

**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 October 8, 2008**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Drew Sernus

Administrators: Ed O'Malley, Tim Hathhorn, Joe Zampillo, Margaret McKenna, Tavia  
Floyd, Dr. Wojtylewski (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

Others Present: Brian Guastella  
Rose Hodson, WEA/Teacher  
Cindy Pavlik, WEA  
Anita Bryll, WEA  
Kris Studnicki  
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**

There were no remarks made.

5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Auditor's Report (McGladrey & Pullen)

Brian Guastella from McGladrey & Pullen presented an overview of the draft copy of the auditor's report and answered questions from the Board. The Annual Financial Report will be filed with the State by October 15<sup>th</sup> as required. The official audit will be presented for acceptance to the Board at the November meeting.

B. Staff and Student Recognition

Ed O'Malley congratulated Danette Keeler on receiving South Cook Division Master Board Member Level I Award status, presented at the Fall Dinner Meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Wojtylewski acknowledged the efforts of Colleen DeGonia, Donna Bilder, and WJH students for their participation in the Lions Club Porchlight Parade.

C. School Goals

The School Improvement Goals for 2008-09 for each of the four schools were provided in the Board packet. Joe Zampillo, Tim Hathhorn and Dr. Wojtylewski reviewed the goals and answered questions from Board members. A representative from WJH was not available. Anyone having questions on the WJH Goals should contact a WJH administrator.

D. School Report Cards

The School Report Cards were included in the Board packet. The District is very pleased that AYP was made in all categories. The Education Committee will review the information on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Report Cards will be released to the public on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

E. Appraisal of District Property

Ed O'Malley and Dr. Wojtylewski briefly reviewed and answered questions on the appraisal that was included in the Board packet.

F. Financial Update

Ed O'Malley stated that since the property tax bills were mailed the District will not need to borrow money to meet expenditures. Expenditures continue to be watched closely to build up reserves.

Dr. Wojtylewski reported to the Board on her experience testifying recently before the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee.

G. 2008 Tax Levy

Ed O'Malley reviewed the tax levy documents provided in the Board packet. As required, the District will publish notice in the local newspaper that a public hearing is schedule for November 12<sup>th</sup> on the adoption of a property tax increase for District 127.

6. BOARD MOTIONS

A. Consent Agenda

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

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|--|------------------------|--------------|
| 1) <u>Accounts Payable</u>   | October 8, 2008        | \$77,645.50  |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u>  | Education Fund         | \$536,554.29 |
|  | Building Fund          | \$26,387.72  |
|  | FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS | \$34,380.32  |
| 3) <u>Employment of Classified Staff, effective October 9, 2008</u><br>Patricia Griffin, Lunch Supervisor, WJH |                        |              |
| 4) <u>Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors</u>                  |                        |              |

George Zeman seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 10, 2008, regular meeting.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 1 Abstain (Kats), 1 Absent - Motion Carried

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the September 10, 2008, regular meeting.

Ed Palenik seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings

Jeanne Lahey moved that the Finance Committee approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008 Finance Committee meeting.

Ed Palenik seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 2 Aye, 1 Absent - Motion Carried

D. Library Per Capita Grant

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve the FY2009 School Library Per Capita Grant Application, as presented in Attachment H.

Ed Palenik seconded the motion.

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

E. 2008 Tax Levy

Ed Palenik moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution determining the estimated amount of money to be raised by taxation for 2008 and establish the Board meeting of November 12, 2008 as the time for the public hearing regarding the levy, as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and the Superintendent.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

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

7. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Changing Location of Board Meetings

The Board agreed to continue to hold at least one Board meeting at each of the schools before the end of the school year. Dr. Wojtylewski will check availability with the principals and report back to the Board in December.

B. Tri-Conference Workshops

Board members were instructed to contact the Recording Secretary for workshop registrations.

C. Position Resolutions for IASB Delegate Assembly

Dr. Wojtylewski and the Board discussed each of the resolutions to be presented at the 2008 Delegate Assembly Meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, which provided direction for George Zeman, our representative.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Carol Kats comment on the benefits of the new Eisenhower Cooperative facility, providing member districts with additional meeting space, inservice opportunities, and instructional equipment that can be borrowed.

Dr. Wojtylewski congratulated Dr. Ireland on the honor of the building being named after her.

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

There were no remarks made.

10. CLOSED SESSION

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

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

11. 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 9:32 p.m.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Ed Palenik moved to adjourn at 9:32 p.m.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Absent - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A. Kats  
Secretary, Board of Education

Danette M. Keeler  
President, Board of Education