

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 15, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:03 p.m.)

Mr. Spaan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen,
Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck (By Phone)

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic

Also Present: Mr. Beerheide, Dr. Sukenik, Dr. Greene, Dr. Stange,
Jenny vonTobel, Debbie Taus-Barth, Jenna Pomykalski

CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – July 25, 2017

2.2 Bills and Salaries

Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Alpert-Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen,
Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck (By Phone)

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

3.1 Communications

There were no communications.

OLD BUSINESS:

4.1 Capital Improvement Update

Dr. Stange reported that we received our temporary occupancy certificate for the new Sunset Ridge School. Full occupancy clearance is expected at the end of August. More than half of the solar panels are in place, and the entire array will be ready to “flip the switch” in mid-September. The Administration and Business Office staff have moved into their offices. Teachers will begin moving in on August 23rd and students on September 5th. The demolition crew struck an unknown underground oil storage tank that had not been in use in decades. They quickly capped it and contacted the EPA for further instructions. The EPA advised draining the oil and then testing the soil for any potential contamination. Pepper Construction is taking steps toward this end, under the guidance of the EPA.

4.2 Discussion: Strategic Planning

The Board discussed preliminary plans and guiding principles for upcoming strategic planning. Potential resources and references materials were shared.

NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Audience Comments

Representatives from Special Gifts Theatre spoke to the Board regarding their theatre program serving children and adults with special needs, urging the Board to continue to allow them to use the Sunset Ridge School theatre space, despite the fact that the Board had already indicated their intent to refrain from any outside renters during the first year.

5.2 Board Open Discussion

There was no Board open discussion.

5.3 First Reading – Board Policy 410.15

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

5.4 First Reading – Board Policy 410.16

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

REPORTS:

6.1 Finance & Facilities Committee

The next meeting is October 10, 2017.

6.2 Education Committee

Ms. Alpert-Knight reported that she and Dr. Mary Frances Greene are continuing to work on the meeting topic schedule. The next meeting is September 13, 2017.

6.3 External Relations

6.3a IASB

Ms. Alpert Knight reported on the progress of SB1, Which which includes guidance for school funding.

6.3b PTO

There was no report.

6.3c NSEED

There was no report.

6.3d Northfield Park District

There was no report.

6.3e Village of Northfield

Dr. Stange reported that that the proposed new development on Northfield Road does not fall in our school district, so would not affect enrollment should it be approved.

6.3f Foundation Fund

Mrs. Peterson reported that the Foundation is preparing for their Recognition Preview event on August 27th.

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 Mrs. Frailey.

6.4a2 Request from Mrs. Scullion and Dr. Stange's Response

Dr. Stange reviewed the FOIA request from Mrs. Scullion.

6.4b 2017-2018 Enrollment Projections

Dr. Stange updated the Board regarding enrollment numbers for the 2017-2018 school year highlighting the recent addition of five new students to 6th grade, Dr. Stange briefed the Board on the reasons for staying with two sections rather than dividing the students up into three. These would include the unavailability of hireable teachers that meet our district's standards of excellence this late in the season and the disruption to students already assigned homerooms and schedules, among others. Dr. Ivy Sukenik's added that the new block schedule will allow for team teaching between the 5th and 6th grade teachers for those grades, and that the teachers had already been working diligently to create techniques and strategies for small group work, utilizing teaching assistants and other opportunities for intimate instruction. The Administration is confident that all is in place for the 6th grade to have an excellent year.

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 8:26 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 July 25, 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. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck (By Phone)

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 8:45 p.m., the following recommendations were made.

9.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – July 25, 2017

Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the closed session minutes from July 25, 2017. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck (By Phone)

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

9.1 Approval: Employment of Teaching Assistants

Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the teaching assistants as presented and Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck (By Phone)

Absent: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic

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 Mrs. Detlefsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. All were in favor.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 13 September, 2017