

BOARD NOTES:

October 9, 2018, Regular Board Meeting:

Spotlight on Students: Representatives from Sunset Ridge School's Student Council came to enlighten the Board on their role at SRS. Their primary mission is to build school spirit, plan social and service activities, and create leadership opportunities for students in grades 4 through 8. In fact, they have done such a great job of this recently that their participants have increased to record numbers—60 members this year! The students shared many ideas that they look forward to implementing this year, such as the 4/5 grade Halloween party, a 6/7/8 Halloween movie night, raising money for Service Leagues activities, and t-shirts. Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange thanked the Student Council teacher leadership, and praised the students not only on their willingness to step forward as leaders, but also on their ability to foster connectedness in a world that sometimes can feel divided.

Consent Agenda: The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included minutes from the September 11th Regular Board Meeting, the minutes from the September 25th Special Board Meeting, and the monthly bills and salaries.

Communications: Dr. Stange shared a preview copy of the upcoming Fall Newsletter, to be mailed to all District 29 residents in the coming weeks. Dr. Stange and Board member Mrs. Anne Peterson both thanked Ms. Lauren Gray for her hard work on the project.

Capital Improvement Update:

Middlefork School: The Middlefork Capital Improvement Team continues to review the latest drawings. The Il State plumbing inspector stated that, since the plumbing portion of the project does not include the removal of toilet fixtures, the District does not have to remodel every bathroom in the building. However, we will be required to install a new ADA compliant bathroom in the new learning center space. The Board reviewed the construction timeline.

Sunset Ridge School: Final landscaping replacements will be done soon, and the basketball court will be resurfaced due to drainage issues that have been remedied.

Old Business: After a second reading, the Board approved policy 415 regarding the District's ability to incur debt and obligations toward bond issuance. It will now be known as policy 440.

Finance and Facilities: Board member Mr. Scott Subeck reported that a representative from the District's auditing firm reviewed the FY18 audit, and that Chief School Business Official Mr. Tom Beerheide presented the 2018 levy calendar, the 2017 levy review, and considerations for the 2018 levy. The FY18 Audit was approved by the Board. Mr. Subeck also reported that the committee discussed the additional measures taken by the District to ensure that the Sunset Ridge School parking lot is safe for students, staff, and visitors alike. The next meeting is January 15, 2019, at 6pm.

Education Committee: The next meeting is November 13, 2018, at 6pm, and will include a district communications report.

IASB: Board member Ms. Amanda Alpert Knight reported that she ran into State Superintendent Mr. Tony Smith and he raved about District 29! Dr. Stange and Mr. Beerheide are looking forward to the IASB Annual Conference in November, at which District 29 will be receiving a prestigious award. Dr. Stange also reported that Sunset Ridge School has won The Best Green Project Award from ENR Midwest.

PTO: No report.

NSSSED: Dr. Stange reported that the co-op has sent out communication to all students regarding the investigation of an employee by the Glenview Police Department. The employee has been put on administrative leave.

Northfield Park District: No report.

Village of Northfield: Board member Mrs. Nancy Detlefsen reported that the Village continues to work on their Strategic Plan 2040. They have engaged many different stakeholders, including Avoca and Sunset Ridge students. The issues they hope to address are the village center, land use, branding, affordability, bike lanes and walkability, and village governance.

Foundation Fund: Mrs. Peterson reported that Foundation President Ms. Marti Bennett has retired from the position, and Ms. Terri Wareham has been named Interim President until formal elections can be held in the spring. There are still outstanding donations to be collected regarding the SRS fundraising initiative. At this time, the Foundation has not decided if or how it will participate in any fundraising surrounding the Middlefork project.

Administrative Report: Dr. Stange reported that enrollment is up from last year, and that the District continues to hire assistant positions. The Board discussed options regarding the 2019/2020 school calendar, keeping in mind how it affects the Middlefork construction plans and how the calendar itself could be affected by the current collective bargaining of the new teacher contract.

Recommendations: The Board approved the Closed Session minutes from September 11, 2018 and September 25, 2018. Additionally, the Board approved the employment of a teacher assistant and accepted the resignation of a teaching assistant. Also approved was the Superintendent's contract.

Official meeting minutes will be posted on the website following their approval at the November 13, 2018, Regular Board meeting.