



# SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2023 MINUTES

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

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Ms. Evans, Ms. Crabtree, Mr. Neuman, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Olhwein, Ms. Kasper, Middlefork School Physical Education student representatives and their families.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the September 12, 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, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Ho

Nay: None

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED**

### **SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:**

Student representatives from Middlefork School and their physical education teacher (Ms. Kasper) shared their experiences and perspectives relative to the physical education program at Middlefork School. Board members asked questions of the student representatives and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Dr. Stange shared a communication sent to District 29 grade 6-8 teachers about a new collaboration amongst New Trier Township districts targeting teachers of core subject areas (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies) to support professional learning and information sharing.

Dr. Stange shared a communication that will be sent to all District 29 families requesting their consent for their student(s) to continue to utilize digital platforms for educational programming.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**5.1 Audience Comments**

There were no audience comments.

**5.2 Board Open Discussion**

There was no Board open discussion.

**5.3 Resolution Authorizing Partial Settlement of JUUL Litigation**

Dr. Stange shared the proposed partial settlement of the JUUL Class Action Lawsuit which allocates \$2,751 to District 29. Mr. Pick motioned to approve the partial settlement resolution as presented, and Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

**6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Dr. Stange shared information about the three FOIA requests received since the September 2023 Board meeting.

**6.2 Enrollment Report**

Dr. Stange reviewed the most recent enrollment data, noting that there were 234 students enrolled at Middlefork and 248 students enrolled at Sunset Ridge. He highlighted that the overall 2023-2024 enrollment was the highest in a decade and that the Middlefork School enrollment was the highest in two decades.

**6.3 Personnel Report**

Dr. Stange shared an overview of the personnel report recommendations including the employment of one new staff member and the termination of employment for another.

**6.4 District, School, and Department Updates**

Dr. Stange submitted a memo containing the monthly school and department updates. Ms. Damon inquired about the recent Regional Office of Education's inspection of both District 29 schools. Dr. Stange noted that the audit was generally clear, other than the recommendation to discontinue the use of interior door stops to hold classroom doors open at Middlefork School.

**6.5 Illinois 5Essentials Survey Report**

Dr. Stange and Ms. Crabtree reviewed the data from the Illinois 5Essentials Survey and the plan to address areas identified for continuous improvement.

**BOARD COMMITTEE**

**REPORTS:**

**7.1 Policy Committee**

Mr. Dotzler facilitated a Second Reading of the District 29 Board Policy updates as recommended by the District 29 Policy Committee. Mr. Dotzler then motioned to approve the policy revisions as presented. Ms. Damon seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

Mr. Dotzler facilitated a Third Reading of District 29 Board Policy 711 (Prevention and Response to Bullying). Mr. Dotzler then motioned to approve the policy revision as presented. Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**7.2 Finance Committee**

Ms. Ho provided a summary of the October 10, 2023 Finance & Facilities Committee meeting highlighting the update on the recommissioning of the Sunset Ridge School HVAC system, the presentation regarding next steps in the Middlefork School capital improvement planning, the FY23 independent financial audit, and the proposed District 29 withdrawal from the Northfield Township Treasury.

Ms. Joseph then motioned to approve the FY 23 Independent Financial Audit as presented and Mr. Tideman seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**7.3 Education Committee**

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

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
REPORTS:**

**8.1 IASB**

Mr. Pick presented an overview of the proposed IASB Resolutions and requested feedback and direction from his fellow Board members regarding the District 29 position on each of the proposed Resolutions.

**8.2 PTO**

Ms. Damon reported on the first ever evening PTO meeting, noting that it was well attended

**8.3 TrueNorth**

Mr. Tideman provided an update on the TrueNorth 804 Educational Cooperative.

**8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield**

There was no report.

**8.5 Foundation Fund**

There was no report. Mr. Tideman encouraged the mobilization of the Foundation as the District explores options for facilities improvements at Middlefork School.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:52 p.m. it was motioned by Ms. Joseph and seconded by Ms. Damon that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the September 2023 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 collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF  
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 10:23 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

**11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – September 12, 2023**

Ms. Joseph moved to approve the closed session minutes of the September 12, 2023 Board meeting as presented. Mr. Tideman seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Ms. Ho

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**11.2 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations**

Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the recommendations in the October 2023 Personnel Report as presented. Mr. Pick seconded the motion.

The Board voted as follows:

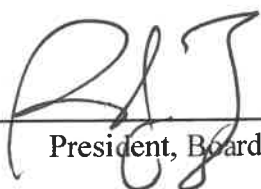
Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Ho

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was motioned by Mr. Dotzler and seconded by Ms. Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

  
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President, Board of Education

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 14 November, 2023

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