

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 12, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:10 p.m.)

Mr. Spaan called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson
Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Ms. Alpert Knight

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Dreher, Dr. Greene,
Mrs. Styczen, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Johnson, Dr. Pauls,
Middlefork Koding Kids and their families.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

2.1 Middlefork Koding Kids

Representatives from Middlefork School's Koding Kids program came to showcase their code writing skills. Using Scratch, a visual programming language designed to introduce coding to children, students from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade demonstrated, step by step, how they program their own interactive pictures and games by thinking creatively and systematically. Superintendent Dr. Stange commended the students on their ability to persevere through the challenges that programming naturally brings, and assured them that their tenacity would serve as an invaluable asset later in life.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting – November 14, 2017

3.2 Bills and Salaries

Mr. Subeck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic, Mrs. Peterson,
Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Ms. Alpert Knight

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

4.1 Communications

Dr. Stange shared an invitation for a Project Lead The Way seminar that District 29 is hosting on December 13th. Representatives from school districts in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin will be visiting Sunset Ridge School in order to learn how to implement PLTW's progressive, STEM-based curriculum, now in the second year of full implementation here. Dr. Stange also shared the details of the upcoming Board/Staff get-together in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 Capital Improvement Update

5.1a Sunset Ridge School

Dr. Stange reported that all of the landscaping at Sunset Ridge, including the sod on the field, has been completed. The voltage coming into the building was adjusted and is now at acceptable levels. The Learn About the Building (LAB) wall is waiting for a few final touches before it, too, will be complete. The district looks forward to the building's final approval of LEED and Net Zero status.

5.1b Middlefork School

Dr. Stange reported that, at Middlefork, the rough-in of the new hand washing station in the lunchroom has been done, with the sink being installed over winter break. Dr. Stange informed the Board that fee structure negotiations continue with Wight & Company Architects and Pepper Construction as we move ahead with Middlefork's capital improvement plans.

5.2 Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Spaan reported that the Strategic Planning Steering Committee has been formed, which is made up of administration, teaching staff, parents, and board members, and looks forward to working with a facilitator in order to provide guidance to the Board of Education as it decides on a "process" for determining strengths and opportunities for growth, identifying priorities, setting goals, and articulating progress.

5.3 Second Reading and Possible Approval: Board Policy on Acceleration

The Board had a second reading of Board Policy 725.02, Retention, Promotion, and Acceleration/Advanced Placement, agreeing to continue to tweak the wording.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

6.2 Board Open Discussion

The Board discussed the importance of the district's cyber security, and reviewed how and where our data is stored. The Board looks forward to a deep-dive presentation on this subject in March by the district's technology staff.

REPORTS:

7.1 Finance & Facilities Committee

7.1a Levy Hearing

The Board opened a public hearing to discuss the FY17 Tax Levy. After no public comments, the hearing was closed.

7.1b Discussion and Possible Approval: 2017 Tax Levy

After a brief discussion on the topic, Mrs. Detlefsen moved to approve the 2017 Tax Levy and Mrs. Mirkovic seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic,
Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Ms. Alpert Knight
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

7.1b Discussion: Lead Testing Results

Mr. Subeck shared the results of Middlefork's mandated water lead testing. While two sources were found to have miniscule positive results on the first test and zero detectable on the second, it is widely believed that it was the result of standing water in the pipes due to infrequent use. Therefore, in order to err on the side of caution, the sources were shut off and will remain so until plumbing renovations begin as part of the Middlefork capital improvement project.

The next meeting will be January 30, 2018, at 7pm.

7.2 Education Committee

Mrs. Mirkovic reported that members of the computer science staff gave a thorough presentation on the progress of the STEM curriculum that was officially implemented districtwide last year using Project Lead The Way's guidelines. The next meeting will be January 30, 2018, at 6pm.

7.3 External Relations

7.3a IASB

Dr. Stange reported on upcoming legislation to be watchful of, such as the potential for a property tax freeze, which could significantly affect the district's finances.

7.3b PTO

Mrs. Mirkovic reported that the PTO was happy to see the requested and funded PTO Gifts items being used already by teachers, and looks forward to showcasing that on their new website. November's book fair was a success, earning slightly

more than budgeted. They look forward to partnering with the district once again for the Northwest Settlement House gift project, which is in its 25th year.

7.3c NSSED

Mr. Hayes reported that the co-op continues Strategic Planning.

7.3d Northfield Park District

Mrs. Detlefsen reported that their holiday event was a great success.

7.3e Village of Northfield

There was no report.

7.3f Foundation Fund

There was no report.

7.4 Administrative Reports

7.4a Freedom of Information Act Requests

There were no requests.

7.4b Discussion and Possible Approval: 2018-2019 School Calendar

After a brief discussion on the topic, Mr. Hayes moved to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar as presented and Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic,
Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Ms. Alpert Knight

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.4c Discussion and Possible Approval: Modified 2017-2018 Board Meeting Calendar

After a brief discussion on the topic, Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the amended 2017-2018 Board of Education meeting Calendar as presented and Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic,
Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck

Absent: Ms. Alpert Knight

Nay: None

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7.4d Securly Web Activity Monitoring System

Dr. Stange reported that the district has begun to use Securly, a web activity monitoring system to track students' online presence and search history. Not only can the district use this tool to ensure student safety while using electronic media, but parents can monitor their child's activity online as well, should they wish to.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:40 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Mirkovic and seconded by Mr. Subeck that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes from November 14, 2017; to consider information regarding 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 potential litigation; and to discuss collective bargaining.

The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic,
Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Ms. Alpert Knight
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

**RESUMPTION OF OPEN
MEETING:**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:13 p.m., the following recommendations were made.

10.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – November 14, 2017

Mr. Subeck moved to approve the closed session minutes from November 14, 2017. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mirkovic,
Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck
Absent: Ms. Alpert Knight
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS:

No delegations or petitions were presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Subeck to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All were in favor.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 16 January, 2018

