

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 13, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:10 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. Spaan,
Mr. Subeck

Absent: Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Welch

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

Mr. Spaan moved to approve the remote participation into the meeting by Mr. Welch and Mr. Dotzler, who were both out of town. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Spaan 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. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Dr. Stange reported that there were was FOIA request that was filled as requested.

Superintendent Dr. Stange reported that D29 recognized as Distinguished District by Project Lead The Way, a significant external achievement.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

4.1 Report: 2020-2021 IARSS Compliance Audit Report

Dr. Stange reported that the Illinois State Board of Education's Regional entity had completed their regular audit of the District. He provided the Board members and public with a copy of the Comprehensive audit findings which complemented the District's innovative educational programming and facilities and found no areas of non-compliance or concern.

4.2 Approval: Contract for Strategic Planning Services

After a brief discussion, Mr. Zeidler moved to approve the contract with Battelle For Kids contingent upon approval by the District's legal counsel. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

4.3 Update: 2020-2021 NWEA MAP Performance Report

Dr. Stange reviewed the NWEA MAP academic assessment scores representing both achievement (mastery) and growth (improvement) from fall to spring. In sum, District 29 had outstanding aggregate scores, particularly in math and particularly in growth metrics. Dr. Stange noted that further data analysis will inform instructional planning and will be presented at an upcoming Education Committee meeting.

4.4 Update: 2021-2022 School Year Planning

Dr. Stange summarized the most recent health guidance related to schools and COVID-19. He comments that further clarification/additional guidance is expected in July. The Task Force met on 6/21 and 7/12 to discuss proposed mitigation strategies for health & safety and proposed communication protocols. Upcoming meetings are planned for 7/26 and 8/16. The Board requested that the administration provide community members with as much information about the upcoming school year as soon as possible. Mrs. Kiedaisch and Dr. Sukenik noted that they would be sending a Parent Square communication in the upcoming week with preliminary information. Dr. Stange noted that he is preparing to send more detailed information to the community by end of July. The Board will target to approve the plan 8/17, but will have a special meeting if necessary.

4.5 Update: 2021-2022 Enrollment and Staffing

Dr. Stange summarized the most recent enrollment data which showed a 42-child incoming Kindergarten class (48 possible), still 3 sections. He noted that the enrollment projections exceeded the medium range for the District.

Dr. Stange summarized the most recent staffing data noting that the team had a recommendation to employ the new Middlefork School nurse and was continuing to interview for the part-time junior high science teacher position.

4.6 Update: School and Department Reports

Mrs. Kiedaisch and Dr. Sukenik reported on the professional development and curriculum work that continues over the summer, including progress on SEL and unique teacher-led learning communities. Middlefork School held an optional screening for incoming Kindergarteners in June, which was a positive experience and helpful for planning. Sunset Ridge is continuing to work on block scheduling and ESY (Extended School Year) services over the summer.

Mr. Beerheide noted several deviations from forecasted revenues and expenditures, resulting in a slight surplus planned versus the slight expected deficit.

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

5.2 Board Open Discussion

The group discussed the new format for Board agendas and packets. There was general consensus that the new board agenda and board packet process is an improvement. Electronic links to supporting documents and advanced notice of agenda items has been particularly helpful and appreciated.

REPORTS:

6.1 Return to School Task Force

The next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2021.

6.2 Finance and Facilities Committee

6.2a Discussion and Possible Approval: 2021-2022 Tentative Budget

After a brief discussion, Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion.

The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2021.

6.3 Education Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2021.

6.4 Policy Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2021.

6.5 External Relations

6.5a IASB

There was no report.

6.5b PTO

There was no report.

6.5c True North/NSSSED

There was no report.

6.5d Northfield Park District

There was no report.

6.5e Village of Northfield

There was no report.

6.5f Foundation Fund

There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION: At 8:25 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Zeidler and seconded by Ms. Alpert Knight that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting; to discuss the release of closed session minutes; to consider information regarding employment, compensation discipline, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel; to discuss security procedures; 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. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:18 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

9.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – June 8, 2021

Mr. Zeidler moved to approve the minutes 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. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

9.2 Resignation of Katharine Schmidt (Teaching Assistant)

Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the resignation 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. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

9.3 Resignation of Sean Hardiman (Teaching Assistant)

Mr. Zeidler 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. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

9.4 Employment of Amy King (Middlefork School Nurse)

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

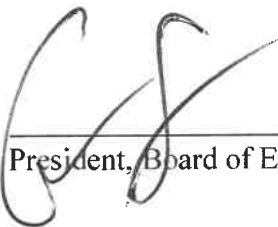
Absent: None

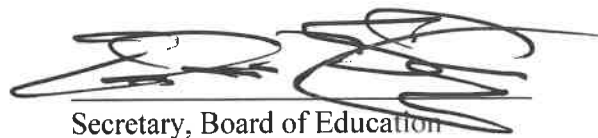
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mr. Zeidler and seconded by Mr. Dotzler to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved August 17, 2021

