MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (7:00 p.m.)

Mr. Subeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Mr. Subeck, Ms. Joseph (7:06), Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Welch, Mr. Spaan, Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Mr. Beerheide, Dr. Sukenik, Mr. Dreher
Mrs. Kiedaisch, Mrs. Styczen, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Baldwin,
Mrs. Logan, Music Program Students and their families.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Spaan moved to approve the consent agenda minus the second reading of Board Policy 233, which was deferred for a deeper discussion later in the meeting. Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler,
Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:

Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Baldwin, and Mrs. Logan each introduced different groups of Sunset Ridge School student performers, who performed their respective talents (band, orchestra, vocal song) for the Board. Dr. Stange and the Board thanked the students for sharing their talents, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Baldwin, and Mrs. Logan for mentoring the students, and the student’s parents for supporting the performing arts program.

NEW BUSINESS:

4.1 Audience Comments

There were no public comments.

4.2 Board Open Discussion

Mr. Welch inquired about the contract with Glenview Youth Services for support in the implementation of the Sunset Ridge School Health Education program. Dr. Stange noted that it was not customary for the Board to review the parameters of such agreements but offered to discuss the topic further.
COMMUNICATIONS:

5.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests
Dr. Stange reported on three FOIA requests since the March Board meeting. He noted that where responsive documents existed, the District provided them as requested within the appropriate time frame.

5.2 New Devore Litigation
Dr. Stange highlighted the three key components of litigation signed by at least two District 29 families related to the District’s ability to implement restrictive measures related to preventing the spread of communicable disease. He noted that the District would vigorously defend its right and obligation to provide a safe and healthy learning and working environment.

5.3 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar
Dr. Stange reviewed the proposed dates and organization of the 2022-2023 Board of Education Meetings. Board members noted that they would be agreeable to canceling the July Board meeting if it was not needed. They also agree to keep the proposed times for the meetings. There was not unanimous agreement regarding organizing meetings as “sub-committees” versus “Committees of the Whole.” Dr. Stange agreed to revise the calendar and bring the topic to the May meeting for discussion and possible approval.

5.4 2022-2023 District Calendar
Dr. Stange reviewed the proposed revision of the 2022-2023 District 29 Calendar, recommending the change of September 23, 2022 from a student attendance day to a Staff Institute Day. Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the revised calendar as presented. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subbeck, Mr. Spaan
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

6.1 Update: 2021-2022 Enrollment Report
Dr. Stange summarized the most recent enrollment data, noting that the early 2022-2023 Kindergarten enrollment data shows 53 students with enrollment paperwork completed. He noted that the administrative team would be watching this grade level closely and may recommend splitting the cohort into 4 classes versus three.

Dr. Stange reviewed the recommended personnel actions including the employment of three teachers and a custodian, one FMLA request, and the resignation of a nurse.
6.3 School and Department Reports
Mrs. Kiedaisch and Dr. Sukenik shared updates regarding their respective schools.

6.4 Strategic Planning Update
Dr. Stange reviewed the components of the draft strategic plan that the Strategic Design Team had organized.

REPORTS:

7.1 Finance Committee Report
7.1a After discussing the matter, Mr. Spaan moved to approve the night custodial service contract with GDI, Inc. as presented. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.1b After discussing the matter, Mr. Welch moved to approve the lunchroom service contract with Organic Life, LLC., as presented. Mr. Spaan seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.1c After discussing the matter, Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the bid to replace the Middlefork Playground fence as recommended. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.3 Education Committee
The next meeting is May 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

7.4 Policy Committee
The next meeting is June 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
8.1 IASB
There was no report.

8.2 PTO
There was no report.

8.3 TrueNorth
There was no report.

8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield
There was no report.

8.5 Foundation Fund
There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION: At 8:57 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Spaan and seconded by Mr. Dotzler that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students; to discuss potential litigation; to discuss the sale or lease of District property, and to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING:

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 9:46 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – March 15, 2022
Mr. Welch moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

11.2 Approval: Personnel Recommendations
Mr. Zeidler moved to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Welch, Ms. Alpert Knight, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler, Mr. Dotzler, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Spaan

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED
ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Ms. Alpert Knight and seconded by Mr. Zeidler to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. All were in favor.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 17 May, 2022