

## **BOARD NOTES: December 14th, 2021 7pm, Regular Board Meeting, Sunset Ridge School**

*Items Approved: 11/16/21 Consent Agenda, Bills & Salaries, 11/16/21 Closed Session Minutes  
First Reading: Recommend Board Policy Revisions, 2021 Tax Levy  
12/14/21 Personnel Report : FMLA Request for Employee R*

**ROLL CALL (7:03pm):** all present

**CONSENT AGENDA (7:04pm):** The Board **approved** the Consent Agenda, including November 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting minutes, monthly bills and salaries and vendor checks, and first reading of new policy revisions.

**SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS (7:04pm):** Third Grade Students - Cradles to Crayons Service Project

**NEW BUSINESS (7:15pm)**

**Audience Comments/Public Participation (7:15pm)** Two comments re: to covid policies including masks.

**Board Open Discussion (7:20pm)**

**COMMUNICATIONS (7:20pm):** FOIA from Zoe Yelken of Smart Procure (received every 6 months)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (7:21pm):**

**Enrollment Report (7:21pm)** 1 new first grader, need to make decision in Feb if any teacher reductions

**Personnel Report (7:24pm)** advertising for vacancies (student services / TAs / subs), Alissa Baldwin back!

**December School Updates (7:25pm)** 8th graders reviewed architecture choices related to energy efficiency and LEED certification (thank you Mrs Albright), PTO approved Spanish club / gaga-ball pit / playground stencils / peaceful path and more, coding week a success (thank you Mrs. Styczen!)

**December Financials Updates (7:27pm)** ESSER/CARES funds update: \$425K spent (of \$675K allocated), \$280K reimbursed, possibility of legislation, reminder that \$675K is total (\$800K minus allocations to others)

**Strategic Planning Update (7:31pm)** excitement for Batelle presentation to portrait design team 12/14

**2022-2023 District Calendar (7:34pm)** options reviewed again, final decision to be made in January

**Security Consultant Update (7:41pm)** materials provided, interviews beginning

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (7:42pm):**

*Return to School Task Force (7:42pm)* – next meeting February 7th 2022, metrics reviewed (18 cases total in D29 for this year, 1.25 cases / week & trending up), low test positivity in community (<5%) but “substantial” transmission still in area (200+ positives / 100K residents), kindergarten class had a near-outbreak (2 positives within 14 days ... 3 would’ve been outbreak) which triggered test-to-stay across entire class with no positives, Shield testing discussed - several constraints including 100 person minimum and optional nature, 80% of students are vaccinated, comments on monitoring trends (not going well) and general hesitance to change or increase logistics when protocols appear to be working, remote learning going well (unique to D29) and will prioritize remote learners with a positive case, request to add local healthcare system metrics to dashboard

*Finance Facilities (8:04pm)* – next meeting January 11th 2022, **Approved: 2021 Tax Levy**

*Education (8:07pm)* – next meeting February 15th 2022, meeting covered ALP / SEL / sensitive topics

*Policy (8:08pm)* – next meeting December 8th 2022, 20+ updates to policies

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS (8:09pm)**

IASB – delegate assembly, IASB recommendations carried (exception of gun control)

PTO – gifts grants approved and very smooth (thank you Christi Caceres!), Northwestern Settlement success

True North / NSSD – consultant selected for strategic plan

Park District – thank you for invitation, tree lighting and singing a success

Village of Northfield – no report

Foundation Fund – Middlefork playground discussed

**CLOSED SESSION (8:12pm):**

- To Review Closed Session Minutes from November 16th, 2021
- To Consider Information Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees or Legal Counsel
- To Discuss Matters Related to Individual Students
- To Discuss Potential Litigation
- To Discuss Collective Bargaining

**ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL (9:52pm):**

- Closed Session Minutes from November 16th, 2021
- FMLA Request for Employee R

Topic	July	August	September	October	November	December
SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS				13 min	19 min	15 min
NEW BUSINESS	6 min	3 min	10 min	41 min	32 min	5 min
COMMUNICATIONS	2 min	1 min	2 min	1 min	4 min	1 min
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT	1 hr 0 min	1 hr 9 min	47 min	1 hr 10 min	56 min	21 min
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS	3 min	6 min	3 min	4 min	17 min	27 min
EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS	2 min	5 min	8 min	9 min	22 min	3 min
CLOSED SESSION	54 min	21 min	37 min	1 hr 12 min	1 hr 6 min	1 hr 40 min
TOTAL	2 hr 9 min	1 hr 42 min	2 hr 38 min	4 hr 12 min	3 hr 37 min	2 hr 52 min