



SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Joseph

Absent: Ms. Ho

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Ms. Evans, Ms. Crabtree, Mr. Neuman, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Olhwein, Ms. Crumley, Ms. Westfall, Ms. Stonequist, Ms. Leal, Ms. Crumley, SRS Cross Country Team representative and their families

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the August 15, 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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Ho

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

Student representatives of the Sunset Ridge School Cross Country Team and their teacher sponsors (Ms. Westfall and Ms. Stonequist) shared their experiences and perspectives relative to the formation of the Cross Country Team this year. Board members asked questions of the student representatives and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Stange shared communications from three (3) District 29 teachers that were recently honored for their years of service to the District.

NEW 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 one (1) FOIA request received since the August Board meeting.

6.2 Enrollment Report

Dr. Stange reviewed the most recent enrollment data, noting that there are 230 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.

6.3 Personnel Report

Dr. Stange shared an overview of the personnel report recommendations including the employment of one new staff member and the request by Mr. Park (Middlefork School Custodian) to retire at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year.

6.4 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. Dr. Stange shared that April 12, 2024 is the 100th anniversary of District 29. He also shared information about the focus on safety and security for the start of the school year. Finally, he thanked the administrative team, staff, parents, and students for an incredible start to the school year. Ms. Kiedaisch shared information about the rollout of the new Mathematics program and Dr. Sukenik shared information about the rollout of the RULER SEL program.

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

7.1 Policy Committee

Mr. Dotzler facilitated a First Reading of the District 29 Board Policy updates as recommended by the District 29 Policy Committee.

Mr. Dotzler facilitated a Second Reading of District 29 Board Policy 711 (Prevention and Response to Bullying). Ms. Damon requested that the policy include reference to the opportunity for parents/guardians of students involved in any investigation to connect with the designated administrative investigator to discuss, as appropriate, the investigation, the findings of the investigation, and the actions taken to address the reported incident of bullying.

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

7.2 Finance Committee

7.2a Annual Posting of Compensation Reports

Dr. Stange noted that the District has posted the compensation reports on the District 29 website as required by Illinois School Code.

7.2b Public Hearing 2023-2024 Budget

At 6:33 p.m., Mr. Pick motioned to suspend the regular District 29 Board of Education meeting to convene a Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 District 29 Budget. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Ho

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

Mr. Tideman motioned to open the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 District 29 Budget. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Ho

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

At 6:34 p.m., having heard no public comment on the 2023-2024 District 29 Budget, Mr. Zeidler motioned to close the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 District Budget. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Ho

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.2c Discussion and Possible Approval: 2023-2024 Budget

Mr. Zeidler motioned to approve the 2023-2024 District 29 Budget. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Ho

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

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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 noted that he would be attending the Triple I Conference in Chicago in November.

8.2 PTO

Ms. Joseph and Ms. Damon reported on the first PTO meeting of the 2023-2024 school year.

8.3 TrueNorth

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

8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield

Mr. Pick provided an update on the Park District Facilities Improvement Planning. He highlighted that the Park District's plan is still preliminary and that the Park District would be seeking feedback as the plans evolve. He also highlighted the fact that District 29 currently owns property within the Park District's Dog Park and that District 29 should continue to explore options to install fencing (as recommended in the recent external District 29 Safety & Security Audit) to secure the Middlefork facilities.

8.5 Foundation Fund

There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:54 p.m. it was motioned by Mr. Pick and seconded by Mr. Tideman that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the August 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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Ho

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

**RESUMPTION OF
OPEN MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 8:32 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – August 15, 2023

Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the closed session minutes of the August 15, 2023 Board meeting 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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Ho

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

11.2 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations

Mr. Pick motioned to approve the September 2023 Personnel Report recommendations as presented. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

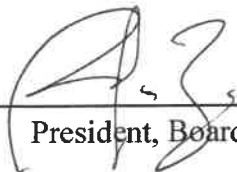
Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Ho

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned by Mr. Tideman and seconded by Ms. Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved OCT 12, 2023
