



# SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 2022

### MINUTES

#### **ROLL CALL: (7:10 p.m.)**

Mr. Subeck called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Dreher,  
Ms. Evans, Mrs. Petersen, Mrs. Ho

Mr. Spaan motioned to approve the participation by phone of Mr. Zeidler who was out of town on business. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: Mr. Zeidler

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, including the September 13, 2022 Board Meeting minutes, bills and salaries and vendor checks. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

##### **3.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Dr. Stange reported on one FOIA request related to employment practices.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **4.1 Audience Comments**

There were no audience comments.

##### **4.2 Board Open Discussion**

There was no Board open discussion.

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### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

#### **5.1 2022-2023 Enrollment Report**

Dr. Stange summarized the most recent enrollment data, noting that he had engaged a contract with a demographer to update enrollment projections for District 29.

#### **5.2 2021-2022 Personnel Report**

Dr. Stange shared the personnel report recommendations including one recommendation to employ a Teaching Assistant, one resignation, one FMLA request, and a recommendation to increase the pay rates for substitute teachers.

#### **5.4 School and Department Reports**

Dr. Stange shared information regarding the recent staff institute day, noting that the District worked on safety and security and a variety of student engagement activities. He also shared information about the recent safety and security training facilitated by external expert John Heiderscheidt. Ms. Evans shared information regarding the recent training for Teaching Assistants facilitated by the mental health staff. Dr. Sukenik shared information regarding student groups related to civic engagement. Mr. Beerheide provided his monthly update on the District's revenue and expenses.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **6.1 Discussion and Possible Approval: 2021-2022 Financial Audit**

Mr. Welch reported on the 2021-2022 financial audit report. Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the 2021-2022 Financial Audit 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, Mr. Welch

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

#### **6.2 Education Committee**

There was no report.

#### **6.3 Policy Committee**

Mr. Dotzler presented the Board policies for a second reading and possible approval. Mr. Welch motioned to approve the policies as presented. Mr. Spaan 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

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Ms. Alpert Knight recommended that the Policy Committee consider the development of a Board Policy, or revision of an existing Board Policy, to articulate expectations for, and track attendance of, Board of Education members at meetings.

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
REPORTS:**

**8.1 IASB**

Mr. Dotzler noted the upcoming IASB Board Resolutions Committee recommendations. Dr. Stange shared his intention to schedule New Board Member training from IASB following the April 2022 elections.

**8.2 PTO**

Ms. Joseph summarized the discussions from the October PTO meeting.

**8.3 TrueNorth**

Mr. Spaan noted the TrueNorth work on strategic planning and facilities improvements.

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

There was no report. Dr. Stange congratulated Mr. Bill Byron for his recent appointment as the Superintendent of the Northfield Park District.

**8.5 Foundation Fund**

There was no report.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 7:43 p.m. it was motioned by Mr. Dotzler and seconded by Ms. Joseph that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the September 13, 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, Mr. Welch

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF  
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:17pm., the following recommendations were made:

**10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – September 13, 2022**

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

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

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**10.2 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations**

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

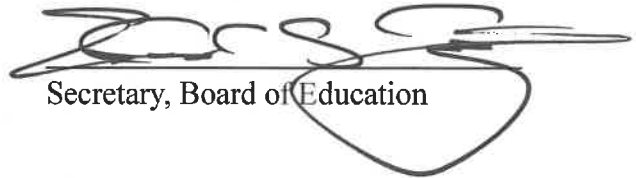
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was motioned by Mr. Dotzler and seconded by Ms. Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. All were in favor.



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President, Board of Education



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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 15 NOVEMBER, 2022

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