

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 – 10:30 p.m. July 16, 2008

Members Present:

Leandra Sedlack, Presiding Officer
Patti Essig
Lisa Houk
Mark Mirabile
Scot Orsic
Rick Rigley
Beth Tegtmeier

ROLL CALL AND
VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko, Catherine Chang, Maria Smith, Meg Pokorny, Matt Vandercar, Kim Freislinger, Erin Oskroba, Kristen McFadden, Lori McCarter, and Peggy Pajkos; Jim Jaworski of the Doings; and residents Julie Smentek, Jean French, Gina Nelson, Susan Camba, Michelle LeBeau, Sharon Rak, Michael Rak, Lauri Valentin, D. Torii and S. Torii.

OPEN FORUM

Jean French requested that the Board look into ability grouping and acknowledge PEN (Pleasantdale Education Network). The organization would like to be recognized and work with the Board.

ACTION NO. 46
Consent Agenda

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Orsic, that the Board of Education approve the special meeting minutes of June 17, 2008; regular meeting minutes of June 18, 2008; closed session meeting minutes of June 18, 2008; payment of June payroll/July warrants; establish petty cash fund; July 2008 personnel report; and declassify closed session minutes. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Sedlack and Tegtmeier.)

REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Full Day Kindergarten Program

The full day kindergarten program issue was brought by Board member Scot Orsic as a parking lot issue. The Board had previously been provided with handouts regarding full day kindergarten programs. Board member Mark Mirabile stated that the handouts only showed “at risk” students benefitting from full day but not “all students.” After Board discussion, it was decided that the district would not pursue researching the full day kindergarten option.

SEL Program, Status and Evaluation

Director of Student Services Maria Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the current SEL program. Board Member Rick Rigley shared information from Dr. McKnown, who has been working with the SEL committee to improve the SEL program evaluation. Dr. McKnown will continue to working with the committee to develop a recommendation for revising the SEL process. In addition, the SEL program in 2008-09 will be expanded to include more community service by students.

Remedial Reading Program Update

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reported on the Remedial Reading Program. GATES scores were provided to show that remarkable results have taken place for the majority of students receiving remedial services. Each year the number of students in this program has dropped due to early intervention.

District Goals

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf presented the six statements from the Board Retreat to make sure everyone was clear on what they meant. It was decided that the following ideas would be worked into possible goals: advance SEL program and corresponding evaluation to the next level and accountability; evaluate and update strategic plan; continuation of last year's goal on student achievement; and update financial projections to include more cost analysis and financial reporting at the program level.

Bright Beginnings/Kindergarten Tuition for 2008-09

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf clarified any questions regarding the action items that would be voted on later in the meeting.

ACTION NO. 47

BB/K Fees

Motion by Rigley, seconded by Mirabile, that the Board of Education provide reductions or scholarships for families qualifying by free and reduced lunch per Federal guidelines. Families eligible for free lunch would receive a full scholarship. Families eligible for reduced lunch would receive a scholarship for 75% of the full tuition. Motion failed by a roll call of 3 ayes (Mirabile, Rigley and Sedlack) and 4 nays (Essig, Houk, Orsic and Tegtmeier.)

ACTION NO. 48

BB/K Fees

Motion by Mirabile, no second, that the Board of Education has no tuition increases for one year for age 3 and 4 preschool students and extended day kindergarten, because parents were not properly informed of the rate increase. Specifically, parents of students matriculating into kindergarten in 2008-09 did not receive the complete registration packet listing the revised fees for extended day kindergarten. No vote was taken.

ACTION NO. 49

BB/K Fees

No Motion, that the Board of Education rescind the action made in October 2007 to raise tuition for both preschool and extended day kindergarten and impose an increase of 10% for 2008-09 for preschool and extended day kindergarten.

ACTION NO. 50

BB/K Fees

Motion by Orsic, seconded by Mirabile, that the Board of Education maintain the tuition increase approved by the Board in October 2007 for age 3 and 4 preschool students. Extended day kindergarten tuition would remain at the 2007-08 rate for 2008-09 only because parents were not properly informed of the rate increase. Specifically, parents of students matriculating into kindergarten in 2008-09 did not receive the complete registration packet listing the revised fees for extended day kindergarten. Also, provide reductions or scholarships for families qualifying by free and reduced lunch per Federal guidelines. Families eligible for free lunch would receive a full scholarship. Families eligible for reduced lunch would receive a scholarship for 75% of the full tuition. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Sedlack and Tegtmeier.)

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the August 2008 agenda included: Approve Employee and Student/Parent Handbooks; Approve District Goals; Staff Recognition; Enrollment Report (written); Customer Service Survey Results; and Tentative Budget.

OPEN FORUM

Sharon Rak thanked the Board for their passing of the motion on kindergarten fees. She would also like to see more money invested in technology and smart boards.

Gina Nelson thanked Board members for looking into the full day kindergarten option. She stated that extended day kindergarten should be cancelled and the money used for technology. She would like to see our website updated more often.

Michael Rak thanked the Board for all their hard work. He was disappointed that the District was not going to look into the full day kindergarten option. He would like to see the district stop subsidizing extended day kindergarten and to use the money for other areas.

ADJOURNMENT The regular meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____