



SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2023

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:00 p.m.)

Mr. Subeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Subeck, Ms. Damon, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Zeidler

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Mr. Beerheide, Ms. Evans, Mr. Neuman, Mr. Pick, Mr. Endre, Ms. Brouillette, Ms. Tremont, Ms. Berkhof, Spanish Program Student Representatives and their parents.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Board of Education meeting, bills and salaries, and a second reading of Board Policy updates.. Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Ms. Kiedaisch introduced representative students from the Spanish program who shared their perspectives of the Spanish program. The Board and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Stange shared the unofficial results of the April 6, 2023 Consolidated Election as well as an article about the importance of providing instructional coaching for teachers.

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NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Audience Comments

Mr. Subeck read a public comment submitted by the Kerman family advocating for the installation of weapons detectors in District 29 schools.

5.2 Board Open Discussion

Mr. Beerheide introduced Mr. Tony Ohlwein, the new Director of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Ohlwein thanked the Board for the opportunity to work in the District.

Ms. Damon noted her commitment to continuously examine ways to improve the security of our schools.

Ms. Alpert Knight thanked the Board members for their service and support. Ms. Joseph thanked the retiring Board members for their service. Mr. Zeidler thanked the retiring Board members for their service.

5.3 Approval: 2023-2024 Board Meeting Calendar

Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Board Meeting Calendar as presented, and Ms. Damon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Stange noted that there were no FOIA requests received during the past month.

6.2 2022-2023 Enrollment Report

Dr. Stange reviewed the most recent enrollment data, indicating that there was no change in enrollment since the March meeting. Ms. Damon inquired about the timeline for making adjustments to the number of sections per grade. Dr. Stange noted that the preference was to hold to the committed number of sections once class lists are developed (end of May).

6.3 2021-2022 Personnel Report

Dr. Stange shared an overview of the personnel report recommendations to be discussed in closed session, including three (3) recommendations for employment of new staff, and the renewal of the superintendent's contract.

6.4 District, School, and Department Updates

Members of the administrative team shared updates regarding recent news and events at the District, School, and Department levels, including returning the structure of 5th grade to “homeroom” versus “content specialty” based organization to create a more individualized and community experience for students.

6.5 Approval: Mathematics Curriculum Adoption

Dr. Stange and Ms. Kiedaisch presented the recommendation and implementation plan for the Mathematics Curriculum Adoption. Mr. Spaan motioned to approve the Mathematics Curriculum Adoption as presented, and Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

6.6 Approval: Final 2022-2023 District 29 Calendar

Dr. Stange presented a draft of the final 2022-2023 District 29 Calendar, which reflected no changes from the draft version. Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the Calendar as presented and Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

7.1 Finance Committee

7.1a Report from April 11, 2023 Meeting

Mr. Zeidler provided a summary of the April 11, 2023 Finance & Facilities Committee meeting, which included an update on safety and security enhancements, an update on continuing work on the Sunset Ridge School HVAC system, Middlefork School capital improvements, the Amended FY23 Budget, the bid results for multi-function copiers, custodial services, food services, and transportation services.

7.1b Discussion and Possible Approval: 2022-2023 Amended District 29 Budget

Mr. Beerheide presented a draft of the amended 2022-2023 District 29 Budget. Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the amended budget as presented, and Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. Ms. Joseph

noted that the amendment of the budget is, in her experience, an expected event. There was no further discussion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Spaan,
Mr. Subeck, Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.1c Discussion and Possible Approval: Transportation Services Contract Renewal

Mr. Beerheide presented a recommendation to approve a 1-year renewal of the Transportation contract. Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the contract as presented. Ms. Damon recommended tabling the approval to allow the exploration of adding transportation for athletic events into the contract. Mr. Zeidler withdrew his motion. The item was tabled.

7.1d Discussion and Possible Approval: Custodial Services Contract

Mr. Beerheide presented a recommendation to approve a 1-year Custodial Services Contract. Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the contract as presented and Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Spaan,
Mr. Subeck, Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.1e Discussion and Possible Approval: Food Services Contract Renewal

Mr. Beerheide presented a recommendation to approve a 1-year renewal of the Food Services Contract. Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the contract as presented and Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Spaan,
Mr. Subeck, Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.1f Discussion and Possible Approval: 2023-2024 Lunch Prices

Mr. Beerheide presented a recommendation to approve price increases to various lunch items. Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the recommendation as presented and Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Spaan,
Mr. Subeck, Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

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Absent: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.2 Education Committee

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

7.3 Policy Committee

Mr. Dotzler facilitated a First Reading of various Board Policy updates as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards PRESS Policy Service and the D29 Policy Committee.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS:

8.1 IASB

There was no report.

8.2 PTO

Ms. Joseph summarized information from the April PTO meeting.

8.3 TrueNorth

Mr. Spann noted that a District 29 representative is needed to replace him on the TrueNorth Executive Board following his retirement in April.

8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield

Mr. Zeidler noted that the school and park district leadership met to share information regarding respective capital improvement needs. He shared that the group agreed to partner on facilities improvements for the greater benefit of the community to the extent possible.

8.5 Foundation Fund

There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:23 p.m. it was motioned by Ms. Alpert Knight and seconded by Mr. Zeidler that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the March 2023 meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees; to discuss matters related to safety and security; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students and; to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:00 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – March 14, 2023

Mr. Spaan moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan,
Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Damon

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

11.2 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations

Ms. Joseph motioned to approve the personnel report recommendations as presented. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Subeck,
Mr. Spaan, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

11.3 Approval: Resolution Authorizing 2023-2026 Performance-Based Superintendent's Contract

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

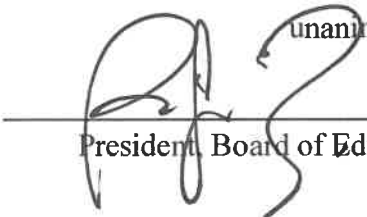
Aye: Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Subeck,
Mr. Spaan, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

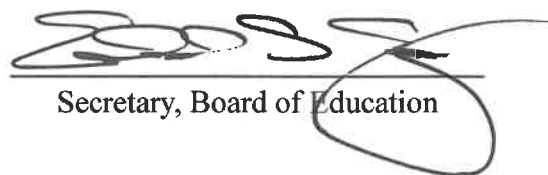
THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned by Ms. Alpert Knight and seconded by Mr. Spaan to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved , 2023
