

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 13, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

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

Present: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Beerheide, Dr. Sukenik, Dr. Greene, Dr. Stange, Mrs. Styczen, Ms. Dunham, Mr. Dreher, Mr. Pick

CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – August 15, 2017

2.2 Bills and Salaries

Mr. Subeck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

3.1 Communications

Mr. Spaan shared a thank-you note from Middlefork School's first principal, Mrs. Mary Osbourne.

Dr. Stange shared the District's ranking in Niche's list of "2018 Best Schools."

OLD BUSINESS:

4.1 Capital Improvement Update:

Dr. Stange reported that the new Sunset Ridge School opened on schedule on September 5th, and things are going as smoothly as can be expected. Traffic continues to be a work-in-progress, and he urged parents to drive cautiously and be patient as Administration troubleshoots the situation. Inside the building, fully background-checked crews continue to work on punch list items, staying out of the classroom areas during school hours. Outside, the playground has been completed, with the basketball court, additional playground equipment, and fields scheduled to be finished by Halloween. The infiltration trench on the east side of the building is nearing completion, and the north-south access road should be done by early October.

4.2 Discussion: Strategic Planning

Mr. Spaan reported that the Board had convened for a Special Meeting in order to discuss Strategic Planning. The members discussed the District's mission statement and core beliefs, and analyzed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats as related to District 29. They also discussed what data was needed in order to move forward, and what is already available to use. Mr. Spaan reiterated that while Strategic Planning is a months long process, the Board hoped to have a new plan in place by June.

4.3 Second Reading: Board Policy 410.15 and 410.16

The Board had a second reading of Board Policies 410.15 and 410.16, which articulate the protocols for land/cash donations/impact fees related to new housing developments.

NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

5.2 Board Open Discussion

Mr. Spaan congratulated the Administration, staff, and Board members on a successful Opening Ceremony for the new Sunset Ridge School. It was wonderful to see so many alumni, retirees, parents, students, and community members present at this joyous occasion.

REPORTS:

6.1 Finance & Facilities Committee

6.1a Ratification of 10-Year Life Safety Survey

Mr. Subeck moved to approve the 10-Year Life Safety Survey.

Mrs. Mirkovic seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

6.1b Public Hearing: FY18 Budget

At 7:45 p.m., Mrs. Peterson moved to open the Public Hearing related to the FY18 Budget. Mrs. Mirkovic seconded the motion.

The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

After no public comments were offered, Mr. Subeck moved to close the hearing at 7:46 p.m. Mrs. Mirkovic seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

6.1c Discussion and Possible Approval: FY18 Budget

Mr. Subeck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

The Board also reviewed the FY 2018 Compensation Reports, which will be posted on the website. The next meeting is on October 10, 2017.

6.2 Education Committee

Board member Ms. Amanda Alpert Knight reported that the first meeting would be a deep dive into District data, which includes PARCC, MAP, IL 5 Essentials, and parent survey results. The meeting will take place on November 14, 2017.

6.3 External Relations

6.3a IASB

Ms. Alpert Knight reported that the Joint Annual Conference will be held on November 17-19, 2017. She also reported that details are yet to come from IL government leaders on the evidence based school funding formula.

6.3b PTO

Board member Mrs. Jill Mirkovic reported that the PTO had their first meeting and is off to an enthusiastic start. They plan to use social media as a means to communicate with district parents, and is creating a new website that will be separate from, but linked to, the District's website. They have cultivated a relationship with The Bookstall bookstore in order to bring free author visits to both schools, and they look forward to the upcoming New Family Social and the Annual Book Fair in November.

6.3c NSSED

Board member Mr. Bill Hayes reported that the co-op has started their own Strategic Planning process by soliciting community engagement through surveys sent out to all districts. They have also welcomed two nursery schools to the co-op, including Northfield Community Nursery School, which will allow them to provide a higher percentage of services in general education settings in neighboring communities.

6.3d Northfield Park District

Board member Mrs. Nancy Detlefsen reported that the Park District has made some improvements to their gym facilities. They were very pleased with their summer camp enrollment, and continue to promote their before-school care program in spite of staffing changes. Northfield Panthers Basketball will be using the Sunset Ridge gym for practices twice a week in return for all the help they offered the District while the property was under construction.

6.3e Village of Northfield

No report.

6.3f Foundation Fund

Board member Mrs. Anne Peterson was happy to report that the Foundation reached their goal of raising \$1M by school's opening day, for a grand total of \$1,030,000. Mrs. Peterson thanked the Foundation members for all of their hard work over these 18 months, reiterating that many of the enhancements in the new Sunset Ridge School would not be present was it not for the Foundation's dedication. Mrs. Peterson also reported that their Recognition Preview event was a lovely occasion enjoyed by all who attended.

6.4 Administrative Reports

6.4a Freedom of Information Act Requests

6.4a1 Request from Mrs. Frailey and Mr. Dreher's Response

Dr. Stange reviewed the FOIA request from Illinois Retired Teachers Association and his response.

6.4b 2017-2018 Enrollment Projections

Dr. Stange reported that there are 12 new students (not including Kindergarteners) at Middlefork and 22 at Sunset Ridge. Both schools are fully staffed, including assistants. The board approved the District Title 1 Plan, which details the District's process for determining eligibility and providing supplemental instruction to students that are at-risk or failing IL Learning Standards. This is a federal requirement, and will allow the District to apply for grant funding. Dr. Stange discussed the possibility of providing the Board with emailed updates on a monthly or bi-weekly basis that would keep members abreast of ongoing issues and educative

initiatives, allowing them to deepen their district perspective. The Board was receptive to this idea.

6.4c 2017-2018 Staffing Update

Dr. Stange reported that the District is fully staffed for the 2017-2018 school year with certified teachers. He noted that the District continues to interview for a number of teaching assistant positions.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:23 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Alpert-Knight and seconded by Mrs. Detlefsen that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes from August 15, 2017; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel; 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: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:15 p.m., the following recommendations were made.

9.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – August 15, 2017

Ms. Alpert-Knight moved to approve the closed session minutes from August 15, 2017. Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

9.2 Approval: Employment of Teaching Assistants

Ms. Alpert-Knight moved to approve the teaching assistants as presented and Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

9.2 Acceptance: Resignation of Jackie Bresse-Rodenkirk

Ms. Alpert-Knight moved to accept the resignation of Jackie Bresse-Rodenkirk and Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

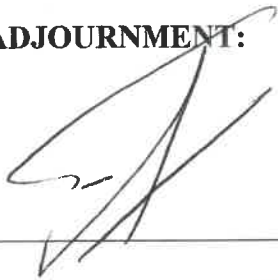
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS: No delegations or petitions were presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Ms. Alpert-Knight and seconded by Mr. Subeck to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved , 2017