



# SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 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, Mr. Spaan

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Dreher, Ms. Styczen, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Pick, Student Representatives of the Sunset Ridge School Band, Orchestra, and Choir and their parents.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Board of Education meeting and bills and salaries. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED**

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS**

Dr. Sukenik introduced select members of the Sunset Ridge School Band, Orchestra, and Choir. The students performed for the audience and the Board and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Dr. Stange shared a communication regarding the recent death of former District 29 teacher and administrator Bryan Albro.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **5.1 Audience Comments**

Mr. Subeck read a written public comment submitted by Mr. Rory Welch.

##### **5.2 Board Open Discussion**

Ms. Alpert Knight read a statement in response to Mr. Welch's public comment.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

**6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Dr. Stange reported on one FOIA request for information regarding employee compensation.

**6.2 2022-2023 Enrollment Report**

Dr. Stange reviewed the most recent enrollment data, including the initial 2023-2024 Kindergarten enrollment numbers. Board members discussed their personal preferences relative to smaller versus larger class sizes.

**6.3 2021-2022 Personnel Report**

Dr. Stange shared the personnel report recommendations. He also shared a recommendation to increase the pay rate for athletic referees. Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the recommendation to increase the pay rate for athletic referees 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, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**6.4 Resolution to Accept Financial Gift from the Estate of David A Misantoni**

Dr. Stange shared a resolution accepting a financial gift from the estate of David Misantoni. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED

**6.5 District, School, and Department Updates**

Members of the administrative team shared updates regarding recent happenings at the District, School, and Department levels.

**BOARD COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**7.3 Report from the February 21, 2023 Education Committee Meeting**

Ms. Joseph provided an overview of the information shared at the February 21, 2023 Education Committee meeting and thanked the administrative team for their work on the presentation.

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### EXTERNAL RELATIONS

#### REPORTS:

##### 8.1 IASB

There was no report.

##### 8.2 PTO

There was no report.

##### 8.3 TrueNorth

Mr. Spann and Dr. Stange provided a brief presentation on the role and purpose of the True North Education Cooperative.

##### 8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield

There was no report.

##### 8.5 Foundation Fund

There was no report.

#### CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:19 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 January 2023 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 10:28 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

##### 11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – January 17, 2023

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

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

##### 11.3 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations

Mr. Spaan motioned to approve the personnel report recommendations as presented. Mr. Zeidler 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

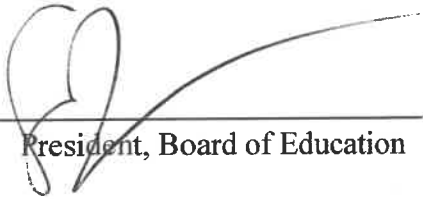
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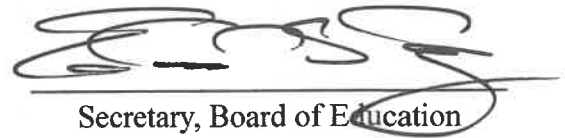
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was motioned by Mr. Dotzler and seconded by Ms. Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.



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President, Board of Education



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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 14 MARCOF, 2023

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