BOARD NOTES: February 15th, 2022 7pm, Regular Board Meeting, Sunset Ridge School


ROLL CALL (7:02pm): all present

CONSENT AGENDA (7:02pm): The Board approved the Consent Agenda, including January 11th Regular Board Meeting minutes, monthly bills and salaries and vendor checks, and second reading of policy revisions.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS: deferred to March

Approved: Modify 2/15/22 Agenda Order Statement from Dr. Stange regarding COVID guidance, metrics, new proposed mitigation tiers, local direction setting, and preparedness for change to mask-optional on 2/22

NEW BUSINESS (7:25pm)

Audience Comments/Public Participation (7:25pm): one in-person, several submitted comments Board Open Discussion (7:41pm): Consensus on adopting proposal, special meeting 2/22 cancelled Approved: Proposed Off-Ramp for Mitigation Strategies

COMMUNICATIONS (8:04pm): two FOIAs, ABC 7 for remote learning equipment, teacher retirements

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (8:05pm):

Enrollment Report (8:05pm) Two new students at MF. 45 registered Kindergarten (solid 3 section)

Personnel Report (8:07pm) Many open positions, see personnel report for resignations/dismissals

School Updates (8:08pm) see school reports, traffic flow better at MF drop-off (thanks PTO!), pickup traffic continues being explored, Middlefork volunteers for dropoff traffic much appreciated, more options being explored for pickup, 7 of 7 SRS robotics teams made state competition at Olympia Fields, data not disaggregated for 8th grade New Trier placement - difficult to obtain SRS specific data from New Trier

Curriculum Committee Updates (8:15pm) see memo

Monthly Financials Update (8:15pm) see memo

Strategic Planning Update (8:16pm) Portrait of a grad artifact, parent connections video, slides linked

Security Consultant Update (8:17pm) assessment complete, summary reports being generated

American Recover Plan / ESSER Spending Plan (8:18pm) see memo on past and future plans
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (8:16pm):
Return to School Task Force (8:16pm) – discussion of possible impact of upcoming judicial / legislative decisions…JCAR vote from 2/15 regarding IDPH mandate impact unclear, EO appeal optionality somewhat clear - either mask mandate stays in place and violators possibly risk school certification, or EO appeal fails / TRO applies state-wide implying masks optional nearly everywhere, next meeting April, 11th 2022

Finance Facilities (8:23pm) – discussion on supplemental tax levy vote - creates additional capacity for possible future levies but does not increase tax base itself, next meeting April, 12th 2022
Approved: Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Tax Levy
Approved: Electricity Contract Parameter Resolution

Education (8:34pm) – committee discussion, full-day K going well, next meeting March 15th, 2022

Policy (8:34pm) – next meeting March 8th, 2022

Benefits (8:34pm) – healthcare costs rising, wellness program going well but will possibly become more burdensome, retirement contribution is non-trivial and represents good management of healthcare costs

EXTERNAL RELATIONS REPORTS (8:36pm)
IASB / PTO / Park District / Village of Northfield – no report
True North Educational Cooperative 804 – see memos, particularly Attitudes & Beliefs About Disabilities Foundation Fund – $10K contribution received for playground much appreciated

CLOSED SESSION (8:38pm):
- To Review Closed Session Minutes from January 11th, 2022
- 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 the Sale or Lease of District Property
- To Discuss Collective Bargaining

ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL (9:40pm):
- Closed Session Minutes from January 11th, 2022
- 2/15/22 Personnel Report

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