

## **BOARD NOTES: July 13, 2021 7:00pm, Regular Board Meeting, Sunset Ridge School**

*Items Approved:* 6/8/21 Consent Agenda, 6/8/21 Closed Session Minutes, 7/13 Remote Participation Strategic Plan Contract (Battelle for Kids)  
2021-2022 Tentative Budget  
Resignations of Katharine Schmidt, Sean Hardiman (Teaching Assistants)  
Employment of Amy King (Middlefork School Nurse)

**ROLL CALL (7:10pm):** Ms Alpert Knight, Mr Spaan, Ms Joseph, Mr Subeck, Mr Zeidler present  
**Approval: Remote Participation (Mr Welch and Mr Dotzler)**  
Optional mask policy indoors for anyone vaccinated per CDC / IDPH

**CONSENT AGENDA (7:11pm):** The Board **approved** the Consent Agenda, including June 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting minutes, and monthly bills and salaries.

**COMMUNICATIONS (7:12pm):** FOIA Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters for certain vendor contracts. D29 recognized as Distinguished District by Project Lead The Way, a significant external achievement.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (7:14pm):**

**IARSS Compliance Audit Report (7:14pm)** Regional entity completes detailed audit every 4 years, no issues.

**Strategic Planning Contract (7:16pm)** Revised SOW and MSA received from Battelle for Kids. Items to finalize include meeting locations in each phase, language on confidentiality. Approved pending legal review.

### **Approval: Strategic Plan Contract (Battelle for Kids) (7:22pm)**

**NWEA MAP Performance Report (7:23pm)** Scores represent both achievement (mastery) and growth (improvement) from fall to spring. D29 had outstanding aggregate scores, particularly in math and particularly in growth metrics. Further data analysis will inform instructional planning and be presented at a following education committee meeting.

**School Year Planning (7:42pm)** New guidance expected in July from ISBE. Task force met 6/21 and 7/12 to discuss health & safety and communications – discussion followed on masks, particularly for visitors. Upcoming meetings planned for 7/26 and 8/16. Community will likely receive communication by end of July on plan details, including start times and mask policies. The Board will target to approve the plan 8/17, but will have a special meeting if necessary.

**2021-2022 Enrollment (8:03pm)** 42-child incoming Kindergarten class (48 possible), still 3 sections. Projections exceed medium range for the first time in awhile.

**2021-2022 Staffing Updates (8:05pm)** Middlefork nurse candidate found, junior high science teacher pending.

### **School and Department Reports (8:07pm)**

*Education* A great deal of work continues over the summer, including progress on SEL and unique teacher led learning communities. MF held optional screening for incoming Kindergarteners in June, was positive experience and helpful for planning. SRS block scheduling and ESY (Extended School Year) work in student services continues over the summer as normal.

*Finance* As noted in Finance Committee, budget for 2021-2022 school year recommended for approval. Capital plan was also reviewed. Mr Beerheide noted several changes in forecasts for costs changed favorably since April, resulting in a slight surplus planned vs slight deficit.

## **NEW BUSINESS (8:14pm)**

**Audience Comments/Public Participation** – no public comment or submitted letters

**Board Open Discussion** General consensus that new board agenda and board packet process is improvement. Links and advanced notice on agenda helpful and appreciated. Timing of items prioritizes most important and relevant topics first. Minor request to still create combined doc in some form.

## **Internal Reports (8:20pm)**

Return to School Task Force – see previous discussion, next meeting July 26, 2021

Finance Facilities – Next meeting Oct 12, 2021

### **Approval: 2021-2022 Tentative Budget (8:20pm)**

Education – Next meeting September 14, 2021

Policy – Next meeting September 8, 2021

## **External Relations (8:23pm)** – future updates primarily in memo form

IASB – no material report

PTO – no major report

True North / NSSSED – no material report

Park District – no material report

Village of Northfield – no material report

Foundation Fund – no material report

## **CLOSED SESSION (8:25pm):**

- To Review Closed Session Minutes from May 11, 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 Security Procedures, School Building Safety and Security
- To Discuss Potential Litigation
- To Discuss Collective Bargaining

## **ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL (9:19pm):**

- Closed Session Minutes from June 8, 2021
- Resignation of Katharine Schmidt (Teaching Assistant)
- Resignation of Sean Hardiman (Teaching Assistant)
- Employment of Amy King (Middlefork School Nurse)

Official meeting minutes will be posted on the website following their approval at the August 17th, 2021, Regular Board meeting.