



SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2023 MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:01 p.m.)

Mr. Zeidler called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

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

Absent: Mr. Dotzler

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Ms. Evans,
Ms. Crabtree, Mr. Neuman, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Ohlwein,
Ms. Peterson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Dempsey, Ms. Kisiel,
Middlefork School Kindergarten Student Representative
and their families.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Tideman motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Board of Education meetings, and bills and salaries. Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Dotzler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

Kindergarten student representatives from Middlefork School (and their teachers shared what they have learned about feelings through the new RULER SEL program. Board members asked questions of the student representatives and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications.

BOARD BUSINESS:

5.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

5.2 Board Open Discussion

There was no Board open discussion.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Stange shared information about the four FOIA requests received since the November Board meeting. Responsive documents were provided for three (3) of the requests and one (1) was denied.

6.2 Enrollment Report

Dr. Stange noted that the administrative team continues to plan for the facility and staffing needs related to anticipated four-section fourth grade section in 2024-2025.

6.3 Personnel Report

Dr. Stange noted that there were no personnel recommendations to consider for the December meeting.

6.4 Digital Security Update

District 29 Network and Digital Security Manager (Ryan Czok) reviewed efforts to promote digital/electronic security in the District.

6.5 Discussion: 2024-2025 District Calendar

Dr. Stange shared a second draft of the 2024-2025 District 29 Calendar noting that stakeholder feedback since the November meeting favored the continued scheduling of no school during the week of Thanksgiving. Ms. Damon suggested moving the fall Parent-Teacher Conference date from September 20, 2024 to October 4, 2024. Dr. Stange noted that he would consider the request and bring the topic back for discussion in January 2024.

6.6 District, School, and Department Updates

Dr. Stange submitted the monthly school and department updates highlighting the high prevalence of staff and illness.

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

7.1 Policy Committee

Mr. Zeidler facilitated the First Reading of District 29 Board of Education Policies that were reviewed by the District 29 Policy Committee.

7.2 Finance Committee

7.2a Public Hearing: 2023 Tax Levy

At 8:47 p.m., Ms. Joseph motioned to suspend the Regular Board Meeting to hold a Public Hearing on the 2023 District 29 Property Tax Levy. Mr. Tideman seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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At 8:48 p.m., Ms. Joseph motioned to open the Public Hearing on the 2023 District 29 Property Tax Levy. Mr. Pick seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Having heard no public comment on the 2023 District 29 Property Levy, at 8:49 p.m. Mr. Tideman motioned to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Pick seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

At 8:50 p.m., Mr. Pick motioned to reopen the Regular Board of Education Meeting. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

7.2b Discussion and Possible Approval: 2023 District 29

Property Tax Levy

Mr. Tideman motioned to approve the 2023 District 29 Property Tax Levy as presented. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Dotzler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.3 Education Committee

Ms. Joseph summarized the December 12, 2023 Education Committee meeting which featured a presentation on how District 29 is utilizing data from the Annual Assessment Report to guide continuous improvement efforts. The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS:

8.1 IASB

Mr. Pick reviewed the actions of the IASB Resolutions Committee and his reflections from the IASB conference.

8.2 PTO

Ms. Joseph reported on the PTO meeting highlighting the annual PTO Gifts program and the upcoming Holiday Gifts Project.

8.3 TrueNorth

Mr. Tideman provided an update on the TrueNorth 804 Educational Cooperative, highlighting the organizations' staffing challenges and recent external financial audit.

8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield

Mr. Pick summarized ongoing communications regarding the proposed Park District capital improvement.

8.5 Foundation Fund

There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:17 p.m. it was motioned by Mr. Pick and seconded by Ms. Joseph that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the November 2023 Closed Session meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees or independent contractors; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students and; to discuss matters of safety and security; and to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Dotzler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:33 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – November 14, 2023

Ms. Joseph motioned to approve the closed session minutes of the November 14, 2023 Board meeting as presented. Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Mr. Dotzler

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned by Mr. Tideman, and seconded by Mr. Pick, to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 1/16, 2024