

**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 July 9, 2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Ed O'Malley, Joe Zampillo, Tim Hathhorn, Tracy Flood

Others Present: Cindy Pavlik, WEA Rose Hodson, WEA
Jane Kinkaid, WEA Paula McCarthy, WW
Diane Durnik, WEA 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 the self-directed efforts of Kathy Dennis and other teachers in the development of a binder with an entire year of activities to promote writing skills for first grade students. Kathy Dennis then applied for and was awarded \$425 in grant monies from the Illinois Reading Council to help offset the cost of supplies for the project and to spearhead activities in the buildings to promote writing. An individual binder will be maintained for each first grade student that will be maintained through 8th grade.

B. Summer Facility Project Update

Dr. Wojtylewski and Ed O'Malley reviewed the status of summer projects, which included the replacement of sinks at Worthridge; wiring at all buildings for card access; installation of security cameras; ramp repair at Worth Elementary; and electrical upgrades and installation of additional security doors at Worth Elementary. The update also included three change orders for a total of \$25,518.

C. Copier Contract

Dr. Wojtylewski and Ed O'Malley outlined the terms of the renewal of copier leases with Martin Whalen. The new leases provide the district with four new high-speed copiers of better quality than the existing copiers for a lower cost than the existing leases. Martin Whalen is also providing us with four additional small copiers. Better

copiers in each of the buildings will allow most all instructional copying to be done at the schools.

D. Lunch Program

Dr. Wojtylewski requested permission to proceed with submitting an application for the National Lunch Program. Upon approval of the application, the Board would then seek bids for a hot lunch program from vendors able to supply hot fresh food on a daily basis. After answering questions on the bidding process, the awarding of a contract, and options for processing the ordering and payment for lunches, it was the consensus of the Board that Dr. Wojtylewski submit the application.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve the following consent agenda items:

1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>	June 11, 2008 June 24, 2008 June 27, 2008 July 9, 2008	\$5,632.45 \$60,407.19 \$94,640.68 \$192,916.25
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund Building Fund FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS	\$1,059,128.54 \$25,281.79 \$55,809.19
3) <u>Retirement, Certified Staff</u> Rose Hodson, Worthwoods, effective June 2011 Paula McCarthy, Worthwoods, effective June 2010		
4) <u>Employment of Certified Staff, effective 2008-2009 School Year</u> Ruth Whittington, Media Specialist, Worth Elementary		
5) <u>First Reading of Board Policies/Administrative Procedures/Exhibits</u>		
Policy 7:200	Students	Suspension Procedures
Policy 7:210	Students	Expulsion Procedures
Policy 7:230	Students	Misconduct By Students With Disabilities
Policy 7:240	Students	Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
Policy 7:241	Students	Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program
Policy 7:270	Students	Administering Medicines to Students
Policy 7:280-E1	Students	Exhibit - Placement of Students with AIDS

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 11, 2008, regular meeting.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Abstain (Lahey, Palenik) - Motion Carried

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the June 11, 2008, regular meeting.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 10, 2008, Policy Committee meeting.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye (Zeman, Flanagan, Kats) - Motion Carried

D. Approval of Summer School Contracts

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education approve contracts for Title I summer school employment as presented in Attachment F.

Ed Palenik seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

E. Approval to Rescind Policy Administrative Procedures

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education rescind Policy Administrative Procedure 7:240-AP1 – Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program and Policy Administrative Procedure 7:250-AP2 – Protocol for Responding to Students with Social, Emotional, or Mental Health Problems as presented in Attachments G1-G5.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

F. Meeting Dates

Drew Sernus moved that the regular meeting dates of the Board of Education of Worth School District 127, Cook County, Illinois be established as the second Wednesday of each month, with all meetings to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center or at other designated locations; and further that the Board of Education approve the schedule of meeting dates through May 1, 2009 as presented in Attachment H.

Ed Palenik seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

G. Approval of Change Order for 2008 Life Safety and Renovation Work

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education approve the change order #1 in the amount of \$836.00 and change order #2 in the amount of \$18,455.00 as presented in Attachments I1-I7.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

H. Administrative Authority for Future Change Orders

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business Services to approve future change orders for the 2008 Life Safety and Renovation Work in an aggregate amount for all change orders not to exceed \$42,200.00 (5% of the original contract sum).

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

I. Approval of Contract for 403(b) Management Services

This item was deleted from the agenda because a contract has not yet been received. It is expected that a contract will be available for the August meeting.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District.

Ed Palenik seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ed Palenik moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in public session at 8:25 p.m.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

9. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Employment of Technology Coordinator

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education appoint Robert Moyer as Technology Coordinator effective July 10, 2008, at an annual salary of \$60,000.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

B. Employment of Interim Special Education Administrators

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education appoint Tavia Floyd as Interim Special Education Director for the 2008-09 school year at a per diem rate of \$550.00.

Jeanne Lahey seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education appoint Margaret McKenna as Associate Interim Special Education Director for the 2008-09 school year at a per diem rate of \$500.00.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

10. BOARD DISCUSSION

Board members will not attend the IASB Diversity workshop because it is on the same night as the September Board meeting.

Dr. Wojtylewski asked Board members to let her know by next month if they are unable to attend the Tri-Conference in November.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Danette Keeler congratulated Dr. Wojtylewski on being recognized in a recent SCOPE publication for her address before the House Appropriations Committee in Springfield.

Danette Keeler noted that she would be on vacation for a week beginning July 19th. Dr. Wojtylewski added that she would be on vacation the week of July 21st.

Dr. Wojtylewski answered questions about student registration. There was a good response in the return of registration packets prior to the end of the school year. District Office staff are presently updating Mac School, and will be making contact next week with parents regarding missing information. A registration link will be on the district's web site in the next few days to provide information pertinent to returning and new students. Teacher assignments will be included with welcome back letters that will be sent by the principals prior to the start of school.

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

Rose Hodson and Paula McCarthy thanked the Board for approving their retirement requests.

13. ADJOURNMENT

George Zeman moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.
Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A. Kats
Secretary, Board of Education

Danette M. Keeler
President, Board of Education