



# SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 12, 2024 MINUTES

### ROLL CALL: (7:04 p.m.)

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

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Evans, Ms. Crabtree,  
Mr. Neuman, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Ohlwein, Ms. Albright  
Robotics program student representatives and their  
families. Boy's Volleyball Team student representatives and  
their families.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Damon motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Board of Education meetings and bills and salaries. Ms. Ho seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Abstain: Ms. Joseph

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

### SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

Sunset Ridge School robotics program student representatives and their teacher shared their experiences in the robotics program. Board members asked questions of the student representatives and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications.

### BOARD BUSINESS:

#### 5.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

#### 5.2 Board Open Discussion

Dr. Sukenik shared a letter regarding the District 29 protocol for athletics teams focussing on the number of student participants on a single team and the "no cut" policy. Representatives of the Boy's Volleyball Team shared their perspectives on the issue. Board

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members voiced their support for offering two (2) teams when the participation for a given sport exceeds 17 players. Dr. Stange reminded Board members that this decision would double the cost of a given sport as it would require additional coaching, score board, and referee support.

**5.3 Public Hearing: District 29 E-Learning Plan**

At 7:34 p.m., Mr. Pick motioned to suspend the regular meeting for the Public Hearing on the District 29 E-Learning Plan. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

Having heard no public comment on the District 29 E-Learning Plan proposal, at 7:35 p.m., Mr. Pick motioned to close the Public Hearing and resume the regular Board meeting. Mr. Tideman seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**5.4 Discussion and Possible Approval: District 29 E-Learning Plan Resolution**

Ms. Joseph motioned to approve the District 29 E-Learning Plan as presented. Mr. Tideman seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

**6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Dr. Stange shared information about the two (2) FOIA requests received since the February Board meeting. Responsive documents were provided for one (1) of the requests and there were no responsive documents for one (1) request.

**6.2 Enrollment Report**

Dr. Stange shared the current kindergarten enrollment as 48 students. He noted that this enrollment level was reflective of a three (3) section class. The Board voiced their agreement with this conclusion.

**6.3 Staffing History and Personnel Report**

Dr. Stange reviewed the District staffing history as well as projections for the 2024-2025 school year, including the employment of one (1) additional special education teacher for Middlefork School. He also reviewed his recommendation to accept the resignation of Taylor Edelheit (1st Grade Teacher) and approve the employment of Nichole Olson (8th Grade English/Language Arts Teacher).

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

Dr. Stange submitted the monthly school and department updates highlighting activities to promote family engagement. Dr. Sukenik also highlighted increased racial tensions amongst students and the coordinated efforts to mitigate the concerns.

**BOARD COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**7.1 Policy Committee**

Mr. Dotzler facilitated the First Reading of updates to District 29 Board of Education Policies that were previously reviewed by the District 29 Policy Committee.

**7.2 Finance Committee**

**7.2a Discussion and Possible Approval: Amended Medical Flexible Spending Account Plan**

Mr. Tideman motioned to approve the amendments to the Medical Flexible Spending Account Plan as presented. Ms. Ho seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**7.2b Discussion and Possible Approval: Resolution Authorizing BMO Bank, N.A. as Depository, Designation of Authorized Officers; Authorized Activities**

Mr. Pick motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Ms. Ho seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**7.2c Discussion and Possible Approval: Resolution Approving the Declaration of the Illinois Trust and Authorizing Designation of Authorized Officials to Act on Behalf of Sunset Ridge School District 29**

Ms. Ho motioned to approve the resolution as presented.

Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**7.3 Education Committee**

Ms. Joseph summarized the March 12, 2024 Education Committee meeting which featured a presentation and discussion on the District 29 World Languages program. The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
REPORTS:**

**8.1 IASB**

There was no Report.

**8.2 PTO**

Ms. Damon reported on the PTO meeting highlighting the annual PTO fundraiser and end of the year Fun Fair.

**8.3 TrueNorth**

Mr. Tideman provided an update on the TrueNorth 804 Educational Cooperative, highlighting the notice given by Glenview District #34 to withdraw from the cooperative.

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

Mr. Pick summarized ongoing communications regarding the proposed capital improvement.

**8.5 Foundation Fund**

There was no report.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:13 p.m. it was motioned by Ms. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Tideman that the Board enter into closed session to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; to discuss the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students, to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific

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individuals who serve as independent contractors or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; to discuss the sale or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including the discussion of whether a particular parcel should be acquired and ; to discuss the minutes of the February 13, 2024 closed session meeting.

The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:26 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

**11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – February 13, 2024**

Ms. Damon motioned to approve the closed session minutes of the February 13, 2024 Board meeting as presented. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**11.2 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations**

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

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

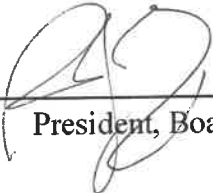
Absent: Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was motioned by Mr. Pick, and seconded by Ms. Ho, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 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 9 April, 2024

