

## **BOARD NOTES:**

### **July 16, 2019, Regular Board Meeting:**

**Consent Agenda:** The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included the minutes from the June 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting and the monthly bills and salaries.

**Communications:** Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange shared a letter received from Rockdale School District 84 thanking District 29 for the donation of Middlefork's receptionist desk. The renovation of the lobby/reception area this summer at Middlefork requires the purchase of a new desk, and we were happy to find a new home for the old one. Dr. Stange explained the context of an email received from Friendship Circle of IL, which outlined reasons they thought they should be able to move forward with the use of our fields for their event, even though they have not entered into any contract with us. Dr. Stange read aloud an email from Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Elaine McGuire announcing her retirement from District 29, which will be on the agenda of the Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting.

### **Capital Improvement:**

**Middlefork School:** The renovations are on schedule and on budget. Asbestos removal has been completed, plumbing installed and approved, and wall framing, ceiling grid, and drywall begun. Officials from Wight and Co and Pepper Construction addressed the Board on why a section of the galvanized plumbing slated for replacement was missed in the initial project scope, resulting in a potential \$50K change order. Wight and Co conceded that it was an oversight on their part. All parties agreed that the work must be done, and Wight and Co informed the Board that they are working to resolve the situation.

**Sunset Ridge School:** The resurfacing and restriping of the outdoor basketball court was completed.

**Old Business:** Dr. Stange and Board Member Mr. Rory Welch described the adopted procedure for policy review, being to tackle only a couple of the more substantive ones at a time in order to have more engaged discussion, along with several of the more straightforward ones. After a second reading and discussion of the following polices, each was approved: 700.01 (Equal Educational Opportunity), 705.04 (School Admissions), 705.10 (Assignment to Classes), 705.12 (Absences and Unexcused Absences), 705.15 (Tardiness), 705.16 (Release for Religious Reasons), 705.17 (Release Time During School), and 710.03 (Search and Seizure).

**Board Open Discussion:** Dr. Stange asked the Board to consider the Glenview Police Department's request for access to the District's live camera feed in an emergency, the same access the Northfield Police Department has. This is because Northfield has transferred all their dispatch to Glenview, and should the District need to call 911, the request for emergency services would first go to Glenview. The Board agreed an Intergovernmental Agreement should be drafted in order to clearly outline the parameters by which access would be given. Dr. Stange also mentioned that many other districts do not hold July Board meetings, asking the Board if that was something they would be interested in. The Board agreed to consider it.

**Finance and Facilities:** Board Member Mr. Scott Subeck reported that the 2019-2020 Tentative Budget was reviewed, and Director of Technology and Innovation Mrs. Sheri Styczen gave an overview of the District's technology refresh program. The Board then approved the 2019-2020 Tentative Budget. The next meeting is October 15, 2019, at 6pm.

**Education Committee:** The next meeting is September 10, 2019, at 6pm.

**IASB:** No report.

**PTO:** No report.

**NSSSED:** Board Member Mr. Bill Hayes reported that District 29's Behavioral Specialist Ms. Dana Dorsey was recognized for excellence by NSSSED leadership. Additionally, their balanced budget was approved.

**Northfield Park District:** No report.

**Village of Northfield:** Board Member Mrs. Nancy Detlefsen reported that the Village Board was engaging in a discussion of and vote on the proposed bike path east of Happ Road.

**Foundation Fund:** No report.

**Administrative Reports:** Dr. Stange reported that Kindergarten enrollment is up to 50, with 54 expected. 50% of families have filled out their annual enrollment forms. Dr. Stange discussed the impact of the new NSSSED classroom on staffing projections, acknowledging the need to change the K-4 Spanish teacher position to a .8 FTE from .75 to accommodate for travel time between classrooms. He also urged the Board to hold a Special Board meeting as soon as possible in order to accept Mrs. Elaine McGuire's retirement, which will allow the District to move forward in the hiring process for a new Kindergarten teacher. Middlefork Principal Dr. Mary Frances Greene described the process by which classes are being formed for the incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, made up of 13 girls and 35 boys. She stressed that a considerable amount of forethought and examination is going into creating the balance for all 3 classrooms. Finally, the Board discussed implementing a new yearly residency verification process.

**Recommendations:** The Board approved the Closed Session Minutes of June 11, 2019, the FMLA request from Mrs. Allissa Baldwin, the employment of Ms. Ella Dean as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Services Teacher, and the increase of the K-4 Spanish FTE from .75 to .8.

Official meeting minutes will be posted on the website following their approval at the August 13, 2019, Regular Board meeting.