BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 10, 2017
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:00 p.m.)
Mrs. Papas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer

Absent: Mrs. Mirkovic,
Also Present: Mr. Beerheide, Dr. Sukenik, Dr. Greene, Dr. Stange, Ms. Dunham, Mrs. Styczen, Mrs. Berkhof, Students (Brandel, Buzza, Toofan) and their Parents

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

Students from Mrs. Berkhof’s 1st grade class shared examples of their writing and editing skills. Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange thanked the students for sharing their creative ideas with the Board, commending them on their use of vocabulary words and composure while reading aloud in front of an audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – December 6, 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. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer

Absent: Mrs. Mirkovic

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

4.1 Communications
Dr. Stange provided a copy of his response to a letter from Mr. Maynard Venema regarding the District’s capital improvement project.

OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 Capital Improvement Update
Dr. Stange reported project remains on budget and on schedule. Crews continue to “winterize” the structure by encasing the interior in plastic, allowing them to run gas heaters so they can continue working on the inside during inclement weather. Sub-contractors are completing the installation of plumbing, electrical, and heating/cooling systems in much of the building, in addition to pouring the concrete floors. Board member Mrs. Debbie Papas thanked Dr. Stange and his team for their ongoing efforts in managing the construction project.
5.2 Second Reading and Possible Approval: Board Policy 700.02
Mr. Warshauer moved to approve the revised Board Policy 700.02 (Sexual Harassment). Ms. Alpert-Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye:  Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan,
      Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Absent: Mrs. Mirkovic
Nay:  None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

5.3 Second Reading and Possible Approval: Board Policy 465.10
Mr. Subeck moved to approve the revised Board Policy 465.10 (Moveable Soccer Goals). Mr. Warshauer seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye:  Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan,
      Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Absent: Mrs. Mirkovic
Nay:  None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Audience Comments
Dr. Stange read a letter from a District parent (Cindy Whittaker) expressing her concern regarding teacher supervision during Middlefork indoor recess.

6.2 Board Open Discussion
Mrs. Papas thanked the Caucus for their work in slating new candidates for the School Board, and commended the District staff on their efforts to create an environment that fosters such a high rate of volunteerism in its parent population. She also described the training that new Board members will undergo in preparation for their positions.

REPORTS:

7.1 Finance & Facilities Committee
Mr. Subeck reported that the plans to install solar panels on the new building are progressing and an investor has been identified. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

7.2 Education Committee
There was no report. The next meeting will be January 24, 2017 at 6pm.

7.3 External Relations

7.3a IASB
Mrs. Peterson reported that efforts to establish a state budget are ongoing.
7.3b PTO
Mrs. Peterson reported that planning for the PTO Benefit is well underway and tickets are on sale through the website. The PTO is considering hosting a Career Day for grades 6, 7, and 8, and is looking for a variety of professionals to volunteer their time to give presentations. The PTO has proposed a new position to their board to support public relations efforts.

7.3c NSSED
Mr. Spaan reported that the cooperative is now looking for a new Program Director following the resignation of Heather Meihl.

7.3d Northfield Park District
There was no report.

7.3e Village of Northfield
Mr. Subeck reported that a group of concerned district residents would be attending the Northbrook Village meeting in response to a proposed sober living home.

7.3f Foundation Fund
Mrs. Peterson reported that the Foundation was pleased with the response to their fundraising letter, and has now raised $624,500 in support of the construction project. They are looking forward to assisting the district in hosting grade level meetings to inform parents about the new building.

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 was down one student and enrollment at Sunset Ridge remains unchanged.

7.4c Discussion: Middlefork Indoor Recess Supervision
Dr. Mary Frances presented the history of recess supervision at Middlefork, noting that she has increased the level of supervision both inside and outside from past practices. She also shared information relative to supervision practices of neighboring districts, noting significant variability across and within districts. She discussed how she has recently altered some current practices, grouping students in larger areas (e.g. gym, library) during certain indoor recess times. She also discussed how the Middlefork staff are meeting to review a variety of school practices, including recess. The Board articulated their support of the current practices while we to continue to examine this issue.
7.4d Discussion and Possible Approval 2017-2018 Calendar
Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the 2017-2018 District Calendar (Option B). Mr. Warshauer seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Absent: Mrs. Mirkovic
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

CLOSED SESSION:
At 8:00 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Spaan that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the Closed Session Minutes of the December 6, 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. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Absent: Mrs. Mirkovic
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:
Upon resumption of the open meeting at 8:47 p.m., the following recommendations were made.

10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – December 6, 2016
Mr. Spaan moved to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Warshauer seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Absent: Mrs. Mirkovic
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

10.2 Waimon Enrollment Request
Mr. Subeck moved to deny non resident enrollment request. Ms. Alpert-Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Papas, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Warshauer
Absent: Mrs. Mirkovic
Nay: None
THE REQUEST WAS DENIED.
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 8:51 p.m. All were in favor.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 2017