

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 15 2019
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Mr. Spaan called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Dreher, Dr. Greene,
Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Dunham, Mrs. Styczen, Mr. Wilkinson,
Mrs. Anderson, Sunset Ridge School Student Athletes and
their families, Mr. Baran from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

Representative from Sunset Ridge School athletics shared the benefits that they have experienced as a result of participating in athletic programs at school, including improved attention and academic performance, teamwork, communication skills, resiliency, problem solving, and critical thinking. Dr. Stange thanked the athletes and all of the coaches that inspire and guide them.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting – September 10, 2019

3.2 Bills and Salaries

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

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Stange shared communication from the 8th grade graduating class of 1965, a “thank you” note from the local organization “Friednship Circle”, and “thank you” note from the Dotzler family, and a letter to the Board from resident Laura Blair.

OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 Update: Capital Improvement

Middlefork School: Dr. Stange noted that only a few “punch list” items remained on the project.

Sunset Ridge School: Dr. Stange noted that the documents related to the water main have all be completed and submitted to the Village of Northfield.

5.2 Third Reading and Possible Approval: Board Policy Revisions

5.2a Board Policy 230.01 (Unexpired Term)

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the policy as presented. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

5.2b Board Policy 235 (Code of Conduct)

Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the policy as presented. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

5.3 Second Reading and Possible Approval: Board Policy Revisions

5.3a Board Policy 241.05 (Gift Ban)

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the policy as presented. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

5.3b Board Policy 245 (Board Officers)

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the policy with minor edits. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

5.3c Board Policy 247 (Representations/Liaisons)

Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the policy as presented. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

5.3d Board Policy 520.02 (Hiring Process)

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the policy as presented. Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

5.3e Board Policy 625.21 (Avoidance of Abduction and Abuse)

Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the policy with minor edits.

Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

5.4 Update: Board Self-Evaluation

The Board noted the addition of a special Board of Education meeting on January 30, 2020 to work with a liaison from the Illinois Association of School Boards on a Board Self-Evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

6.2 Board Open Discussion

There was no Board open discussion.

6.3 Discussion: New Laws Impacting Illinois Public Schools

Dr. Stange shared several new laws in Illinois that impact curriculum, hiring, teacher evaluation, student questioning, and certification.

6.4 First Reading: Board Policy Revisions

The Board had a first reading of proposed revisions to the following Board of Education policies:

- 6.4a Board Policy 459 (Emergency Closing)
- 6.4b Board Policy 465 (Safety)
- 6.4c Board Policy 465.01 (Warning Systems)
- 6.4d Board Policy 465.04 (Emergency Plans)
- 6.4e Board Policy: 465.06 (Threat Assessment)
- 6.4f Board Policy 720.23 (Emergency Drills)

6.5 Discussion: District 29 Threat Assessment Team and Process

Dr. Stange shared a document delineating the District 29 Threat Assessment Team and protocol for investing potential threats to the safety of our schools.

REPORTS:

7.1 Finance/Facilities Committee

7.1a Update from October 15, 2019 Meeting

Mr. Subeck provided a synopsis of the content of the October 15, 2019 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting, including the FY18 Financial Audit, Long-Range Capital Improvement Planning, the 2019 Levy, and an update on the financial projections.

7.1b Approval: FY19 Financial Audit

Mr. Subeck moved to approve the FY19 Financial Audit as presented. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.1c Next Meeting: January 14, 2020

7.2 Education Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2019.

7.3 External Relations

7.3a IASB

Dr. Stange reported that the Board's IASB membership has been renewed. Ms. Alpert Knight reported that among the resolutions to be voted on at the November conference, two are of particular interest. They concern whether or not the IASB should advocate for legislation that would (a) support districts' ability to decide whether or not they would allow school staff to carry concealed weapons, and (b) provide funding for the employment of School Resource Officers. After agreeing that District 29 would continue to not allow weapons in its buildings no matter what the outcome of the vote is, Ms. Alpert Knight advised Board members to email her their opinions regarding the resolutions, as she would be casting the District's votes at the conference.

7.3b PTO

Mrs. Peterson reported that the switch to the new online directory platform is complete and almost all updated. They are still working on collecting dues. Mrs. Jenny Gallagher has agreed to be President Elect. Upcoming events include the Middlefork 60th Birthday Sock Hop, the book fairs, 6th grade social dance, and a skype with author and District 29 alum Misa Sugiura.

7.3c NSSED

Mr. Hayes reported they are meeting with all the member districts to confirm that services are aligned. They continue to review their financial model with the goal to finish by year's end.

7.3d Northfield Park District

Mr. Welch reported that despite its non-approval at the Architectural Committee, the proposed bandshell at Clarkson Park received Village approval. Aftercare will be provided during District 29 conferences.

7.3e Village of Northfield

Mrs. Detlefsen reported that they are urging all residents to complete the survey regarding the potential legal sale of cannabis in Northfield.

7.3f Foundation Fund

There was no report.

7.4 Administrative Reports

7.4a Enrollment Update

Dr. Stange reported that enrollment is holding steady at 199 at Middlefork and 265 at Sunset Ridge, for a total enrollment of 464 students.

7.4b 2019-2020 Staffing Projections

Dr. Stange reported that one Teaching Assistant submitted her resignation this month and the District is recommending the employment of a candidate for the vacant 7th grade student services position.

7.4c Discussion and Possible Approval: Residency Verification Services

Dr. Stange presented his recommendation that the District engage the services of National Investigations, Inc. when the District has information suggesting that a student is attending a District 29 school while not meeting the Illinois School Code requirements for residency. After significant discussion of the potential benefits and challenges of the recommendation, Mr. Subeck moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Hayes
Mr. Welch, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

Abstain: Ms. Alpert Knight

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.4d 2020-2021 District Calendar

Dr. Stange provided a first draft of the 2020-2021 District 29 Calendar. The Board discussed a variety of issues related to the proposal and pledged to approve the final 2020-2021 District Calendar no later than January 2020.

7.4e School Reports

7.4e1 Middlefork School: Principal Dr. Mary Frances Greene reported that everyone is very excited for the 60th Anniversary Sock Hop, and all the other fun activities that will happen throughout the day. Procedures are under review that address situations where early placement in Kindergarten and first grade are requested.

6.4g2 Sunset Ridge School: Principal Dr. Ivy Sukenik reported that Now that the weather is getting colder, students who arrive early can sign in on Google Docs and wait inside the vestibule. Service Leagues will be taking their first field trips soon. The school is hosting NSSD's professional development offered to all districts. 4th grade students are taking a field trip to trick-or-treat at North Shore Place's memory care facility, offering a great social-emotional learning experience for everyone involved.

CLOSED SESSION: At 9:26 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 September 10, 2019; to consider information regarding 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; and to discuss potential litigation. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:42 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – September 10, 2019

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2019 Board of Education meeting. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

10.2 Acceptance: Resignation of Jessica Speck

Mr. Welch moved to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

9.3 Approval: Employment of Irene Koliopoulos

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS: No delegations or petitions were presented

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Ms. Alpert Knight seconded by Mrs. Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 12 November, 2019
