BOARD NOTES: December 14th, 2021 7pm, Regular Board Meeting, Sunset Ridge School

Items Approved: 11/16/21 Consent Agenda, Bills & Salaries, 11/16/21 Closed Session Minutes
First Reading: Recommend Board Policy Revisions, 2021 Tax Levy
12/14/21 Personnel Report: FMLA Request for Employee R

ROLL CALL (7:03pm): all present

CONSENT AGENDA (7:04pm): The Board approved the Consent Agenda, including November 16th Regular Board Meeting minutes, monthly bills and salaries and vendor checks, and first reading of new policy revisions.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS (7:04pm): Third Grade Students - Cradles to Crayons Service Project

NEW BUSINESS (7:15pm)

Audience Comments/Public Participation (7:15pm) Two comments re: to covid policies including masks.

Board Open Discussion (7:20pm)

COMMUNICATIONS (7:20pm): FOIA from Zoe Yelken of Smart Procure (received every 6 months)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (7:21pm):

Enrollment Report (7:21pm) 1 new first grader, need to make decision in Feb if any teacher reductions

Personnel Report (7:24pm) advertising for vacancies (student services / TAs / subs), Alissa Baldwin back!

December School Updates (7:25pm) 8th graders reviewed architecture choices related to energy efficiency and LEED certification (thank you Mrs Albright), PTO approved Spanish club / gaga-ball pit / playground stencils / peaceful path and more, coding week a success (thank you Mrs. Styczen!)

December Financials Updates (7:27pm) ESSER/CARES funds update: $425K spent (of $675K allocated), $280K reimbursed, possibility of legislation, reminder that $675K is total ($800K minus allocations to others)

Strategic Planning Update (7:31pm) excitement for Batelle presentation to portrait design team 12/14

2022-2023 District Calendar (7:34pm) options reviewed again, final decision to be made in January

Security Consultant Update (7:41pm) materials provided, interviews beginning
**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (7:42pm):**

*Return to School Task Force (7:42pm)* – next meeting February 7th 2022, metrics reviewed (18 cases total in D29 for this year, 1.25 cases / week & trending up), low test positivity in community (<5%) but “substantial” transmission still in area (200+ positives / 100K residents), kindergarten class had a near-outbreak (2 positives within 14 days … 3 would’ve been outbreak) which triggered test-to-stay across entire class with no positives, Shield testing discussed - several constraints including 100 person minimum and optional nature, 80% of students are vaccinated, comments on monitoring trends (not going well) and general hesitance to change or increase logistics when protocols appear to be working, remote learning going well (unique to D29) and will prioritize remote learners with a positive case, request to add local healthcare system metrics to dashboard

*Finance Facilities (8:04pm)* – next meeting January 11th 2022, **Approved: 2021 Tax Levy**

*Education (8:07pm)* – next meeting February 15th 2022, meeting covered ALP / SEL / sensitive topics

*Policy (8:08pm)* – next meeting December 8th 2022, 20+ updates to policies

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS (8:09pm)**

IASB – delegate assembly, IASB recommendations carried (exception of gun control)
PTO – gifts grants approved and very smooth (thank you Christi Caceres!), Northwestern Settlement success
True North / NSSED – consultant selected for strategic plan
Park District – thank you for invitation, tree lighting and singing a success
Village of Northfield – no report
Foundation Fund – Middlefork playground discussed

**CLOSED SESSION (8:12pm):**

- To Review Closed Session Minutes from November 16th, 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 (9:52pm):**

- Closed Session Minutes from November 16th, 2021
- FMLA Request for Employee R

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