

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 7, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:08 p.m.)

Mr. Spaan called the meeting to order at 7:08 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, Mr. Dreher, Ms. Dunham, Mrs. Heilenbach
Dr. Greene, Mrs. Styczen, Dr. Sukenik, Mrs. Furman,
NORA Project students and their families

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

2.1 NORA Project Participants

Fourth grade students who participate in the NORA Project came to describe their experience in the program. The NORA Project, piloted this year by 4th grade student services teacher Mrs. Nina Furman, strives to teach empathy and spark friendships between students and their peers with disabilities. Through games, crafts, reading groups, and other activities, students start to discover and focus on what they have in common with their new friends, rather than their perceived differences. The students are looking forward to NORA Night 2018 on June 7th, which invites everyone in the district to celebrate and learn more about the program.

Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange commended the students on their willingness to learn about each other's similarities despite societal forces that consistently reinforce our differences.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting – April 10, 2018

3.2 Bills and Salaries

After a brief discussion regarding the relatively high cost of snow removal services during the month of February, Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hayes 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:

A communication from Special Gifts Theatre was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 Capital Improvement Update

Dr. Stange provided an update on completion of punch list items related to the Sunset Ridge School capital improvement project. This included the inspection of the fields for approval to use them, after which the fence will be taken down and the students will have access during recess. As eager as everyone is to let the students on the fields, the Board agreed that we should not risk violating the terms of our warranty. The walking path has been completed, and community members have already been seen enjoying the property. The solar panels are producing more energy than the building is using, and teacher teams are meeting this summer to formulate plans on how to integrate the building's learning opportunities into the curriculum. Our LEED status application should be completed by the fall.

Mr. Craig Siepka, architect from Wight and Co, presented preliminary ideas for Middlefork improvements. These include replacing plumbing, modifying the front office area to improve security, redesigning the library and makers space, adding collaborative work areas and break out spaces for student services, and freshening up the entranceway canopy. The Board discussed these options, keeping in mind the July decision deadline should they decide to go ahead with the project.

5.2 Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Stange reported that he has presented the latest Strategic Plan draft to both Middlefork and Sunset Ridge staff, at a PTO meeting, during the day at a Parent Connections meeting, and during an open evening forum, and received valuable feedback.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Audience Comments

Dr. Judy Bregman and Ms. Annie Lustig made audience comments encouraging the District to allow Special Gifts Theatre to utilize the performance center space for their organization.

6.2 Board Open Discussion

There was no Board open discussion.

6.3 Discussion and Possible Approval: 2018-2019 Board Meeting Calendar

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the proposed 2018-2019 Board Meeting Calendar. 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.

6.4 Discussion and Possible Approval: Resolution abating the Working Cash Fund by \$1,200,000

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Mirkovic moved to approve the proposed resolution as presented. 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.

6.5 Discussion and Possible Approval: Resolution setting forth and describing in detail claims heretofore authorized and allowed for proper school purposes which are presently outstanding and unpaid, declaring the intention to issue \$5,700,000 Funding Bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the District, and directing that notice of such intention be published as provided by law.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the proposed resolution as presented. Mr. Hayes 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.

6.6 Discussion and Possible Approval: Resolution calling a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of the District, to sell \$5,700,000 Funding Bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the District.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Hayes moved to approve the proposed resolution as presented. Mrs. Peterson 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.

6.7 First Reading; Board Policy 710.12

The Board had a first reading of Board Policy 710.12, regarding tobacco products. The policy is being modified to include vapor products.

6.8 First Reading; Board Policy 715.01

The Board had a first reading of Board Policy 715.01, regarding student discipline. The policy is being modified to include vapor products.

REPORTS:

7.1 Finance & Facilities Committee

The next meeting is July 17, 2018, at 6pm.

7.2 Education Committee

Ms. Alpert Knight reported that Director of Student Services Ms. Dunham gave a presentation of the District's student services programs. Curriculum Director Dr. Greene gave a thorough curriculum and instruction update. The next meeting is September 11, 2018, at 6pm.

7.3 External Relations

7.3a IASB

Dr. Stange reported that the district received \$652.00 from the state as a result of the new funding formula.

7.3b PTO

Mrs. Mirkovic reported that Teacher Appreciation Week is off to a wonderful start.

7.3c NSSED

Mr. Hayes reported that NSSED is developing action plans for strategic plan goals. They are exploring how to best mentor teachers as they move to placing more students in their home districts rather than NSSED classrooms. As a result of those placements, they anticipate increases in transportation costs.

7.3d Northfield Park District

Mrs. Detlefsen reported that Family Fun Night will be June 13th at Clarkson Park.

7.3e Village of Northfield

There was no report.

7.3f Foundation Fund

Mrs. Peterson reported that the Foundation held its annual meeting, at which they reelected their officers. They are actively seeking new membership.

7.4 Administrative Reports

7.4a Freedom of Information Act Requests

7.4a1 Request from SmartProcure and Dr. Stange's Response

Dr. Stange reported on a FOIA request from SmartProcure and his response.

7.4a2 Request from Ms. Kim and Dr. Stange's Response

Dr. Stange reported on a FOIA request from Katie Kim and his response.

7.4a3 Request from Mr. Parfenoff and Dr. Stange's Response

Dr. Stange reported on a FOIA request from a Ivan Parfenoff and his response.

7.4b Update: 2018-2019 Enrollment

Dr. Stange reviewed anticipated enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year.

7.4c Update: 2018-2019 Staffing

Dr. Stange reviewed anticipated vacancies to be filled for the 2018-2019 school year. He also informed the Board of current 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Misty Bell's request to transfer to the open Kindergarten position next year. As a result, the District will be advertising for the positions of 2nd Grade Teacher, Advanced Learning Teacher-Math/Science, and Teaching Assistants.

7.4d 2018-2019 FED ED Membership

After a brief discussion, the Board elected to not renew the Districts' membership in the FED ED lobbying organization.

7.4d Discussion: Facilities Rentals

Dr. Stange requested the Board's ongoing guidance regarding formal requests by outside groups to use the District's fields and facilities.

CLOSED SESSION: At 9:03 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Peterson and seconded by Ms. Alpert Knight that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes from April 10, 2018; to consider information regarding 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 10:24 p.m., the following recommendations were made.

10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – April 10, 2018

Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the closed session minutes from April 10, 2018. 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.

10.2 Approval: Employment of Spanish Teacher Anna Murphy

Mr. Subeck moved to approve the employment of Anna Murphy. Mr. Hayes 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.

10.3 Approval: Voluntary Transfer of Misty Bell to Kindergarten

Mrs. Mirkovic moved to approve the voluntary transfer of Misty Bell and 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.

10.4 Approval: 2018-2019 Administrative Contract Renewals

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the contract renewals for administrators Mr. Dreher and Dr. Sukenik, and 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.

10.5 Approval: FMLA Request for Oscar Garcia

Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the FMLA request by Oscar Garcia and Mr. Alpert Knight 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 Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Mirkovic to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved  , 2018