

**Board of Education
Worth School District 127**

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2009

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. Wojtylewski, Ed O'Malley, Joe Zampillo, Tim Hathhorn, Tracy Flood, Peg Reipsa

Others Present: Jane Kinkaid, Cindy Pavlik, Anita Bryll, Mary Ellen Parchem, Diane Durnik, Jaime DeGonia, Stephanie Daujatas, Bob Moyer, Brenda Miller, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Keeler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY10 BUDGET

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for 2009-10 which has been on file in accordance with the requirements of the School Code of Illinois.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Ed O'Malley presented a page-by-page overview of the proposed budget during which he answered questions from Board members.

Audience members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Hearing no comments, Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education close the public hearing and return to regular session.

Ed Palenik seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

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

Joe Zampillo introduced Jaime DeGonia, staff member. Ms. DeGonia will be working with him and Tim Hathhorn doing an administrative internship.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Staff and Student Recognition

Dr. Wojtylewski introduced Peggy Reipsa. Mrs. Reipsa is filling in for Larry Anderson, Associate Principal at Worth Junior High.

Dr. Wojtylewski deferred to item D. Worth Junior High Reading Club Recommended Reading.

Rebecca Krasny and Deanna Daujatas provided an overview of the “It’s Worth Reading Club’s” all community read selection for the 2009-10 school year. The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan is available by contacting Worth Junior High or the Worth Library. The Worth community, students and staff are encouraged to read the book, promoting community literacy and a love of literature.

Dr. Wojtylewski thanked the girls for being at the meeting and voiced the Board’s support for the reading club’s efforts.

Dr. Wojtylewski recognized Maureen Bromley, Worthwoods Media Specialist, for applying for one of 160 children’s choice awards grants. Worthwoods will receive a set of Rebecca Caudill books from the Illinois School Library Media Association/Library Book Selection Service Endowment Fund. Also recognized was Colleen Reninger, teacher at Worth Elementary, for her published work in The Idea Magazine for Teachers – Mailbox.

B. Start of School, August 2009

Dr. Wojtylewski congratulated students, staff and administrators for the smooth transition into the new school year. Also acknowledged for their efforts was the technology department for the transition to a new student information system and coordination of new identification cards and key fob entry.

C. Enrollment Report

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that final enrollment figures for the school year are not yet available as the district is still receiving new students. The projected totals for this year were 930 students and as of this date, we have 1,061 students.

D. Worth Junior High Reading Club Recommended Reading

The reading recommendation was presented during staff and student recognition.

E. Joint School Board Meeting on October 7, 2009

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the joint meeting date was set, however it was in conflict with the IASB Fall Dinner meeting. The joint School Board meeting will be rescheduled.

F. Water Quality Report

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that due to budget constraints, the bottled water services throughout the district were cancelled. Several comments were heard that the service was provided due to the poor quality of the drinking water. To ensure the safety of students and staff, testing was done. The results were that the drinking water quality was within acceptable environmental standards.

G. 2008-09 Compensation Report in Accordance with Illinois Law (P.A. 96-0434)

Dr. Wojtylewski reported that as required by the legislature administrative salaries and contracts (WEA and WEST) would be posted on the district’s website by October 1st. A revised spreadsheet of administrative salaries was given to Board members.

H. PTO

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that the Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) no longer exists. The group is in the process of reorganizing as a Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). A meeting is scheduled for September 10th during which the group will elect officers and adopt by-laws. As in the past, teachers are encouraged to join.

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that Ed O'Malley would represent the district at the Annual TIF meeting in Palos on September 10th.

7. 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> | September 9, 2009 | \$154,900.88 |
| 2) <u>Payroll Summary</u> | Education Fund | \$441,949.77 |
| | Building Fund | \$25,942.79 |
| | FICA/IMRF/Medicare/TRS | \$28,329.82 |
| 3) <u>Resignation of Classified Staff</u> | | |
| | Virginia Wright, Lunch Supervisor, Worth Elementary, Effective August 11, 2009 | |
| | Eraldo Antonini, Custodian, Worthridge, Effective August 28, 2009 | |
| 4) Call List of Substitute Teachers, Instructional Aides, Office and Lunch Supervisors | | |

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

President Keeler noted corrections made on page 4, distributed to Board members prior to the meeting.

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 12, 2009, regular meeting, as amended.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Drew Sernus moved that the Board of Education approve the closed session minutes of the August 12, 2009, regular meeting.

Carol Kats seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

C. Adoption of FY10 Budget

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve the 2009-10 budget as presented, according to the resolution (page 1 of ISBE Form 50-36) for Worth School District 127.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

D. Approval of Recognition of Schools Applications

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education approve the Applications for Recognition of Schools, as presented in Attachments J1-J8.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

E. Approval of PMA Contract

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with PMA for financial services, as presented in Attachments K2-K7.

George Zeman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

F. Adoption of Lease with ISC4

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education approve the lease agreement with ISC4, as presented in Attachments L1-L11.

Carol Kats seconded the motion.

Dr. Wojtylewski reviewed three maps identified as Exhibits A, B (Parts 1 and 2) and referenced within the lease agreement. The maps outlined rental rooms, parking accommodations, and common area space shared with the Administrative Center.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

G. Approval of WEA Contract for 2009-10

Marty Flanagan moved that the Board of Education approve the contract with the Worth Education Association for the 2009-10 school year, as presented in Enclosure B.

Ed Palenik seconded the motion.

Board members and teaching staff who served on the Negotiations Committee were thanked for their efforts, which fostered a relationship committed to being partners in the education of our students.

A revised page 23 of 30 was distributed to Board members.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

8. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Policy Committee Date

The committee will meet on September 30th at 6 p.m.

B. Education Committee Date

The committee will meet on October 13th at 3:45 p.m.

C. Finance Committee Date

Dr. Wojtylewski noted that PMA would need additional time to input data from the FY10 budget and WEA Contract approved at this meeting. Therefore, the Finance Committee will not meet on September 23rd. The committee will meet on November 4th at 6 p.m.

D. Worth Days Parade

Board members who indicated they would walk in the parade were provided the time and location for participants to line up.

E. School Board Meeting Sites

The Board accepted Worthwoods invitation to host the October Board meeting. At the October meeting, the Board will discuss possible meeting dates for Worth Elementary and Worth Junior High.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Board members planning to attend the South Cook Fall Dinner meeting should contact the recording secretary.

President Keeler shared correspondence from the Worth Museum asking for memorabilia and stories from residents for display during the 2014 centennial celebration. The correspondence will be copied and sent to Board members in the Friday update.

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

It was suggested that Dr. Wojtylewski send a memo to staff advising them of the water quality analysis performed throughout the district and the findings that the water quality was found to be acceptable. Dr. Wojtylewski stated a memo would be sent to staff.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives; and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding, shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes.

Drew Sernus seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

The Board took a break before entering closed session.

12. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

George Zeman moved that the Board of Education, upon completion of its discussions in closed session, reconvene in open session at 9:55 p.m.

Ed Palenik seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

Ed O'Malley exited closed session at 9:26 p.m. Dr. Wojtylewski exited closed session at 9:48 p.m.

13. POSSIBLE PERSONNEL ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

A. Approval of At-Will Employee Salaries

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve salaries for at-will employees, as presented in Attachments M1-M3.

Ed Palenik seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

B. Approval of Administrator Contracts

Carol Kats moved that the Board of Education approve contracts for administrators, as presented in Attachments N1-N24.

Marty Flanagan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye - Motion Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

Marty Flanagan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Carol Kats 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