



# SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2023

### MINUTES

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

Mr. Subeck called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Mr. Beerheide,  
Mr. Neuman, Mr. Pick,  
Kindergarten Student Representatives of Middlefork  
School and their parents.

#### **APPROVAL OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Dotzler motioned to allow the remote participation (by phone) in the meeting by Mr. Zeidler who was out of town on business. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the February 21, 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**

Ms. Kiedaisch introduced representative Kindergarten students from Middlefork School. They shared their perspectives of a day in the life of a Kindergarten student and the Board and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Subeck summarized the Moody's Annual Issuer Comment Report noting that the District received a Aaa bond rating.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.1 Audience Comments**

There were no public comments.

**5.2 Board Open Discussion**

There was no Board open discussion. Ms. Alpert Knight thanked the PTO for the recent Winter Benefit.

**5.3 Resolution to Authorize Partial Settlement Agreement of Vaping Litigation**

Dr. Stange shared a resolution accepting the settlement of the Vaping Litigation. Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Dotzler 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 RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED

**5.4 Reappointment of Township Treasurer**

Mr. Spaan motioned to approve the appointment of Mr. Beerheide as the Assistant Township Treasurer and Ms. Joseph 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 RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED

**5.5 Modification of Flexible Spending Account Plan**

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the modification of the Flexible Spending Account limits per new IRS Regulations, and Ms. Joseph 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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

**6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Dr. Stange reported on three FOIA requests received during the past month.

**6.2 2022-2023 Enrollment Report**

Dr. Stange reviewed the most recent enrollment data, including the updated 2023-2024 Kindergarten enrollment numbers. Board members Shared their unanimous support for planning for a three (3) section 2023-2024 Kindergarten arrangement.

**6.3 2021-2022 Personnel Report**

Dr. Stange shared an overview of the personnel report recommendations to be discussed in closed session, including one termination, two (2) resignations, multiple recommendations for employment of new staff, and an FMLA request.

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

Members of the administrative team shared updates regarding recent happenings at the District, School, and Department levels, including new efforts to support staff recruitment and the recommendation to discontinue the music trip to Disney and instead plan for more frequent opportunities for music students to perform locally.

**BOARD COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**7.2 Report from the March 14, 2023 Education Committee Meeting**

Ms. Joseph provided an overview of the information regarding the Mathematics Curriculum Review shared at the March 14, 2023 Education Committee meeting, and thanked the administrative team for their work on the presentation.

**7.3 First Reading: Board Policy Updates**

Mr. Dotzler reviewed updates to Board policies recommended by the Policy Committee, including the modification of the Board policy related to public comments which requires public comments to be made in-person at a meeting of the Board.

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
REPORTS:**

**8.1 IASB**

There was no report.

**8.2 PTO**

Ms. Joseph thanked the PTO for the spectacular Winter Benefit.

**8.3 TrueNorth**

Mr. Spann noted that Phase I of the TrueNorth capital improvement plan had been approved.

**8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield**

Mr. Zeidler noted that the school and park district leadership would be meeting in the coming weeks.

**8.5 Foundation Fund**

There was no report.

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**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:05 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 February 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 matters related to safety and security, 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 9:46 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

**11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – February 21, 2023**

Mr. Spaan 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, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**11.3 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations**

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the personnel report recommendations as presented. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

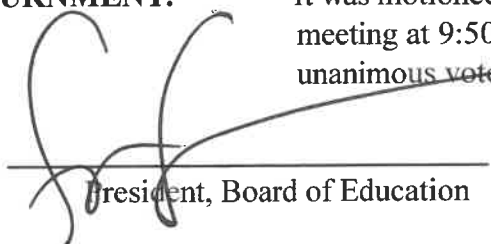
Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was motioned by Mr. Zeidler and seconded by Mr. Spaan to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 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 u April, 2023