

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (6:01) p.m.

Mrs. Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mrs. Peterson
Absent: Mr. Hayes
Also Present: Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Alpert-Knight, Dr. Greene,
Mrs. Leary, Dr. Pauls, Mr. Spaan, Dr. Stange,
Mrs. Styczen, Mr. Subeck, Dr. Sukenik, Mr. Welch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2.1 Education Committee Meeting – September 10, 2019

Mr. Detlefsen moved to approve the minutes from September 10, 2019 and Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PRESENTATIONS:

3.1 Best Practices in School Safety:

Dr. Stange made a presentation on Best Practices in School Safety which included a summary of the recent evaluation of the District's practices conducted by the administration. Sources cited ranged from the US Department of Education to the National Association of School Psychologists, the Federal Commission on School Safety and the Illinois Board of Education.

He addressed the (6) key components of a comprehensive school safety plan, highlighting those areas that merit a closer examination, according to the literature.

- Infrastructure related areas including the following concepts: enclosed playgrounds; limited visual access; reinforced window systems.
- Student supervision topics including adult vs student use of restrooms and locker rooms, as well as off campus trip protocols, including overnights for chaperones (staff and parents).
- Appropriate student disciplinary strategies, including how to best balance the D29 one child at a time philosophy with consistent practices.
- Practices related to contact with students out of school for non-school activities including staff-student communication and training volunteers and parents who oversee students.
- A question regarding data also arose during the review, specifically how regularly plans and reporting protocols are reviewed and amended.
- Hiring processes including financial and social media background checks (with consent).

Dr. Stange indicated eleven target areas for potential deeper research and possible improvement and asked the Board to consider what their interest would be in continuing such an investigation.

NEXT MEETING:

4.1 Next Meeting: November 12, 2019

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Peterson asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Peterson moved to adjourn, and Mrs. Detlefsen seconded at 6:56 p.m.



Chairperson, Education Committee



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 10 December, 2019