

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 14, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Mr. Spaan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Dreher, Dr. Greene, Dr. Sukenik, Mrs. Styczen, Ms. Dunham, Mr. Wilkinson, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Provenzano, Mr. Pick, Mrs. Allen, WSRS Student News Team and their families.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

2.1 WSRS News Team

Mr. Provenzano and Mr. Garcia introduced student members of the WSRS New Team. After conducting an actual on-the-scene news interview, the students explained the process to produce a successful weekly broadcast including production, direction, writing, sound, lighting, and cross-grade level collaboration. Superintendent Dr. Stange commended their commitment to the program, pointing out that the public speaking, editing, and collaborative working skills they are honing through this program will be valuable long after they have left Sunset Ridge School.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting – October 10, 2017

3.2 Bills and Salaries

Mr. Subeck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

4.1 Communications

Dr. Stange shared information on the proposed property tax freeze that goes for Senate approval in January. He reminded the Board that school districts, who receive most of their funding from property taxes, create their budgets based on projected income. If that income is frozen at current levels, it becomes difficult to keep up with costs that rise with inflation or to fund future planned projects. A property tax freeze would be detrimental to the district.

OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 Capital Improvement Update

Dr. Stange reported that weekend crews have been completing final punch list items. In order to complete the Learn About the Building Wall, we only wait on the installation of the mural. After that is completed, the monitor displaying the building's energy production and consumption will be mounted. The playground equipment and basketball court have been completed. Adjustments to the detention pond's pumping station and the building's incoming voltage have been made, and all are working correctly. The District purchased wind-based renewable energy credits at an extremely reduced rate in order to offset part of the new building's carbon footprint, which will qualify it for LEED Platinum and Zero-Net Energy status, to be finalized in the spring. While Dr. Stange regretfully informed the Board that, due to wet weather conditions, crews most likely will not be able to finish sodding the field until spring, he was happy to add that the rest of the landscaping and the walking path around the property is near completion.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

6.2 Board Open Discussion

Board member Mr. Spaan shared that he is happy with the Board's efforts so far towards Strategic Planning, and looks forward to creating focus groups and steering committees in support of that endeavor.

6.3 First Reading: Board Policy-Acceleration

The Board had a first reading of Board Policy on Acceleration, which is a new IL mandate relative to the acceleration of students beyond their chronological grade level.

6.4 Discussion: Middlefork Capital Improvement Architect & Construction Manager

The Board discussed moving forward with the Middlefork capital improvement plans, which involve the use of \$2M of Fund Balance put towards renovations at Middlefork School with a projected completion date of summer 2019. The Board requested that Dr. Stange proceed in discussions with architect Wight & Co and construction manager Pepper Construction in order to get the ball rolling.

REPORTS:

7.1 Finance & Facilities Committee

7.1a Discussion and Possible Approval: FY17 Audit

After a summary presentation of the FY17 by Betsy Allen from Miller-Cooper, Mr. Subeck moved to approve the FY17 Audit. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

7.1b Discussion and Possible Approval: 2017 Tentative Tax Levy

After a brief discussion on the topic, Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the 2017 Tentative Tax Levy and Mrs. Mirkovic seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

7.2 Education Committee

Ms. Alpert Knight reported that Dr. Stange gave an in-depth presentation on the annual assessment data the district collects, including parent surveys, The Illinois 5Essentials survey, New Trier placement tests, PARRC tests, and MAP tests.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2017 at 7:00p.m.

7.3 External Relations

7.3a IASB

Ms. Alpert Knight again touched on the dangers of the proposed property tax freeze. Dr. Stange informed the Board that he and other district staff would be attending the upcoming Joint Annual Conference.

7.3b PTO

Mrs. Mirkovic reported on the recent PTO meeting including information on the PTO Gifts program and yearly projects such as the Northwest Settlement House program and Social Dance.

7.3c NSSED

Mr. Hayes reported that the co-op continues Strategic Planning, refining their mission and reestablishing their core values. They continue to review their departments.

7.3d Northfield Park District

Mrs. Detlefsen reported that they are reviewing their field rental and snow plow agreements. They are looking into Middlefork School room rentals as a way to lessen constraints on their summer camp sizes. They are happy to be helpful in any way they can regarding the proposed Middlefork School capital improvements, and thanked the District for allowing them to use the Sunset Ridge School gym for Panthers basketball.

7.3e Village of Northfield

Mr. Subeck reported that the village continues to debate the proposed townhome development on Winnetka Avenue, which is not within the school district's boundaries.

7.3f Foundation Fund

Mrs. Peterson reported that the Foundation has provided the district with \$960,000 in support of the new Sunset Ridge building, with an additional \$73,000 to be provided over the next 2 years. They plan on sending an emailed letter to the community this month highlighting the ways in which those funds were utilized. They are exploring creating their own website and are interested in welcoming new members to their ranks.

7.4 Administrative Reports

7.4a Freedom of Information Act Requests

There were no requests.

7.4b 2018-2019 School Calendar

The Board discussed the proposed 2018-2019 school calendar, which would start one week earlier than other schools in the area in order to maximize the summer for Middlefork renovations.

7.4c 2016-2017 School Report Cards

Dr. Stange presented the results of the IL School Report Cards for both Middlefork and Sunset Ridge Schools. These results are published on the district website.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:35 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Subeck and seconded by Mrs. Detlefsen that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes from October 10, 2017; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students; to discuss potential litigation; and to discuss collective bargaining.

The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

**RESUMPTION OF OPEN
MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:08 p.m., the following recommendations were made.

10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – October 10, 2017

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the closed session minutes from October 10, 2017. Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

10.2 Acceptance: Resignation of Sarah Golden

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the resignation request as presented and Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

10.3 Approval: Extended Maternity Leave Request – Tiffany Neuhausel

Mr. Hayes motioned to approve the Extended Maternity Leave Request as presented and Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs.
Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

10.4 Approval: Maternity Leave Request – Lindsay Bozeday

Mrs. Detlefsen motioned to approve the maternity leave request as presented and Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs.
Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

10.5 Approval: One-Time Payment – Corey Dreher

Mrs. Peterson motioned to approve the one-time payment as presented and Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs.
Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

10.6 Approval: One-Time Payment – Tom Beerheide

Mr. Hayes motioned to approve the one-time payment as presented and Mrs. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs.
Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

10.7 Approval: One-Time Payment – Edward Stange

Mrs. Perterson motioned to approve the one-time payment as presented and Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs.
Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS: No delegations or petitions were presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mrs. Detlefsen and seconded by Ms. Alpert Knight to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 12 December, 2017

