

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD  
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
August 17, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL: (5:30 p.m.)**

Ms. Alpert Knight called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,  
Mr. Subeck, Mr. Welch

Absent: Mr. Spaan, Mr. Dotzler

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Mr. Beerheide, Dr. Sukenik, Mrs. Dunham,  
Mrs. Kiedaisch, Mrs. Styczen, Mr. Dreher

Mr. Welch moved to approve the remote participation by Mr. Dotzler who was out of town. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Zeidler moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,  
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Superintendent Dr. Stange reported on a FOIA request from Robert Nelson for vendor contracts related to printing/copying that was filled as requested. Mr. Zeidler reported that the Board Newsletter was mailed out and welcomed any feedback.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

**4.1 Update: Strategic Planning**

Dr. Stange provided an update on the District's Strategic Planning process noting that two Board members were desired to participate on the Strategic Planning Leadership Team.

**4.2 Update: 2021-2022 School Year Planning**

Dr. Stange reviewed the highlights of the 2021-2022 Return to School Plan. After discussion on various components of the plan, Ms. Joseph motioned to approve the plan as presented and Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,  
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**4.3 Update: 2021-2022 Enrollment and Staffing**

Dr. Stange summarized the most recent enrollment data projecting 470-480 students. He noted the need to analyze long term staffing and facilities needs in light of the increasing enrollment.

**4.4 Update: School and Department Reports**

Mrs. Kiedaisch and Dr. Sukenik reported on the summer curriculum projects, included proactive behavior support under SEL, moving to discussion of all students versus just reacting to incidents. Mr. Dreher noted that the landscaping vendor will shift to providing services on Saturdays.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Audience Comments**

There were no audience comments.

**5.2 Board Open Discussion**

There was no Board open discussion.

**5.3 Discussion and Possible Approval: Voluntary Benefits Renewal**

After a brief discussion, Mr. Welch moved to approve the Voluntary Benefits Plan renewal. Ms. Joseph seconded the motions. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler  
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**REPORTS:**

**6.1 Return to School Task Force**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021 at 3:45 p.m.

**6.2 Education Committee**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

**6.3 Policy Committee**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**6.4 Finance and Facilities Committee**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

**6.5 External Relations**

**6.5a IASB**

Several policies come up for renewal on the 5-year refresh cycle. These will be reviewed at the next Policy Committee meeting.

**6.5b PTO**

There was no report.

**6.5c True North/NSSSED**

There was no report.

**6.5d Northfield Park District**

Mr. Zeidler reported that Club Dolphin and Pre-K options for before and after-care are available.

**6.5e Village of Northfield**

Mr. Welch reported that the Happ and Bosworth bridge plans were in progress. He also reported high vaccination rates in Northfield for those that are eligible. Finally, he noted that the Village board meetings shifted dates to no longer conflict with District 29 School Board meetings.

**6.5f Foundation Fund**

Ms. Alpert Knight reported that the Foundation is planning for a back to school gift for students and staff, and potential support for capital improvement.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:51 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Zeidler and seconded by Ms. Joseph that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting; 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; to discuss potential litigation; and to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,  
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF  
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 7:12 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

**9.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – July 13, 2021**

Mr. Welch moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,  
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

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**9.2 Resignation of Christina Phillips (Teaching Assistant)**

Mr. Zeidler moved to approve the resignation as presented. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,  
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**9.4 Employment of Karen Galfano (Middle School Science)**

Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the employment as presented. Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,  
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Ms. Alpert Knight and seconded by Mr. Zeidler to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. All were in favor.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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Approved , 2021

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