

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting                      Administration Building                      7:02 – 9:14 p.m.                      September 17, 2008

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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, and Kay Lewellyan; Jim Jaworski of the Doings; and residents Sandra Hannan, Brian Klimes, Sara Dunkin, Michelle LeBeau, Patty Gioia, Caryn Stancik; Joanne Mennemier, Susan Camba, Bonnie Craggs, Karen O'Halloran and Gina Nelson.

ACTION NO. 54

Budget Hearing

Board President Sedlack declared the budget hearing open at 7:03 p.m.

Business Manager Catherine Chang outlined expenditures and revenues, and answered questions posed by the Board. There was no public comment on the materials presented.

Board President Sedlack declared the budget hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

ACTION NO. 55

Tentative Budget Amended

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education approves the amendments to the tentative 2008-09 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier).

ACTION NO. 56

Budget Adopted

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Orsic, that the Board of Education adopts the 2008-09 school district budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier).

OPEN FORUM

Karen O'Halloran shared with the Board her disappointment that the current 6<sup>th</sup> grade will not be scheduled for a 12 week art special. She feels that the program brings out the hidden talents in our students.

Sandra Hannan provided her perspective on the background of the Middle school moving from quarters to trimesters. She also expressed her opinion about how instruction for K-4 technology has been changed. She did not feel that changing the sequence of Middle school specials this year in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade was a good course of action.

Gina Nelson questioned why the Elementary Math Series had an edition date from 1999. She also asked whether there was a timeline for completion for the website. She also shared that her brother is a graphic artist and how the Pleasantdale art program contributed to his success.

Brian Klimes discussed the specials at the Middle school and how he feels art should replace music for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

ACTION NO. 57  
Consent Agenda

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Rigley , that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as revised consisting of: regular meeting minutes of August 20, 2008; payment of August payroll/September warrants; 2008-09 ISBE Application for Recognition; and September 2008 personnel report. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Tegtmeier and Sedlack. )

REPORTS AND  
DISCUSSION ITEMS

*SEL Status Report and Evaluation Data Proposal*

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf presented a PowerPoint presentation on the expectation of staff and the evaluation process for social and emotional learning (SEL). All staff will be required to fill out the staff survey this year. Superintendent Fredisdorf reviewed the different ways to evaluate the SEL program. The Board expressed concerns about the sociometric peer nomination evaluation, and recommended pursuing the Social Skills Rating System. Superintendent Fredisdorf will provide the Board with more information about the Social Skills Rating System when the revised program becomes available.

*Staff Recognition*

Board member Patti Essig discussed a staff recognition plan proposal created by she and Superintendent Fredisdorf. The plan would provide opportunities for the Board to recognize staff members for accomplishments at Board meetings or Wednesday staff meetings. The next step will be to create a nomination process and related details.

*Strategic Planning Core Team Composition*

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf discussed the upcoming Core Planning meetings on October 20 and 21. The update will be much more in depth than past years. Discussion at the meeting will focus on the critical issues and strategies. The Board would like to see a 7<sup>th</sup> grader and sophomore added to the Core Planning Team.

*Record Retention Policy*

Board member Mark Mirabile discussed the issue of record retention which was identified as a parking lot item. Board member Mirabile would like to see the district do more that is above and beyond what is required by the State of Illinois. It is his hope more items can be stored electronically for easy retrieval. Board member Mirabile and Superintendent Fredisdorf will work together to create policy for record retention.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the October 2008 agenda included: Technology Plan Overview; Elementary/Middle School Improvement Plans; Adopt Proposed Tax Levy; Record Retention Policy; Town Hall Meeting Planning; Staff Recognition; Review of Extra-Curricular Student Activities (written).

OPEN FORUM

Brian Klimes questioned the Board regarding the procedure for a responding to the information about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade art program presented at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Klimes was informed that the procedure is provided in the Board of Education brochure regarding requests to the Board.

Susan Camba is concerned that the Board focuses too much on assessing social emotional learning. She feels that the skills and knowledge they gain from the program will help them later in life.

Michelle LeBeau requested extra copies of the display copy available at the meetings.

BOARD SELF  
EVALUATION

Board President Leandra Sedlack discussed with the Board not conducting the self evaluation at this time. The tool would be looked at and revised at a later date and the evaluation would be conducted at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

App. \_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_