



SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2024 MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:00 p.m.)

Mr. Zeidler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Pick,
Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Absent: Ms. Ho

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Evans, Mr. Beerheide
Ms. Crabtree, Mr. Neuman, Mr. Ohlwein, Ms. Kennedy,
Ms. Kelly

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

This item was deferred due to weather.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board of Education meetings, and bills and salaries. Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman,
Mr. Zeidler

Absent: Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications.

BOARD BUSINESS:

5.1 Audience Comments

Ms. Bridget Kenedy shared her perspective regarding decreasing opportunities for parent engagement/involvement at Middlefork School and urged the Board and administration to reinstate parent engagement opportunities in alignment with the District's Strategic Plan.

5.2 Board Open Discussion

Ms. Damon wished 6th grade teacher Ms. Meziere a happy birthday.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Dr. Stange thanked the District 29 staff and administrative team for their efforts during the recent winter storm and severe weather.

6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Stange noted that there were no FOIA requests since the last report.

6.2 Enrollment Report

Dr. Stange noted that Middlefork School welcomed two new students since the December meeting, resulting in the largest enrollment (236 students) at Middlefork School in over 30 years.

6.3 Personnel Report

Dr. Stange presented his recommendation to approve two (2) requests for voluntary transfers and the employment of one (1) new teaching assistant.

6.4 Discussion and Possible Approval; 2024-2025 District Calendar

Dr. Stange shared a third draft of the 2024-2025 District 29 Calendar. Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the calendar as presented and Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr.
Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Absent: Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

6.6 District, School, and Department Updates

Dr. Stange submitted the monthly school and department updates. In response to the updates, Mr. Pick commented that the District should prioritize improvement of the current Spanish program before considering adding more languages. Ms. Joseph inquired about changes in music field trips.

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

7.1 Policy Committee

Mr. Dotzler facilitated the Second Reading of District 29 Board of Education Policies that were reviewed by the District 29 Policy Committee. Mr. Pick motioned to approve the revised policies as presented and Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr.
Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Absent: Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.2 Finance Committee

7.2a Report from January 16, 2023 Meeting

Mr. Pick provided a summary of the January 16, 2023 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting highlighting the discussion regarding the ongoing problems with the Sunset Ridge School HVAC system, progress on the Middlefork School capital improvement planning, and the discussion of installing additional fencing at Middlefork School.

7.2b. Approval of 2024-2025 Budget Designation

Ms. Joseph motioned to approve Mr. Beerheide to begin work on the 2024-2025 District 29 Budget. Mr. Pick seconded the motion
The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Pick
Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Absent: Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.3 Education Committee

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS
REPORTS:**

8.1 IASB

There was no report.

8.2 PTO

Ms. Joseph reported on the monthly PTO meeting highlighting the upcoming student dances, the Book Club, open PTO positions for next year, and how to access the PTO Newsletter from the PTO website.

8.3 TrueNorth

There was no report.

8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield

Mr. Pick noted that the Park District Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024, where they plan to discuss the results of the recent survey regarding the dog park.

8.5 Foundation Fund

There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:29 p.m. it was motioned by Mr. Dotzler and seconded by Mr. Zeidler that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the December 2023 Closed Session meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or

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dismissal of specific employees or independent contractors; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students and; and to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Absent: Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:06 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – December 12, 2023

Mr. Tideman motioned to approve the closed session minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board meeting as presented. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Absent: Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

11.1 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations

Mr. Pick motioned to approve the Personnel Report recommendations as presented. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

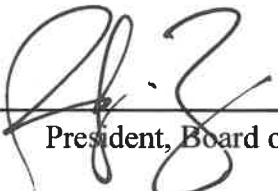
Absent: Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned by Mr. Pick, and seconded by Mr. Dotzler, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 13 February 2024
