

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center, Conference Room
11218 South Ridgeland Avenue, Worth, Illinois 60482

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Danette Keeler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In the absence of Carol Kats, Jeanne Lahey served as secretary pro-tem.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Danette Keeler, Drew Sernus, Marty Flanagan, Jeanne Lahey, Ed Palenik, George Zeman

Absent: Carol Kats

Administrators: Dr. Wojtylewski, Ed O'Malley, Joe Zampillo, Tim Hathhorn, Tracy Flood, Margaret McKenna, Pete Yuska

Others Present: Barbara Grice
Samantha Grice
Robert Moyer, Technology Coordinator
Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Keeler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Staff and Student Recognition

Dr. Wojtylewski recognized staff and student accomplishments.

B. Joint Review Board Meeting Update

Ed O'Malley reported on the January 15th Palos Heights TIF Joint Review Board meeting, and responded to questions regarding the property on the NE corner of Route 83 and Harlem Avenue.

C. Federal/State Funding

Dr. Wojtylewski provided an update on the \$9 billion debt Governor Quinn hopes to eliminate with cuts we did not anticipate. Dr. Wojtylewski and Ed O'Malley answered questions on current building concerns. These concerns included continuing electrical concerns at Worth Elementary, water backup at Worth Elementary, and heating problems at Worth Junior High.

D. Compliance Visit

Dr. Wojtylewski reviewed the Compliance Visitation Report, a copy of which was provided in the Board packet. Within thirty (30) days, the District must respond in

writing to all identified areas of non-compliance. Dr. Wojtylewski thanked and commended all staff for their efforts in preparation for the visit.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education approve the following consent agenda items:

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| 1) <u>Accounts Payable</u> | January 28, 2009 | \$812.15 |
| | January 28, 2009 | \$64,573.20 |
| | February 11, 2009 | \$179,542.21 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$652,673.14 |
| | Building Fund | \$40,072.71 |
| | FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS | \$42,102.85 |
| 3) <u>Resignation of Classified Staff</u> | | |
| | Diana Vargas, Lunch Supervisor – WW, effective January 26, 2009 | |
| 4) <u>Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors – Attachment D.</u> | | |

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent - Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009, regular meeting.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent - Motion Carried

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the January 14, 2009, regular meeting.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent - Motion Carried

C. Approval of Notice of Reduction in Force to Worth Education Association

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education approve the issuance of a notice of a possible reduction in force for the 2009-2010 school year to the Worth Education Association.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent - Motion Carried

D. Approval of Notice of Reduction in Force to Worth Education Support Team

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education approve the issuance of a notice of a possible reduction in force for the 2009-2010 school year to the Worth Education Support Team.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent - Motion Carried

E. Approval of Graduation Date for Worth Junior High

Ed Palenik moved that the Board of Education approve June 4, 2009 as the graduation date for Worth Junior High School, with the ceremony to be held in the Worth Junior High School Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent - Motion Carried

7. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Committee Appointment

Jeanne Lahey indicated she could no longer serve on the Education Committee due to the early meeting time of the committee. President Keeler stated she was interested in serving unless someone else is interested. Drew Sernus indicated the meetings were too early for his schedule. Hearing no interest from the Board members, President Keeler will serve on the Education Committee.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Jeanne Lahey stated that she and Ed Palenik would not be able to attend the March meeting due to a conflict with a program at Shepard High School. She offered that if this would cause a problem with having a quorum, perhaps the Board could reschedule the meeting for March 10th or March 12th. Danette Keeler will contact Carol Kats. Drew Sernus did not have his calendar, so he will get back to Danette Keeler on his availability. If it is necessary to change the meeting, it was the consensus that Tuesday, March 10th would be the best date.

Dr. Wojtylewski and the principals answered questions about the schools participation in various activities honoring the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Danette Keeler added to comments made earlier in the meeting about the IASB legislative breakfast. She found the information presented on identifying and registering homeless children very interesting.

Dr. Wojtylewski answered questions on the PTA's recent decision to disband at the end of the current school year. The PTA officers plan to meet on February 19th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss reorganizing under a new vehicle to partnership and serve the students and schools. All parents are invited to attend.

Ed Palenik commented on the opportunity he and his wife had to attend the swearing in ceremonies of the new senators.

9. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

Drew Sernus excused himself at 7:42 p.m. to attend a function at the high school.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Ed Palenik moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:43 p.m. for discussion of pending litigation; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent - Motion Carried

The Board took a break before entering closed session. After the break, prior to closed session, the Board reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2009-10 school year. The calendar will be presented at the March meeting for adoption.

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ed Palenik moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in open session at 10:50 p.m.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent - Motion Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Ed Palenik moved to adjourn at 10:51 p.m.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanne M. Lahey
Secretary Pro-Tem, Board of Education

Danette M. Keeler
President, Board of Education