



# SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2023

### MINUTES

#### **ROLL CALL: (5:30 p.m.)**

Mr. Zeidler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

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

Absent: Ms. Joseph

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Ms. Evans, Mr.  
Neuman, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Dreher, Mr. Ondyak

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Pick motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the May 16, 2023 Board of Education meetings, and bills and salaries, Ms. Damon seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Ho, Ms. Damon, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr.  
Dotzler (Abstain from May 16, 2023 Minutes)

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Joseph

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Dr. Stange shared a communication from a District 29 parent, and two communications from District 29 teachers.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

There were no audience comments.

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

4.2a The Board discussed a resolution to engage in a class action lawsuit related to the negative impact of social media on public schools. It was noted that any proceeds from the litigation should be directed toward social-emotional learning activities. Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Joseph

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED

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4.2b The Board discussed a resolution to sell/dispose of a flat panel television as part of the District's Technology Refresh plan. Mr. Pick motioned to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Joseph

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

#### **5.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Dr. Stange shared information about the three FOIA requests received during the past month.

#### **5.2 2023-2024 Enrollment Report**

Dr. Stange reviewed the most recent enrollment data, noting that there were 39 fully enrolled Kindergarten students and 3 additional with paperwork in progress.

#### **5.3 2021-2022 Personnel Report**

Dr. Stange shared an overview of the personnel report recommendations to be discussed in closed session, including two (2) recommendations for employment of new staff, two (2) Resignations, the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation, and FY24 pay increases for 12-month and SREA staff.

#### **5.4 District, School, and Department Updates**

Members of the administrative team shared updates regarding recent news and events highlighting the successful year-end events including concerts, Open Houses, Field Days and Graduation Ceremonies.

### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### **6.1 Policy Committee**

Mr. Dotzler facilitated a First Reading and review of the District 29 Board Policy updates as recommended by the IASB PRESS issue and the District 29 Policy Committee. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2023 at 9a.m.

#### **6.2 Education Committee**

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**6.3 Finance Committee**

**6.3a Sunset Ridge Solar Array Performance Update**

Mr. Brian Ondyak of Performance Services, Inc. provided an review of the performance of the Sunset Ridge School solar array. He noted that production since installation has been approximately 85% of model estimates, that the system has returned 62% of the \$817,000 project cost since installation, and that the system is projected to pay for itself in 13 years (versus the 16 years originally projected). He noted that the system does not cover 100% of the energy costs as originally designed (Zero Net Energy), likely as a result of inaccurate usage modeling and system underproduction. Board members discussed options to attain the zero net energy status.

**6.3b Discussion and Possible Approval: 2023-2024 District 29 Tentative Budget**

Mr. Beerheide provided a comprehensive review of the proposed 2023-2024 District 29 Budget, highlighting an overall 4.2% increase in revenues and 3.1% increase in expenditures. Mr. Tideman motioned to approve the 2023-2024 District 29 Tentative Budget as presented. Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Joseph

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
REPORTS:**

**7.1 IASB**

Mr. Pick noted that he is registered for the annual IASB conference.

**7.2 PTO**

There was no report.

**7.3 TrueNorth**

Mr. Tideman noted that TrueNorth experienced higher than projected enrollment resulting in overall decreased costs.

**7.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield**

There was no report.

**7.5 Foundation Fund**

There was no report.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 6:55 p.m. it was motioned by Dotzler and seconded by Ms. Damon that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the May 2023 meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees or independent contracts; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to

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individual students and; to discuss the sale or lease of District property, and to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Joseph

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF  
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 8:15 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

**10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – May 16, 2023**

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Joseph

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**10.2 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations**

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Joseph

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was motioned by Mr. Dotzler and seconded by Mr. Zeidler to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 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 15 August, 2023