BOARD NOTES: November 16th, 2021 7pm, Regular Board Meeting, Sunset Ridge School

Items Approved:
- 10/12/21 Consent Agenda
- 10/12/21 Closed Session Minutes
- Second Reading: Board Policy 711 Bullying and Harassment Prohibited
- 2021 Tentative Tax Levy
- School Security Consultant Services
- 11/16/21 Personnel Report: Retirement of Yefim Kramer (SRS Custodian)
- FMLA Request for Employee X
- Resignation of Michele Maisel (Teaching Assistant)
- Resignation of Rebecca Schur (Student Services Teacher)

ROLL CALL (7:02pm): all present

CONSENT AGENDA (7:02pm): The Board approved the Consent Agenda, including September 14th Regular Board Meeting minutes, monthly bills and salaries, and second reading policy for bullying & harassment.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS (7:03pm): Sunset Ridge School Learning Center Clubs (WSRS & SLAB)

NEW BUSINESS (7:22pm)
Audience Comments/Public Participation (7:22pm) Comments from parents regarding ALICE security protocol, recent vaccine vote, and public comment process. Comment from student regarding mask protocols.

Board Open Discussion (7:40pm) Public comment - especially live - encouraged, question about Disney trip (latitude may exist for Disney trip regarding vaccination - contact Dr Sukenik), reminder that most districts outsource trips, discussion about roommate situation in DC trip, discussion about appropriateness of detail discussions at governance level, discussion about rules for and accessibility of public comment submission.

COMMUNICATIONS (7:54pm): FOIA contract w Murphy Construction Services and Vortex Flooring, FOIA contract w Panorama - Local Labs determined by legal council to be commercial request (vs news outlet request), Services for Philip Jones, Township Vaccination Clinic for children - important pandemic milestone, and thank you to volunteers and other schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (7:58pm):
Enrollment Report (7:58pm) Large 1st grade section enrollment dropped by 2 this week. Impact of choosing 3 section option would be reduction in force w notification requirement in February. Comments about definition of small class size, possible policy guidance, desire for flexibility.

Personnel Report (8:10pm) Record number of resignations in public schools across the nation, two more resignations here. Thank you to all teachers and staff for all efforts despite continued trying times.

Special Education Annual Data Reports (8:12pm) Special education and special needs students are more likely to be educated with typically developing children - in the same facilities - in our district. This does come with a cost, but has great benefit.
November School Updates (8:15pm) Disney numbers 14 parents + 62 students. DC has 43 students. Curriculum adjustments based on recent data, including 5th and 6th grade positive shuffles. Level of commitment to student connections and relationships is very high and critical to student development. General agreement on not renting facilities. Thanks to Corey Dreher for filling in for custodian. Welcome to new GDI employee Darota. LG HVAC lingering issues continue to be resolved.

November Financials Update (8:27pm) Revenue collection on track, see packet

Strategic Planning Update (8:28pm) Next/3rd “Portrait of a Grad” meeting November 17th. Pleased with progress to date and customizations, coming to agreement on competencies and exploring visuals.


Approved: School Security Consultation Services

2022-2023 District Calendar (8:37pm) See options/memo in packet for 2022-2023 calendar start and end.

Parent-Teacher Conferences Survey Results (8:49pm) Teacher’s have heavy preference to use video for conferences, parents split. Recommendation to work with SREA on options to offer parents their preference.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (8:54pm):

Return to School Task Force (8:54pm) – next meeting December 13, test positivity low though cases/100K remains high, 50 kids tested-to-stay so far (28 at Middlefork, 22 at SRS), watching for guidance changes

Finance Facilities (8:57pm) – next meeting January 11, 2022, post-issuance tax compliance report

Approval: 2021 Tentative Levy
Approval: Natural Gas Contract and Parameter Resolution

Education (9:10pm) – next meeting December 14, 2021, committee discussion on interventions appreciated

Policy (9:11pm) – next meeting December 8, 2021, many policies up for revision per PRESS

EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS (9:11pm)

External Relations (9:11pm)
IASB – resolutions for review (23 changes suggested, 10 recommended for adoption), 3 resolutions nominated for discussion to oppose IASB recommendation:

#2 Student Safety and Protection Plan (IASB supports, D29 supports)
#9 Health and Sex Education Curriculum (IASB supports, D29 supports)
#11 Clean Energy Infrastructure Federal Funding (IASB does not support, D29 does support)

PTO – no report
True North / NSSED – no report

Park District – quarterly discussion with village/park/school officials together, enthusiasm about new Clarkson Park, Northfield Centennial celebration pending, discussion about traffic and options for engineering evaluation

Village of Northfield – no report

Foundation Fund – no report
CLOSED SESSION (9:33pm):
- To Review Closed Session Minutes from October 12, 2021
- To Consider Information Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees or Legal Counsel
- To Discuss Matters Related to Individual Students
- To Discuss Potential Litigation
- To Discuss Collective Bargaining

ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL (10:39pm):
- Closed Session Minutes from October 12, 2021
- Retirement of Yefim Kramer (SRS Custodian)
- FMLA Request for Employee X
- Resignation of Michele Maisel (Teaching Assistant)
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Official meeting minutes will be posted after approval at the December 14th, 2021, Regular Board meeting.

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