BOARD OF EDUCATION  
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD  
NORTHBURGH, ILLINOIS 60093  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
September 13, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:05 p.m.)  
Mrs. Papas called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:  
Present:  Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas,  
Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer  
Absent:  None  
Also Present:  Mr. Beerheide, Dr. Sukenik, Dr. Greene, Ms. Dunham,  
Mrs. Styczynski, Mrs. Widdes, Mrs. Dempsey, Mr. Watt, Mrs. Detteisen, Mrs. Buzz, Mrs. Waite

CONSENT AGENDA:  
2.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – September 13, 2016  
2.2 Bills and Salaries  
Mr. Subeck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:  
Aye:  Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas,  
Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer  
Nay:  None  
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS:  
3.1 Communications  
Mrs. Papas recognized the receipt of letters of thanks from Mrs. Barb Rosenberg, Dr. Ken Smith, Mrs. Melinda Zibart, and Dr. Shelley Carey.

OLD BUSINESS:  
4.1 Capital Improvement Update  
Dr. Stange provided an update relative to the capital improvement project including reference to the recent construction activity, and communications. He reported that the new Sunset Ridge building is on schedule and on budget. The structure that will house the music practice rooms, which doubles as a storm shelter that can hold all students and staff members in the event of a tornado, is well underway, and the construction of the gymnasium, on the north side of the site, has begun. Steel framing for the rest of the building will be the next step. Dr. Stange also shared that he and the architects/construction team continue to work closely with immediate neighbors to address any concerns that may arise.

NEW BUSINESS:  
5.1 Audience Comments  
There were no audience comments.

5.2 Board Open Discussion  
There was no Board open discussion.
6.1 Finance & Facilities Committee

6.1a Public Hearing – FY17 Budget
Mr. Warshauer motioned to open the public hearing regarding the FY17 Budget. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye:  Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas,
      Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Nay:  None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

There was no public comment regarding the FY17 Budget. Mr. Subeck then moved to close the public hearing regarding the FY17 Budget. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye:  Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas,
      Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Nay:  None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

6.1b Approval: FY17 Budget
Mr. Spaan moved to approve the FY17 Budget as presented. Mrs Mirkovic seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye:  Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas,
      Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Nay:  None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

6.1c FY17 Compensation Reports
Mr. Beerheide discussed the posting of the ISBE required FY17 Compensation Reports on the District 29 website.

6.1d Next Meeting: October 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

6.2 Education Committee

6.2a Report from September 13, 2016 meeting
Mr. Warshauer provided a synopsis of the September 13, 2016 Education Committee meeting which focused on a review and discussion about the 2015-2016 Assessment Report. The report included data from the FY 16 PARCC tests, FY 16 MAP tests, FY 16 New Trier High School Placement tests, FY 16 Illinois 5 Essentials Survey, and the FY 16 Parent and Staff Surveys. He noted that the Committee would discussing potential strategic plan goals at the November Committee meeting.

6.2b Next Meeting: November 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
6.3 External Relations

6.3a IASB
Mrs. Peterson reported information regarding the ongoing national legal activity surrounding transgendered students.

6.3b PTO
Mrs. Mirkovic reported on activity from the September 2016 PTO Board meetings. She noted that the PTO has started preparing for their Winter Benefit. Members of the PTO Executive Board have worked hard this year to revise and clarify their guidelines for Room Parents, creating a document that can be easily referred to when questions arise. Mrs. Mirkovic also reported that Haven Youth and Family Services’ role at Sunset Ridge has been reduced this year as a result of decreased federal funds and low attendance.

6.3c NSSED
Mr. Spaan shared the summary notes from the most recent NSSED Board meeting. He reported NSSED’s transition to a new Superintendent has been smooth and successful, and the co-op continues to refine the practices involved in withdrawing from the group, should a district pursue that option. Mr. Spaan noted that the enrollment in NSSED Programs for FY16 ended in a deficit, which caused them to dip into their fund balance. The co-op has received feedback indicating that member districts would like to participate more in goal setting and financial planning, and as a result NSSED is developing a FY17 Financial Communication Plan that would increase participation and transparency in their budget process.

6.3d Northfield Park District
Mr. Spaan reported that the Park District is very pleased with the new facility and the new parking lot. In an update of their new afterschool care program, he reported that enrollment stands at 7 students. Mr. Spaan also reported that after comparing their program costs to other neighboring districts, the Northfield Park District finds itself competitively priced.

6.3e Village of Northfield
There was no report.

6.3f Foundation Fund
There was no report.

6.4 Administrative Reports

6.4a Freedom of Information Act Requests
Dr. Stange reviewed one Freedom of Information Act request related to enrollment records.
6.4b 2016-2017 Enrollment Update
Dr. Stange provided an update on the 2016-2017 enrollment data. He noted that the administration is looking closely at 2017-2018 first grade in order to determine if it is necessary to split the classes into three sections.

6.4c Discussion and Possible Approval: Application for School Recognition
Dr. Stange discussed the District 29 Application for School recognition, documenting the District’s compliance with IL Administrative Code. Mrs. Mirkovic moved to approve the application as presented. Mr. Warshauer seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

6.4d Discussion: Chicago Magazine Best School List
Dr. Stange recognized Middlefork’s #1 and Sunset Ridge’s #3 ratings in Chicago Magazines highly coveted list of The Best Public Schools in the Chicago Area, and gave his profuse thanks to the staff and families that made that achievement possible.

CLOSED SESSION:
At 7:38 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Alpert-Knight and seconded by Mr. Warshauer that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the Minutes of the August 18, 2016 Board Meeting, to discuss the release of closed session minutes and the destruction of verbatim closed session tapes, 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; and to discuss potential litigation. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:
Upon resumption of the open meeting at 8:13 p.m., the following recommendations were made.

9.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – August 18, 2016
Ms. Alpert-Knight moved to approve the minutes as presented and Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED
DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS: No delegations or petitions were presented.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mr. Warshauer and seconded by Mr. Subeck to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. All were in favor.

[Signatures]
President, Board of Education
Secretary, Board of Education

Approved [Date], 2016