

**SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD  
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
May 17, 2022  
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. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Welch,  
Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler

Absent: Mr. Spaan,

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Mrs. Kiedaisch, Mrs. Styczen,  
Mrs. Dunham, Scholastic Bowl Team, Robotics Team, and  
Middlefork Dedicated Dolphins students and their families

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, including the April 12, 2022 Board Meeting minutes, monthly bills and salaries and vendor checks. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Spaan

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:**

Dr. Sukenik introduced student representatives from the Scholastic Bowl Team. She complimented them on their performance in recent competitions and thanked them for representing Sunset Ridge School. Dr. Sukenik introduced student representatives from the Robotics Team. She complimented them on their performance in recent competitions and thanked them for representing Sunset Ridge School. Mrs. Kiedasich introduced student representatives from the Middlefork Dedicated Dolphins. She thanked them for their service to the school, their fellow students, and various community organizations that benefited from their work.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**4.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Dr. Stange reported on one FOIA request since the April Board meeting.

**4.2 Earth Day Presentation**

Dr. Stange shared the content of a presentation for Earth Day regarding the “Green” aspects of the new Sunset Ridge School.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.1 Audience Comments**

There were no public comments.

**5.2 Board Open Discussion**

There was no Board open discussion.

**5.3 Discussion and Possible Approval: Proposed 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar**

The Board discussed the 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar. Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the calendar change recommendation 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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Spaan

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

**6.1 2022-2023 Enrollment Report**

Dr. Stange summarized the most recent enrollment data, noting that the early 2022-2023 Kindergarten enrollment data shows 60 students with enrollment paperwork completed. He and Mrs. Kiedaisch recommended the class be divided into four sections and the District hire an additional teacher. The Board noted their support of the recommendation.

**6.2 2021-2022 Personnel Report**

Dr. Stange reviewed the recommended personnel actions including the the employment of three staff, a leave of absence request, and the resignation of a teacher and a teaching assistant.

**6.3 Discussion and Possible Approval: Strategic Plan**

Dr. Stange reviewed the proposed strategic planning highlighting goals in the areas of Leadership, Curriculum, Environment, Workforce, and Finance/Facilities. Ms. Joseph moved to approve the plan 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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Spaan

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**6.4 Security Audit Report**

Dr. Stange reviewed the general findings of the recent external security audit report. He noted that each Board member had received a complete and unedited copy of the report and would be discussing next steps during their closed session meeting.

**6.5 School and Department Reports**

Mrs. Kiedaisch and Dr. Sukenik shared that they continue to struggle with the challenges of staffing.

**6.6 Discussion and Possible Approval: FY23 Consolidated District Plan**

Dr. Stange reviewed the purpose of the Consolidated District Plan. Mr. Welch moved to approve the plan 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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Spaan

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**7.1 Discussion and Possible Approval: Middlefork Lounge Bid**

Dr. Stange reviewed the bid for the Middlefork Lounge renovation project. Mr. Zeidler moved to approve the bid 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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Spaan

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**7.2 Education Committee**

There was no report.

**7.3 Policy Committee**

Dr. Stange summarized a proposed change to Board Policy 233. Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the revised policy 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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Spaan

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS:**

**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.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 9:04 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 April 12, 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 safety and security; 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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Spaan

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF  
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 10:15 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

**11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – April 12, 2022**

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Spaan

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**11.2 Approval: Personnel Recommendations**

Mr. Zeidler 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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Spaan

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Mr. Dotzler and seconded by Mr. Zeidler to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m. All were in favor.

  
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President, Board of Education

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 21 June, 2022