

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD  
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
September 14, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL: (7:49 p.m.)**

Mr. Subeck called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

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

Absent: None

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Abstain: Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Superintendent Dr. Stange reported on two FOIA requests. One FOIA was from Angel Tormis for wireless installations licenses/leases. The second FOIA was from Eagle 3 for treasurer reports/emails. Although Dr. Stange noted that the second FOIA appeared suspicious, he noted that the District's legal counsel directed the District to provide a response

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

**4.1 Update: Strategic Planning**

The Board discussed board membership on each of the three strategic planning sub-committees.

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

Dr. Stange summarized the most recent enrollment data indicating total enrollment of 471 students. He also reviewed employment resignations and openings listed in the board packet. Responding to a Board question about new hires, Dr. Stange noted that new hires are doing well and are supported by a strong mentorship program.

**4.3 Update: District Committees and Learning Communities**

Dr. Stange reviewed the District Committees and Learning Communities for the 2021-2022 school year. "District Committees" focus on contractual commitments or special concerns, while "Learning Communities" focus on staff areas of interest. Membership for each was listed in the packet.

**4.4 School and Department Reports**

Dr. Sukenik reported that *Sunset Ridge staff have organized a new team meeting structure to regularly review each individual student and focus on MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports).*

Mrs. Kiedaisch summarized that the full-day Kindergarten program was going very well. She noted that seven families started part-time, but that some moved to full-day quickly. She discussed the fact that traffic at dismissal times is challenging and outlined four options to address the issue (work with the village/county to change allowable traffic patterns, re-route kindergarten traffic through the Park District parking lot, hire a traffic control officer at the south entrance, adjust the Kindergarten dismissal time). The Board supported shortening kindergarten day and recommended outreach to the Village of Northfield board if possible. Mrs. Kiedaisch also noted that bike safety week will be moved up to the fall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Audience Comments**

There were no audience comments.

**5.2 Board Open Discussion**

There was no Board open discussion.

**5.3 First Reading: Board Policy Revisions**

The Board reviewed recommended revisions to nine Board policies. The revisions are based on recommendations from the Illinois Association of School Boards PRESS Policy Service.

**5.4 Public Hearing: 2021-2022 District 29 Budget**

At 8:43pm, Mr. Spaan moved to open the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 District 29 Budget. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

After no public comment was made, at 8:44pm, Mr. Welch moved to close the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 District 29 Budget. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**5.5 Approval: 2021-2022 District 29 Budget**

Mr. Welch moved to approve the 2021-2022 District 29 Budget 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, Mr. Spaan

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**5.6 Approval: School Maintenance Grant**

Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the School Maintenance Grant application to support improvements to the Middlefork School Kindergarten play area.

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, Mr. Spaan

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**REPORTS:**

**6.1 Return to School Task Force**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2021 at 3:45 p.m.

**6.2 Education Committee**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

**6.3 Policy Committee**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 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**

There was no report.

**6.5b PTO**

Ms. Joseph reported on the first PTO meeting of the year with the new PTO president (Bridget Kennedy). She noted a presentation from Lonnie Stonich from FAN (Family Action Network) about upcoming programming opportunities.

**6.5c True North/NSSSED**

Mr. Spaan noted the recent recognition of District 29 resident Kristen Endre for her work with the organization.

**6.5d Northfield Park District**

There was no report.

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**6.5e Village of Northfield**

Mr. Welch reported on the hiring of a new police officer and the first reimbursement disbursement of federal relief funding.

**6.5f Foundation Fund**

There was no report.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 9:01 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Alpert Knight and seconded by Mr. Zeidler that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the August 17, 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, Mr. Spaan

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF  
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:38 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

**9.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – August 17, 2021**

Mr. Dotzler 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

Abstain: Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**9.2 Employment of Merle Lew (Teaching Assistant)**

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

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**9.3 Employment of Anthony Tsokas (Teaching Assistant)**

Mr. Spaan moved to approve the employment as presented. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**9.4 Employment of Molly Markshtein (Teaching Assistant)**

Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the employment as presented. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**9.5 Employment of Julie Lewis (Teaching Assistant)**

Mr. Spaan moved to approve the employment 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, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**9.6 Resignation of Angela Colon (Teaching Assistant)**

Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the resignation as presented. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**9.7 Resignation of Jacqueline Kotula (Teaching Assistant)**

Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the resignation as presented. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

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**9.8 Resignation of Mary Burgett (Teaching Assistant)**

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

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

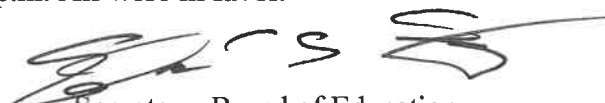
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mr. Spaan to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. All were in favor.

President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 12 October, 2021

