

**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 August 13, 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, George Zeman

Absent: Jeanne Lahey, Ed Palenik

Administrators: Dr. Rita Wojtylewski, Ed O'Malley, Pete Yuska, Tim Hathhorn

Others Present: Jane Kinkaid, WEA
Bob Moyer
Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Keeler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Drew Sernus noted that he needed to leave by 7:45 p.m. for personal reasons. He apologized for any inconvenience his leaving may cause.

5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Wojtylewski introduced Tavia Floyd, Interim Special Education Director. Tavia Floyd shared information about her family, background in education, and plans for the upcoming school year.

A. Life/Safety and Summer Renovation Projects

Dr. Wojtylewski and Ed O'Malley reviewed the status of summer projects which included the installation of security cameras and related software training; delivery of new copiers to each building; completion of electrical upgrades; change in plans for installation of air handler at Worth Junior High; damage to the gym floor sustained during roof replacement; repairs to the gym floor which will be done at the expense of the contractors; and interior door work scheduled for after Labor Day.

Dr. Wojtylewski and Ed O'Malley answered questions regarding mention of electrical and phone lines damaged, and how staff would get into the buildings when school starts. The damage affected old lines not in use. It is expected that access cards will be distributed on August 25th.

B. Institute Day, August 25, 2008

Dr. Wojtylewski invited Board members to join staff for breakfast at 7:45 a.m. on August 25th at Worth Junior High. Staff will meet district-wide from 8:30 to

approximately 10:30 a.m. and then return to their respective buildings to engage in school improvement meetings.

C. Tentative Budget for FY09

Ed O'Malley made sure that everyone had received a replacement copy of the tentative budget because pages were missing from the document delivered with the agenda. He then provided the Board with a page-by-page overview. The budget presented to the Board for approval in September will be a firmer prediction of anticipated revenue and expenditures.

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>	July 22, 2008	\$60,454.51
	July 24, 2008	\$34,424.83
	August 13, 2008	\$642,910.64
2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>	Education Fund	\$55,255.88
	Building Fund	\$27,719.56
	FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS	\$12,451.44
3) <u>Resignation</u>	Catherine Rybicki, Lunch Supervisor – WJH, effective end of 2007-08 school year	
4) <u>Employment of Certified Staff, effective 2008-2009 School Year</u>	Kathy Panek, Special Education Teacher, Worth Junior High	

George Zeman seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 9, 2008, regular meeting.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

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

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the July 9, 2008, regular meeting.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Board Policies/Exhibits

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education approve the adoption of 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; and Policy 7:280-E1, Students, Exhibit - Placement of Students with AIDS as presented in Attachments C1-C10.

Carol Kats seconded the motion.

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

D. Approval of Application for Extension of Time to Complete Health/Life Safety Work Items

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education approve the Application for Extension of Time to Complete Health/Life Safety Work Items for Worth Elementary, Worthwoods, Worth Junior High and Worthridge Schools as presented in Attachments D1-D4.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

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

E. Adoption of FY09 Tentative Budget

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education adopt a tentative budget for the 2008-2009 school year as presented.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

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

F. Approval of contract for 403(b) Management Services

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve an agreement with TSA Consulting Group, Inc. to provide Retirement Plan Compliance and Administrative Services effective as of August 1, 2008, as presented in Attachments E1-E6.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

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

7. CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that there were no items for closed session discussion.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

There was no closed session meeting.

9. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Policy Committee Date

The Policy Committee will meet on September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administrative Center.

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the committee's work thus far has been beneficial enabling the incorporation of their work in the 2008-09 Parent/Student Handbook.

B. Education Committee

The Education Committee will meet on October 14th at 3:45 in the Conference Room of the Administrative Center.

C. Finance Committee

Since not all members of the Finance Committee were present, a tentative date of September 9th was discussed. Dr. Wojtylewski will check with the absent committee members regarding their availability.

President Keeler requested that the committee chairs confirm with their committee members that they wish to continue serving for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Wojtylewski invited Board members to join the District in a yoga class at the Administrative Center beginning September 11th. The ten-week class will meet on Thursdays from 3:45-5:15 p.m. The cost is \$50.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Dr. Wojtylewski responded to questions regarding the removal of trees around the Administrative Center. There are plans to replace the trees at a later date.

Board members interested in attending the SCOPE meeting on October 29th should contact the recording secretary.

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the District is in receipt of hotel confirmations for the Tri-Conference in November.

President Keeler suggested that Board members, if available, join Dr. Wojtylewski and walk with the Band in the Worth Days Parade. If interested, Board members should contact Dr. Wojtylewski.

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

There were no remarks made.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Carol Kats moved to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: 5 Aye, 2 Absent - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A. Kats
Secretary, Board of Education

Danette M. Keeler
President, Board of Education