

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

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

Minutes of the February 24, 2009 Education Committee Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carol Kats called the meeting to order at 3:52 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Carol Kats, Marty Flanagan, Danette Keeler

Administration: Ed O'Malley

Others Present: Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

Invited Guests: Pete Yuska, Tim Hathorn, Joe Zampillo, Tavia Floyd, Ruth Whittington,
Mary Ellen Parchem, Maureen Bromley

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kats led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no remarks made.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Rtl Plan

Tavia Floyd distributed a copy of the Rtl Plan submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education and reviewed key components of the plan. The special education staff are continuing discussions on the plan and its implementation.

D. Media Centers and Information Literacy Curriculum

The elementary media specialists, Ruth Whittington and Maureen Bromley, distributed and reviewed draft copies the K-1-2 Library and Media Curriculum being developed. Based on the State Standards, we know where students should be. Since both media specialists are new to the District, they are currently assessing where students are within the skill levels.

Mary Ellen Parchem, junior high media specialist, reported junior high students are working on research, literature appreciation, citations, and search teams. With the writing of an elementary curriculum, which will be followed by both schools, students moving to the junior high will have the same skills.

C. Encore Options

Pete Yuska reviewed the present rotation schedule for the ENCORE subjects offered on a trimester – art, music and technology. He then explained options for adding health into a quarterly rotation for 6th and 7th graders and giving 8th graders an option for an elective. Examples for electives are Spanish, ceramics, creative writing, television

studio, radio, robotics, music appreciation, and beginning guitar. Discussions are still in the early stages and are dependent on the development of a technology curriculum.

B. Health Curriculum

A report on the health curriculum will be given at the next Education Committee meeting.

E. Technology Committee Update

The minutes of the February 19th Technology Committee meeting were distributed.

F. Illinois Textbook Loan Program

This item will be addressed by Dr. Wojtylewski at the next meeting.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Chairman Kats expressed her own concerns and comments she has heard from other parents that our writing curriculum may not be preparing our students for the challenges of high school. The administrators noted that although the writing curriculum is planned for after the math curriculum, writing is a piece of literacy and is being addressed within the classroom.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Danette Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – All Aye - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A. Kats
Chairperson