

BOARD NOTES: September 14, 2021 7pm, Regular Board Meeting, Sunset Ridge School

*Items Approved: 8/17/21 Consent Agenda, 8/17/21 Closed Session Minutes, 8/17 Remote Participation
2021-2022 District 29 Budget
School Maintenance Grant Proposal
Resignation of Jacqueline Kotula (Technology Support)
Resignation of Angela Colon, Jacqueline Kotula, Elizabeth Burgett (Teaching Assistants)
Employment of Merle Lew, Anthony Tsokas, Molly Markshtien (Teaching Assistants)*

ROLL CALL (7:49pm): all present

CONSENT AGENDA (7:50pm): The Board **approved** the Consent Agenda, including Aug 17th Regular Board Meeting minutes, and monthly bills and salaries.

COMMUNICATIONS 7:51pm): FOIA Smart Procure for purchase order records. Angel Tormis for wireless installations licenses / leases. Eagle 3 for treasurer reports/emails (suspicious and reviewed with counsel).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (7:53pm):

Strategic Planning (7:53pm) Discussion about board membership on each sub-committee

2021-2022 Enrollment (8:04pm) Down a little, curiosity about reasons families choose to leave

2021-2022 Staffing (8:05pm) Openings, resignations, hirings listed in the board packet. New hires doing well, very good mentorship program. Mentorship typically for 1-year.

2021-2022 District Committees (8:11pm) "District Committees" focus on contractual commitments or special concerns, "Learning Communities" focus on staff area of interest. Membership listed in packet.

School and Department Reports (8:13pm)

Sunset Ridge (8:13pm) new team meeting, MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) runs on monthly cycle:

- 1st week (reviewing every student)
- 2nd week (IEPs and other special needs)
- 3rd week (reviewing interventions identified in 1st week)
- 4th week (professional development)

Middlefork (8:17pm) Full-day going very well. 7 families started on part-time, some moved to full-day quickly

Traffic is a problem. 4 options:

- 1) work with the village/county
- 2) route kindergarten through the Park District
- 3) traffic cop at the south entrance
- 4) shorten kindergarten

General support for shortening kindergarten. Outreach to village board possible. Recommendation from Chief Lustig to stagger times. Bike safety moving up to the fall, possibility of 2nd graders

NEW BUSINESS (8:40pm)

Audience Comments/Public Participation (8:41pm) – no public comment or submitted letters

Board Open Discussion (8:41pm) – no comments

Public Hearing: 2021-2022 District 29 Budget (8:43pm)

Approval 2021-2022 District 29 Budget (8:44pm)

Approval School Maintenance Grant Proposal (8:46pm)

Internal Reports (8:50pm)

Return to School Task Force – next meeting Oct 11, 2021. Conversation this month about Test-to-Stay, in-person celebrations, recess grade mixing, structure/name/frequency/scope of committee under review

Finance Facilities – Next meeting Oct 12, 2021

Education – Next meeting November 16, 2021

Policy – first readings in packet, Next meeting September 8, 2021

External Relations (8:53pm)

IASB – no report

PTO – 1st kickoff with new PTO president (Bridget Kennedy). Lonnie Stonich from FAN (Family Action Network) about very interesting programming coming up

True North / NSSED - see packet, recognition of Kristen Ninni

Park District – no report

Village of Northfield – new police officer inducted, first \$300K reimbursement from ARA + more expected

Foundation Fund – no report

CLOSED SESSION (9:01pm):

- To Review Closed Session Minutes from August 17, 2021
- To Consider Information Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees or Legal Counsel
- To Discuss Matters Related to Individual Students
- To Discuss Potential Litigation
- To Discuss Collective Bargaining

ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL (9:38pm):

- Closed Session Minutes from August 17, 2021
- Employment of Merle Lew (Teaching Assistant)
- Employment of Anthony Tsokas (Teaching Assistant)
- Employment of Molly Markshtien (Teaching Assistant)
- Employment of Julie Lewis (Teaching Assistant)
- Resignation of Angela Colon (Teaching Assistant)
- Resignation of Jacqueline Kotula (Technology Support)
- Resignation of Elizabeth Burgett (Teaching Assistant)

Official meeting minutes will be posted after approval at the September 14th, 2021, Regular Board meeting.