch, Mr. Spaan

Absent: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Mr. Beerheide, Dr. Sukenik, Mr. Dreher
Mrs. Styczen, Mrs. Dunham, Mr. & Mrs. Vlad, Mr.
Weyermuller, Ms. Puh, Ms. Turner, Ms. Gibson, Ms.
Damon, Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Aul

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, including the January 21st and February 7th, 2022 Board Meeting minutes, monthly bills and salaries and vendor checks. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**MODIFICATION OF
AGENDA ORDER:**

Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the modification of the order of agenda items. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Subeck,
Mr. Spaan, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

This agenda item was deferred until March.

NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Proposed Off-Ramp for COVID Mitigation Strategies

Dr. Stange reviewed a summary of a proposed new COVID Mitigation Plan. The highlights of the new plan included a focus on local metrics (e.g., Test Positivity Rates and Cases Per 100,000 Residents in the New Trier Township, Vaccination Rates at the two schools, and the number of positive cases at each school), leveled mitigation measures at the discretion of the administrative team (e.g., cleaning, hygiene, ventilation, education, social distancing), and direct Board involvement in the process for decision making regarding restrictive mitigation measures (e.g., universal masking, pivot to remote learning).

4.1 Audience Comments

Various community members provided in-person and electronically submitted public comments regarding the District's COVID-19 mitigation protocols.

4.2 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

The Board discussed the components of the revised COVID Mitigation Plan. A proposed change was recommending the removal of the component offering voluntary participation in random COVID testing at school. With a proposed implementation date of February 22, 2022, Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the revised plan as presented and Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Subeck,
Mr. Spaan, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS:

5.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Stange reported on two FOIA requests since the January Board meeting

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

6.1 Update: 2021-2022 Enrollment Report

Dr. Stange summarized the most recent enrollment data, noting that the early 2022-2023 Kindergarten enrollment data shows 45 students with enrollment paperwork completed. He also noted that the administration continues to closely monitor the 2021-2022 1st grade class.

6.2 Update: 2021-2022 Personnel Report

Dr. Stange summarized the recommended personnel actions including the the dismissal of two staff members and the resignation of two additional staff members.

6.3 School and Department Reports

Mrs. Kiedaisch reviewed data regarding academic intervention services that showed a decrease in the number of students requiring intensive academic intervention. She also discussed challenges and possible solutions relative to the traffic management issues at Middlefork School. Finally, she discussed the positive feedback regarding the long-term music substitute teacher.

Dr. Sukenik shared information regarding the social media instruction that has been happening, and is planned, including direction instruction activities and guest speakers from the Northfield Police Department.

6.4 Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Stange reviewed progress on the strategic planning process noting that the Strategic Design Team would be reviewing a variety of data to identify District strengths and opportunities for improvement.

6.5 Security Consultant Update

Dr. Stange noted that the security consultation process had been completed and that he was expecting a full report within the next month.

**6.6 American Recover Plan/Elementary & Secondary School
Emergency Relief Spending Plan**

Dr. Stange reviewed the District 29 plan relative to spending of federal COVID relief funds, which is posted on the District 29 website.

REPORTS:

7.1 Return to School Task Force Report

This agenda item was moved to the beginning of the meeting agenda.

7.2 Finance Committee Report

**7.2a Discussion and Possible Approval: Resolution Authorizing
a Supplemental Tax Levy to Pay the Principal and Interest on
Outstanding Limited Bonds of the District**

After a brief discussion regarding the history of the supplemental levy, Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the resolution as presented.

Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**7.2b Discussion and Possible Approval: Electricity Contract
Parameter Resolution**

Mr. Welch moved to approve the resolution as presented.

Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.3 Education Committee

Ms. Joseph reported on the Education Committee meeting from February 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. which included a review of the 2021 Illinois 5Essentials Survey Data, a report on the Full-Day Kindergarten Program, and a report on the Computer Science Program.

7.4 Policy Committee

Mr. Subeck noted that the next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

8.1 IASB

There was no report.

8.2 PTO

There was no report.

8.3 TrueNorth

There was no report. Mr. Spaan highlighted an article about Attitude and Beliefs Regarding Individuals With Disabilities linked in the meeting agenda.

8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield

There was no report.

8.5 Foundation Fund

There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION: At 8:38 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mr. Zeidler that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students; to discuss potential litigation; to discuss the sale or lease of District property, and to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:39 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – January 11, 2022

Mr. Spaan moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

11.2 Approval: Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Zeidler moved to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Mr.

Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Ms. Alpert Knight and seconded by Mr. Zeidler to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 15 March, 2022
