

**SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD  
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

Mr. Subeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

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

Absent: None

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Welch moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, including the February 15th, 2022 Board Meeting minutes, monthly bills and salaries and vendor checks. 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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:**

This agenda item was deferred until April.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**4.1 Audience Comments**

Mr. Subeck read a public comment submitted electronically from Mr. & Mrs. Vlad urging the Board to remove the vaccination requirement for overnight trips.

**4.2 Board Open Discussion**

Mr. Zeidler noted that the Board would begin work on the Summer 2022 edition of the Board Newsletter following the completion of the Strategic Plan.

**4.3 Discussion and Possible Approval: Proposed 2021-2022 Calendar Revision**

The Board discussed a proposal to amend the 2021-2022 District Calendar, making April 4, 2022 a staff institute day versus a student attendance day. Mr. Welch noted that while he supported the proposal, that future amendments to the Calendar should be done as soon as possible to

afford community members ample notice. Ms. Joseph moved to approve the calendar change recommendation 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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**5.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Dr. Stange reported on three FOIA requests since the February Board meeting.

**5.2 Communication from Ms. Golub**

Dr. Stange shared a communication from Sunset Ridge Teacher Mindy Golub regarding the benefits of her co-teaching experience with Dr. Sukenik.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

**6.1 Update: 2021-2022 Enrollment Report**

Dr. Stange summarized the most recent enrollment data, noting that the early 2022-2023 Kindergarten enrollment data shows 46 students with enrollment paperwork completed. He also recommended that the current first grade class be maintained in four sections for their second grade next year. The Board noted their support of the recommendation.

**6.2 Update: 2021-2022 Personnel Report**

Dr. Stange reviewed the recommended personnel actions including the the renewal of contracts for two administrators, the employment of two new central office staff, two FMLA requests, the non-renewal of two staff members, and the resignation of a teaching assistant.

**6.3 School and Department Reports**

Mrs. Kiedaisch and Dr. Sukenik shared that the staff and students have adapted well to the new reduced-mitigations environment and thanked the Board for allowing the staff planning time to prepare for the change. They also shared the concept of WIN (What I Need) flexible time during the instructional day to provide additional support to students. Finally, Dr. Sukenik shared information on the recent Robotics competition and Disney trip.

**6.4 Strategic Planning Update**

Dr. Stange reviewed progress on the strategic planning process noting that the Strategic Design Team has organized the priority opportunities for improvement.

**REPORTS:**

**7.1 Return to School Task Force Report**

Dr. Stange reviewed the latest COVID-19 metrics noting a low test positivity rate and decreasing number of cases per 100,000 residents. He also noted that there had been a small number of positive cases in school since the February Board meeting. He shared the recommendation to reduce physical distancing mitigations in the classroom and that the District would begin planning more normal end of the year celebrations. Finally, he shared the revised guidance allowing for a negative rapid antigen test to return to school/work. Dr. Stange proposed the dissolution of the Return to School Task Force, now that their work has been completed. Mrs. Joseph moved to approve the recommendation 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

**7.2 Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Beerheide shared that the District had published bids for improvement to the Middlefork School playground and lounge, as well as the Sunset Ridge School landscaping.

**7.3 Education Committee**

Ms. Joseph reported on the Education Committee meeting from March 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. which included a review of the recent Family and Staff Surveys and the District 29 Professional Development program.

**7.4 Policy Committee**

Dr. Stange summarized a proposed change to Board Policy 233 which would allow individuals to continue to submit public comments electronically under specified parameters.

**8.1 IASB**

There was no report.

**8.2 PTO**

There was no report.

**8.3 TrueNorth**

There was no report.

**8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield**

There was no report.

**8.5 Foundation Fund**

There was no report.



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**CLOSED SESSION:** At 8:05 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Spaan and seconded by Ms. Alpert Knight that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students; to discuss potential litigation; to discuss the sale or lease of District property, 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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF  
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:03 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

**11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – February 15, 2022**

Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the minutes 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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**11.2 Approval: Personnel Recommendations**

Mr. Welch moved to approve the personnel recommendations 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

**11.3 Approval: Memorandum of Understanding**

Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding 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

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Mr. Zeidler and seconded by Mrs. Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. All were in favor.



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President, Board of Education



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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 12 April, 2022

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