



SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES December 13, 2022

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:03 p.m.)

Mr. Subeck called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Mr. Beerheide,
Mr. Dreher, Ms. Evans, Ms. Styczen, Mrs. Peterson,
Mrs. Ho, Student Representatives of the Middlefork School
Coding Club and their parents

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Spaan requested to separate approval of the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting from the December 2022 bills and salaries on the consent agenda, as he was absent from the November meeting and must abstain from voting on that item.

Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022 Board of Education meeting as presented. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Spaan

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda including the December 2022 payroll and vendor checks. Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

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SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Ms. Kiedaisch introduced three representatives of the Middlefork School Coding Club to share their experiences with the program. The students shared that they enjoyed the collaborative problem solving and active engagement they experience when coding. The Board and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Stange shared two communications: A link to the District 29 School Report Cards published on the District website per the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirements. The second was a handout for Board of Education members regarding how to effectively work with stakeholders.

NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

5.2 Board Open Discussion

Mr. Welch stated that he was resigning from the District 29 Board of Education, effective immediately. President Subeck verbally accepted Mr. Welch's resignation. Mr. Welch left the meeting.

5.3 2022 Levy Hearing

Mr. Spaan motioned to temporarily suspend the Regular Board Meeting to hold the 2022 Levey Hearing. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

At 7:18 p.m., Mr. Subeck called the 2022 Levy Hearing to order. Upon roll call, the following Board Members were present:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

Having heard no public comment regarding the 2022 Tax Levy, Mr. Dotzler motioned to close the 2022 Levey Hearing at 7:19 p.m. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

Mr. Subeck called the Regular Board Meeting back to order at 7:20 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Stange reported on one FOIA request for information regarding District purchasing.

6.2 2022-2023 Enrollment Report

Dr. Stange reviewed the most recent enrollment data, which was unchanged since November 2022. He also provided and again reviewed the independent demographer's enrollment projections report. He also provided data relative to historic class sizes in the District.

6.3 2021-2022 Personnel Report

Dr. Stange shared the personnel report recommendations including a recommendation to employ a first grade teacher and the approval of two requests for leaves of absence under FMLA.

6.4 2023-2024 District 29 Calendar

Dr. Stange shared the proposed 2023-2024 District 29 School Calendar.

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the calendar as presented. Mr.

Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

6.5 Donation from David Misantoni

Dr. Stange shared a proposed Resolution to accept a gift of approximately \$171,000 from the estate of David Misantoni. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

6.6 Crossing Guard Services Bid

Dr. Stange shared the results of the open bid for school crossing guard services. Mr. Spaan motioned to approve the bid from Andy Frain Services as presented. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

7.1a Financial Auditing Services

Mr. Subeck shared the administrative recommendation to approve a service contract with Lauterbach & Amen for financial auditing. Mr. Beerheide noted that the new contract requires a change in the main auditor(s) assigned to the District. Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the contract as presented. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.1b 2022 Tentative Levy

Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the 2022 Tentative Levy as presented. Ms. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.2 Education Committee

Ms. Joseph summarized the Education Meeting presentation and thanked the administration and staff for the comprehensive report and their continued work on the District's Strategic Plan goals.

7.3 Policy Committee

Mr. Dotzler presented the recommended changes to District 29 Board Policies from the Policy Committee. Ms. Alpert Knight shared her perspective that a revision to the Board Policy delineating expectations for attendance at Board meetings needs more specific information.

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS
REPORTS:**

8.1 IASB

Mr. Dotzler summarized the Resolutions Committee recommendations.

8.2 PTO

There was no report.

8.3 TrueNorth

Dr. Stange noted that True North is expected to be billing member districts for anticipated capital improvement needs, although the exact dollar amount was unknown at this time.

8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield

There was no report.

8.5 Foundation Fund

There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:18 p.m. it was motioned by Mr. Dotzler and seconded by Ms. Alpert Knight that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the October 2022 meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees; to discuss matters related to safety and security; 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: Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck,
Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 10:07 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – October 11, 2022

Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

11.2 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations

Mr. Spaan motioned to approve the personnel report recommendations as presented. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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


Nay: None


Absent: Mr. Welch

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned by Mr. Spaan and seconded by Ms. Alpert Knight to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 17 January 2023
