ROLL CALL: (7:09 p.m.)
Mrs. Papas called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:
Present: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Mr. Warshauer
Also Present: Mr. Beerheide, Dr. Sukenik, Dr. Greene, Dr. Stange, Ms. Dunham, Mrs. Styczynski, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mrs. Pick, Mrs. Tennenbaum, Mr. Provenzano
Students and Parents (Bond, Fridell, Subeck, Belian)

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:
Students from Project Lead the Way’s computer science class demonstrated for the Board their knowledge of the physical components of a computer and how they work. They also showed examples of their video game coding projects, illustrating just the complexity of each seemingly simple step. Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange admired the students’ endless curiosity and desire to delve deeper into their subject matter, and complimented the teachers on such a successful and well-run program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – November 15, 2016
3.2 Bills and Salaries
Mr. Spaan moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Mr. Warshauer
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

4.1 Communications
Dr. Stange acknowledged two letters the district received regarding traffic enforcement and a proposed sober living facility. He also mentioned that a letter received from a property neighbor referencing the filter dams that are required by code in the swale behind the new construction was forwarded on to the project engineers for comment.
OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 **Capital Improvement Update**
Dr. Stange reported that crews continue the installation of the steel for the western academic wing of the new SRS, as well as roof decking for the performance center, main office, and eastern academic wing. Insulation (green board) and the vapor barrier (appears like black paint) are going up as well. Contractors have begun the rough installation of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work, and utility crews have connected the building to the storm sewer system and gas line. Dr. Stange also informed the Board that weather and temperature could impact some construction materials, making them unusable. With this in mind, the construction managers have assured the District that alternative materials will be readily available.

5.2 **Second Reading and Possible Approval: Board Policy 305**
Mrs. Mirkovic moved to approve the revised Board Policy 305 (Organizational Chart). Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas,
     Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Mr. Warshauer
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

5.3 **Second Reading and Possible Approval: Board Policy 280.03**
Mr. Spaan moved to approve the revised Board Policy 280.03 (Board Expenses). Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas,
     Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Mr. Warshauer
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

5.4 **Approval: Board Resolution Regulating Expenditures**
Ms. Alpert-Knight moved to approve the Resolution Regulating Board Expenses. Mrs. Mirkovic seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas,
     Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Mr. Warshauer
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.
5.5 Second Reading and Possible Approval: Board Policy 315.09
Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the revised Board Policy 315.09 (Administrative Expenses). Ms. Alpert-Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye:  Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Mr. Warshauer
Nay:  None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Audience Comments
There were no audience comments.

6.2 Board Open Discussion
There was no Board discussion.

REPORTS:

7.1 Finance & Facilities Committee

7.1a  FY16 Levy Hearing
At 7:41 p.m. Mr. Spaan motioned to open the FY16 Levy Hearing. Mrs. Mirkovic seconded the motion. All present were in favor. After no comment on the FY16 Levy, at 7:42 p.m. Mrs. Mirkovic motioned to close the Levy Hearing and Ms. Alpert-Knight seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

7.1b  Discussion and Final Approval: FY16 Levy
Mrs. Peterson motioned to approve the FY16 Levy. Ms. Alpert-Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye:  Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Mr. Warshauer
Nay:  None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

7.1c  Next Meeting: January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

7.2 Education Committee

7.2a  Report from December 6, 2016 Meeting
Mrs. Mirkovic reported on presentations given by the Spanish Committee, regarding their pilot this year of a theme-based instructional approach, and the Sunset Ridge Scheduling Committee, who is exploring instituting a block schedule rather than a period schedule. Both presentations reinforced to the Board that meaningful reflection and constant study of our practices is happening in the district.
7.2b  **Strategic Plan and District Committee Update:**
Dr. Stange shared an updated version of the district’s Strategic Goals, pointing out that some goals are targeted, while others are ongoing.

7.2c  **Next Meeting:** January 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

7.3  **External Relations**

7.3a  **IASB**
Mrs. Peterson reported on the voting results from the Joint Annual Conference and potential future legislation.

7.3b  **PTO**
There was no report.

7.3c  **NSSED**
There was no report.

7.3d  **Northfield Park District**
There was no report.

7.3e  **Village of Northfield**
Mrs. Papas commented on what a lovely occasion the Holiday Festival was at Village Hall. Our choir students performed wonderfully!

7.3f  **Foundation Fund**
Mrs. Peterson reported that the Foundation’s letter soliciting funds in support of the new Sunset Ridge School went out to the community before Thanksgiving, and has received a steady response. After the holidays, the Foundation plans to launch an alumni email campaign, and host district grade-level meetings in order to inform parents about the construction plans. Donations and pledges towards the project have exceeded $510,000.

7.4  **Administrative Reports**

7.4a  **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
There were no Freedom of Information Act requests.

7.4b  **2016-2017 Enrollment Update**
Dr. Stange reported that enrollment at both Middlefork and Sunset Ridge remains unchanged at 192 and 257 respectively.
7.4c Discussion: 2017-2018 District Calendar
The Board continued their discussion of the 2017-2018 calendar, acknowledging the need for teacher institute days at the beginning of the year to allow teachers to become familiar with the new building before students arrive.

CLOSED SESSION:
At 8:32 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Peterson and seconded by Ms. Alpert-Knight that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the Closed Session Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Board Meeting, to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students; to discuss collective bargaining; and to discuss potential litigation. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Mr. Warshauer
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 8:55 p.m., the following recommendations were made.

10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – November 15, 2016
Mr. Subeck moved to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Mr. Warshauer
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS:
No delegations or petitions were presented.

ADJOURNMENT:
It was moved by Ms. Alpert-Knight and seconded by Mr. Subeck to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. All were in favor.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved _____ /16 2016