



SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 15, 2023 MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (5:30 p.m.)

Mr. Zeidler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Damon, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Absent: Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph (arrived 6:16pm)

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Evans, Ms. Crabtress, Mr. Neuman, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Olhwein, Mr. Heiderscheidt

CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Damon motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Board of Education meetings, and bills and salaries, Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Stange shared a communication from ED-RED (advocacy group) and a copy of the Summer 2023 District 29 Board of Education Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

4.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

4.2 Board Open Discussion

There was no Board open discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

5.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Stange shared information about the six FOIA requests received since the June Board meeting.

5.2 2023-2024 Enrollment Report

Dr. Stange reviewed the most recent enrollment data, noting that there are 231 students enrolled at Middlefork and 248 students enrolled at Sunset Ridge. He highlighted that the overall 2023-2024 enrollment was consistent with the 2022-2023 enrollment and that all core class sizes were 18 students or less.

5.3 2021-2022 Personnel Report

Dr. Stange shared an overview of the personnel report recommendations to be discussed in closed session, including four (4) recommendations for employment of new staff, and three (3) resignations.

5.4 District, School, and Department Updates

Members of the administrative team shared updates regarding recent news and events highlighting the summer 2023 activities including facilities maintenance work, staff hiring, and various curriculum projects.

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

6.1 Policy Committee

Dr. Stange facilitated a Second Reading of the District 29 Board Policy updates as recommended by the IASB PRESS issue and the District 29 Policy Committee. Mr. Pick motioned to approve the revised policies as presented and Mr. Tideman seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

Dr. Stange facilitated a First Reading of District 29 Board Policy 711 (Bullying) in response to recent changes in Illinois School Code.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2023 at 9a.m.

6.2 Finance Committee

6.2a Discussion and Possible Approval: Voluntary Employee Benefits Plan Renewal

Mr. Zeidler shared an overview of the Employee Voluntary Benefits Plan Renewal information. Mr. Tideman motioned to approve the plan renewal presented and Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

6.3 Education Committee

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS
REPORTS:**

7.1 IASB

There was no report.

7.2 PTO

There was no report.

7.3 TrueNorth

There was no report.

7.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield

Mr. Pick reported on preliminary work related to the Park District Facilities Improvement Planning. He noted that he would meet with the Park District to gather further clarity on their plans and potential impact on the School District.

7.5 Foundation Fund

There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:09 p.m. it was motioned by Ms. Damon and seconded by Mr. Tideman that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the June 2023 meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees or independent contracts; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students and; to discuss safety and security, to discuss the potential release of closed session minutes and the destruction of the verbatim record, and to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Joseph, Mr. Dotzler

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 7:59 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – June 13, 2023

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

Aye: Ms. Damon, Ms. Ho, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Dotzler

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

10.2 Approval: Destruction of the Verbatim Record

Ms. Damon motioned to approve the destruction of the verbatim record as presented. Mr. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Ms. Ho, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Dotzler

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

10.3 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations

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

Aye: Ms. Damon, Ms. Ho, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Dotzler


THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned by Mr. Pick and seconded by Ms. Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 12 September, 2023
