

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

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:02 p.m.)

Mr. Subeck called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Mr. Beerheide, Dr. Sukenik, Mr. Dreher
Mrs. Styczen, Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Brumwell, Select 3rd
Grade Students from Middlefork School and their parents.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Welch moved to approve the consent agenda 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

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

Members of the 3rd Grade Cradles to Crayons Service Project group shared their work in collecting, organizing, and donating items to individuals in need. Several Board members asked students about their project and Dr. Stange thanked them for their service to others.

NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Audience Comments

Mr. Subeck read two public comments (one from parent Dana Rogers and one from 8th grade student Cash Rogers) urging the district to discontinue mask mandates for students, staff, and visitors.

4.2 Board Open Discussion

There was no Board open discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS:

5.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Stange reported on one FOIA request for District purchasing information. All requested materials were provided.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

6.1 Update: 2021-2022 Enrollment Report

Dr. Stange summarized the most recent enrollment data, noting that the administration continues to closely monitor the 2021-2022 1st grade class.

6.2 Update: 2021-2022 Personnel Report

Dr. Stange summarized the recommended personnel actions.

6.3 School and Department Reports

Dr. Sukenik highlighted the work of students in understanding the environmental features of Sunset Ridge School. Mrs. Kiedaisch highlighted the projects supported by the PTO Teacher Gifts program. Mrs. Styczen highlighted the coding activities afforded to students during the recent Computer Science week. Mr. Beerheide highlighted the federal COVID-19 relief funds noting that the District has already spent approximately \$425,000 of the approximately \$675,00 in earmarked funds.

6.4 Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Stange reviewed progress on the Portrait Design phase of the strategic planning process noting the final "Portrait of a Graduate" meeting was scheduled for December 15, 2021.

6.5 Discussion: 2022-2023 District Calendar

Dr. Stange reviewed the parameters and timeline for establishing the 2022-2023 District 29 Calendar. He then provided two options for consideration (Monday start, Wednesday start). He noted the expectation to approve a calendar at the January 2022 Board meeting.

6.6 Security Consultant Update

Dr. Stange provided an update regarding the security consultant services, noting that he provided requested documents and arranged video-based interviews with certain stakeholders.

REPORTS:

7.1 Return to School Task Force

Dr. Stange summarized the recent Task Force meeting noting that the metrics are on an increasing trend. He shared that some members of the Task Force suggested implementing the Shield COVID-19 screening protocol and discussed the relative benefits and limitations of that protocol. The Board agreed to stay the course for now but be ready to implement additional mitigation efforts, including voluntary COVID-19 screening should the need arise.

7.2a Discussion and Possible Approval: 2021 Levy Hearing

At 8:05 p.m., Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to open the 2021 Levy Hearing and Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

After no public comments regarding the 2021 Levy were made, at 8:06 p.m., Mr. Spaan motioned to close the 2021 Levy Hearing and Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.2b Discussion and Possible Approval: 2021 Levy

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the 2021 Levy as presented, and Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.3 Education Committee

Ms. Joseph reviewed the Education Committee presentation on the ALP Program, Parent Communication on Sensitive Topics, the SLE Program update, and the Curriculum Review. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

7.4 Policy Committee

Mr. Dotzler noted the District policies that will be considered for approval at the January 2022 Board meeting.

8.1 IASB

Mr. Dotzler summarized the voting on the IASB position statements.

8.2 PTO

Ms. Joseph shared the topics from the December PTO meeting and thanked the PTO for their support through the Teacher Gifts program and the Northwestern Settlement House project.

8.3 TrueNorth

Mr. Spaan noted the TrueNorth Board Brief was included in the packet.

8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield

There was no report.

7.5e Foundation Fund

Ms. Alpert Knight shared that she is in conversation with the Foundation about the proposed renovation of the Middlefork Kindergarten playground.

CLOSED SESSION: At 8:12 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Alpert Knight and seconded by Mr. Spaan that the Board enter into closed session to

discuss the closed session minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting; to consider information regarding 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; 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 9:52 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – November 16, 2021

Mr. Welch moved to approve the minutes 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

11.2 Approval: Personnel Recommendations

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

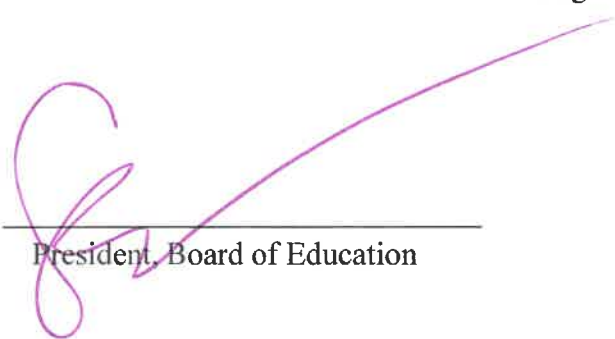
Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mr. Dotzler to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

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