BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2024
MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (5:30 p.m.)
Mr. Zeidler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:
Present: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler
Absent: Ms. Joseph
Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch, Ms. Evans, Ms. Crabtree, Mr. Beerheide, Mr. Ohlwein, Mr. Neuman, Mr. Spaan, Ms. Peterson, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Logan, Mr. Lewis, Sunset Ridge School Music Student Representative and their Families.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Board of Education meetings, and bills and salaries. Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Present: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler
Absent: Ms. Joseph
Nay: None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS:
Sunset Ridge School Music Program student representatives from (and their teachers) shared their musical talents by playing instruments and singing. Board members asked questions of the student representatives and Dr. Stange thanked them for sharing their experiences.

COMMUNICATIONS:
There were no communications.

BOARD BUSINESS:

5.1 Audience Comments
There were no audience comments.

5.2 Board Open Discussion
There was no Board open discussion.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

6.1 Freedom of Information Act Requests
Dr. Stange shared information about the one FOIA request received since the January Board meeting. Responsive documents were provided.

6.2 Enrollment Report
Dr. Stange noted that the administrative team continues to plan for the facility and staffing needs related to anticipated four-section fourth grade in 2024-2025. He also noted the addition of one new student at Sunset Ridge School during the past month.

6.3 Personnel Report
Dr. Stange highlighted the personnel recommendations to consider for the January meeting, including a contract extension for Ms. Evans (Director of Student Services), the employment of a new Middlefork School Custodian (Elias Escalera), and the employment of two new Teaching Assistants.

6.4 District, School, and Department Updates
Dr. Stange submitted the monthly school and department updates highlighting the high prevalence of staff and illness. Dr. Sukenik (Sunset Ridge School Principal) discussed plans to offer a 2-year “looped classroom environment” to families of incoming 4th graders during the 2024-2025 school year. She also discussed the evolution of student service leagues to give voice and agency to students in the decision-making regarding this program. Ms. Kiedaisch (Middlefork School Principal) discussed the new lunchroom waste recycling and composting initiative as well as the kindergarten music inferences.

Mrs. Kiedaisch also discussed efforts to improve parent engagement opportunities including opportunities to volunteer at school. Individual Board members shared their perspectives regarding the need to balance parent volunteerism opportunities with issues of safety and security, student privacy rights, and educational benefit/disruption. They also discussed the need to address underlying trust issues between staff and parents.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7.1 Policy Committee
The next meeting is March 5, 2024 at 9a.m.

7.2 Finance Committee
7.2a Moody’s Annual Credit Report
Mr. Zeidler noted that the District received a Aaa rating from Moody’s Investor Service.
7.2b Discussion and Possible Approval: Resolution
Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Appeals
Mr. Pick motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick
     Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler
Absent: Ms. Joseph
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.2c Discussion and Possible Approval: Resolution
Authorizing Withdrawal from Township Treasury
Mr. Pick motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick
     Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler
Absent: Ms. Joseph
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.2d Discussion and Possible Approval: Hold Harmless
Agreement Related to the Withdrawal from Township Treasury
Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. Tideman seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick
     Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler
Absent: Ms. Joseph
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.2e Discussion and Possible Approval: Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Illinois Liquid Asst Fund Plus Treasury
Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the participation as presented. Mr. Pick seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick
     Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler
Absent: Ms. Joseph
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED
7.2f Discussion and Possible Approval: Landscaping Contract

Renewal
Mr. Tideman motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye:  Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick
       Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler
Absent: Ms. Joseph
Nay:  None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

7.3 Education Committee
The next Education Committee meeting is March 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS:

8.1 IASB
There was no report.

8.2 PTO
There was no report.

8.3 TrueNorth
Mr. Tideman provided an update on the TrueNorth 804 Educational Cooperative, highlighting the financial challenges to the organization associated with the potential withdrawal of member districts.

8.4 Northfield Park District/Village of Northfield
Mr. Pick summarized ongoing communications regarding the proposed Middlefork School and Park District capital improvement planning.

8.5 Foundation Fund
There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION:
At 7:01 p.m. it was motioned by Mr. Dotzler and seconded by Mr. Pick that the Board enter into closed session to discuss the closed session minutes of the January 2024 Closed Session meeting; to consider information regarding the employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees or independent contractors; to discuss the placement of individuals in special education programs or matters related to individual students; to discuss the release of closed session minutes and the destruction of the verbatim record and; to discuss collective bargaining. The Board voted as follows:
Aye:  Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick,
       Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler
Absent: Ms. Joseph,
Nay:  None
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED
RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING: Upon resumption of the open meeting at 8:11 p.m., the following recommendations were made:

11.1 Approval: Closed Session Minutes – January 16, 2024
Mr. Tideman motioned to approve the closed session minutes of the January 16, 2024 Board meeting as presented. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler
Absent: Ms. Joseph
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

11.2 Approval: Personnel Report Recommendations
Mr. Dotzler motioned to approve the personnel report recommendations as presented. Mr. Tideman seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:
Aye: Ms. Damon, Mr. Dotzler, Ms. Ho, Mr. Pick, Mr. Tideman, Mr. Zeidler
Absent: Ms. Joseph
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT: It was motioned by Mr. Dotzler, and seconded by Mr. Pick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm All were in favor and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

[Signatures]
President, Board of Education
Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 12 [Month], 2024