BOARD NOTES:

January 10, 2017, Regular Board Meeting:

**Spotlight on Students:** A few of Middlefork’s first grade students stopped by to read stories they composed about fellow students during their Special Week, showcasing their developing writing and editing skills. Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange thanked the students for sharing their creative ideas with the Board, commending them on their use of vocabulary words and composure while reading aloud in front of an audience.

**Consent Agenda:** The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included minutes from the December 6th Regular Board Meeting and the monthly bills and salaries.

**Communications:** Dr. Stange shared a follow-up response to a neighbor’s inquiry about water retention practices on the new building’s property.

**Capital Improvement Update:** Dr. Stange reported that the construction project remains on budget and on schedule. Crews have begun to “winterize” the structure by encasing the interior in plastic, allowing them to run gas heaters so they can continue working on the inside during inclement weather. Sub-contractors are completing the installation of plumbing, electrical, and heating/cooling systems in much of the building, in addition to pouring the concrete floors. Board member Mrs. Debbie Papas thanked Dr. Stange and his team for their ongoing efforts in managing the construction project.

**Old Business:** After second readings of Board Policy 700.02, regarding sexual harassment, and Board Policy 465.10, regarding procedures in handling movable soccer goals, the Board approved them.

**Finance and Facilities:** Board member Mr. Scott Subeck reported that the plans to install solar panels on the new building are progressing and an investor has been identified. The next meeting will be January 24, 2017, at 7pm.

**Education Committee:** The next meeting will be January 24, 2017, at 6pm.

**IASB:** Board member Mrs. Anne Peterson reported that efforts to establish a state budget are ongoing.

**PTO:** Mrs. Peterson reported that planning for the PTO Benefit is well underway and tickets have gone on sale on the website. The PTO is considering hosting a Career Day for grades 6, 7, and 8, and is looking for a variety of professionals to volunteer their time to give presentations. The PTO has proposed a new position to their board in order to handle all public relations, including social media, website, and direct parent/community communications.
NSSED: Board member Mr. Adelbert Spaan reported that the co-op is now looking for a new Program Director.

Northfield Park District: No report.

Village of Northfield: Mr. Subeck reported that a group of concerned district residents would be attending the Northbrook Village meeting in response to a proposed sober living home.

Foundation Fund: Mrs. Peterson reported that the Foundation was happy with the response to their fundraising letter, and has now raised $624,500 in support of the construction project. They are looking forward to assisting the district in hosting grade level meetings to inform parents about the new building.

Administrative Reports: Dr. Stange reported that, after the departure of one first grader, Middlefork’s enrollment lies at 191 and Sunset Ridge’s remains at 257. The Board heard a report from Middlefork Principal Dr. Mary Frances Greene regarding the amount of supervision that is provided during indoor recess at Middlefork, and, after a brief discussion, the Board agreed it was adequate. Additionally, the Board approved the 2017/18 district calendar, which is now posted on the website.

Recommendations: The Board approved the Closed Session Minutes of December 6, 2016. The Board did not approve an enrollment request submitted by a non-local family.

Official meeting minutes will be posted on the website following their approval at the February 7, 2017 Board meeting.