BOARD NOTES: August 17, 2021 5:30pm, Regular Board Meeting, Sunset Ridge School

Items Approved: 7/13/21 Consent Agenda, 7/13/21 Closed Session Minutes, 7/13 Remote Participation
2021-2022 Return to School Plan
Voluntary Employee Benefits Renewal
Resignation of Christina Phillips (Teaching Assistant)
Employment of Karen Galfano (Part-Time Middle School Science Teacher)

ROLL CALL (5:30pm): Ms Alpert Knight, Mr Welch, Ms Joseph, Mr Subeck, Mr Zeidler present
Approval: Remote Participation (Mr Dotzler)

CONSENT AGENDA (5:31pm): The Board approved the Consent Agenda, including July 13th Regular Board Meeting minutes, and monthly bills and salaries.


SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (5:33pm):

Strategic Planning (5:33pm) Two board members needed to join leadership of strategic planning.

School Year Planning (5:38pm) Return to school plan approved by BoE not only as symbolic gesture but also due to discipline implications if non-compliance were to become an issue.

Highlights (5:40pm)
FAQ (6:07pm)
Comprehensive Plan (6:22pm)

Approval: Return to School Plan (6:25pm)

2021-2022 Enrollment (6:26pm) 480 total students is the highest in a long time (~220 at Middlefork, ~260 at Sunset Ridge). Long-term staffing plan being monitored (e.g. - 3 vs 4 sections in class, 20 student class).

2021-2022 Staffing Updates (6:28pm) Science teacher found. 3 vacant teaching assistant positions.

School and Department Reports (6:30pm)

Education (6:30pm) Summer curriculum projects, included proactive behavior support under SEL, moving to discussion of all students vs just reacting to incidents. Partnership w parents and community critical.

Facilities (6:41pm) Landscaping vendor will shift to providing services on Saturdays.

NEW BUSINESS (6:42pm)

Audience Comments/Public Participation (6:42pm) – no public comment or submitted letters

Board Open Discussion (6:43pm) – no comments

Approval: Voluntary Employee Benefits Renewal (6:44pm)
Internal Reports (6:45pm)
Return to School Task Force – see previous discussion, next meeting Sept 15, 2021
Finance Facilities – Next meeting Oct 12, 2021
Education – Next meeting September 14, 2021
Policy – Next meeting September 8, 2021

External Relations (6:46pm)
IASB – several policies come up for renewal on the 5-year refresh cycle
PTO – no major report
True North / NSSED – no material report
Park District – Club Dolphin and Pre-K options for before and after-care available
Village of Northfield – Happ Rd and Bosworth bridge plans in progress, high vaccination rate of those eligible,
Village board meetings shifted to no longer conflict with School board meetings
Foundation Fund – back to school event for students, potential for capital improvement

CLOSED SESSION (6:51pm):
- To Review Closed Session Minutes from July 13, 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 (7:12pm):
- Closed Session Minutes from July 13, 2021
- Employment of Karen Galfano (Part-Time Middle School Science Teacher)
- Resignation of Christina Phillips (Teaching Assistant)

Official meeting minutes will be posted after approval at the September 14th, 2021, Regular Board meeting.