



SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2023

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, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Damon (officially seated at 7:23p.m.)

Absent: Mr. Spaan

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Dreher, Ms. Evans, Mr. Neuman, Mrs. Peterson, Ms. Ho, Mr. Tideman, Ms. Damon, Mr. Pick, Mr. Norbot, Student Representatives of the Sunset Ridge School Robotics Club and their parents.

Mr. Dotzler motioned to allow the participation by phone of Board member Adelebert Spaan, who was out of town on business. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Joseph motioned to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Board of Education meeting and bills and salaries as presented. Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Dr. Sukenik introduced Kim Albright (Robotics Club Teacher Leader) and several representatives of the Sunset Ridge School Robotics Club. The students shared their experiences with the program and demonstrated the VEX IQ Robotics Challenge for this year. The students shared that they enjoyed the teamwork, collaborative problem solving and perseverance they learn when engaged in the Robotics club. The Board and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Stange shared a communication form the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) regarding the Board vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Audience Comments

On behalf of the entire District 29 community, Dr. Stange expressed gratitude and appreciation for Board of Education members during Board Member Appreciation Month.

5.2 Board Open Discussion

Mr. Zeidler requested that the District discontinue sending out email communications/notices regarding reported cases of COVID, and instead report aggregated cases in the Weekly News.

5.3 Resolution Honoring Board Member Rory Welch

Dr. Stange a Resolution honoring former District 29 Board of Education member Rory Welch. Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the Resolution as presented and Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. All were in favor and the Resolution was unanimously approved.

5.4 Discussion and Possible Approval: Seating of new Board of Education member Mrs. Jennier Damon

Ms. Joseph motioned to approve Mrs. Jennifer Damon to fill the District 29 Board of Education vacancy. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved. Mrs. Damon joined the Board table and verbalized the Oath of Office. The Board and Dr. Stange welcomed her and thanked her for her service.

5.5 Discussion and Possible Approval: 2022-2023 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

Ms. Joseph motioned to approve the revision of the 2022-2023 District 29 Board of Education meeting calendar to add a training workshop facilitated by the Illinois Association of School Boards on May 3, 2023. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Stange reported on one FOIA request for information regarding Board of Education member information..

6.2 2022-2023 Enrollment Report

Dr. Stange reviewed the most recent enrollment data, which was unchanged since December 2022.

6.3 2021-2022 Personnel Report

Dr. Stange shared the personnel report recommendations including a recommendation to a request for a voluntary transfer and the multi-year contract extension for Dr. Sukenik.

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6.4 2023-2024 District 29 Calendar

Dr. Stange shared his recommendation to defer any amendment to the 2022-2023 District 29 School Calendar as a result of the emergency day recently utilized until after the winter season.

6.5 School and Department Reports

Mrs. Kiedaisch, Dr. Sukenik, and Ms. Evans shared school updates including progress on the Mathematics Curriculum Review Committee, the upcoming Middlefork School Sings, the upcoming Robotics Competition, the upcoming Basketball Tournament, and professional development activities planned for staff.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7.1 Discussion and Possible Approval: Budget Designation

Dr. Stange shared the recommendation to approve District 29 Chief School Business Official Tom Beerheide to begin work on the 2023-2024 Budget. Ms. Joseph motioned to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.3 Discussion and Possible Approval: Board Policy Revisions

Mr. Dotzler presented the recommended changes to District 29 Board Policies from the Policy Committee and motioned to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS:

8.1 IASB

There was no report.

8.2 PTO

There was no report.

8.3 TrueNorth

There was no report.

8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield

There was no report.

8.5 Foundation Fund

There was no report.

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CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:57 p.m. it was motioned by Ms. Alpert Knight and seconded by Mr. Dotzler 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. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:11 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – December 13, 2022

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Ms. Damon

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

11.2 Approval: Destruction of Verbatim Record

Mr. Zeidler moved to approve the destruction of the verbatim record as presented. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

11.3 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations

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


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


Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned by Ms. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Zeidler to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.



President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 21 FEBRUARY, 2023
