

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 – 9:26 p.m. December 17, 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, Jim Jaworski of the Doings; Larry Heidemann of StratPlan; and residents Karen O'Halloran and Gina Nelson.

MOTION NO. 64

Motion by Orsic, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education declares the tax levy hearing open at 7:02 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

In her presentation to the Board, Business Manager Catherine Chang stated that based on the 2008 CPI figures, residents can expect an average 4.1% increase in property taxes assessed for District 107 school operations.

Motion by Rigley, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education declares the tax levy hearing closed at 7:08 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

ACTION NO. 65

Tax Levy Adoption

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Essig, that the Board of Education adopts the 2008 tax levy as presented in the public hearing and authorizes the President and Secretary of the Board to sign all appropriate documents. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier.)

ACTION NO. 66

Tax Levy Resolution

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Houk, that the Board of Education adopts a Resolution approving reducing the following funds where the levy exceeds the tax cap limitations: Working Cash (no less than \$75,000) and Life Safety (no less than \$0) Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier.)

ACTION NO. 67

Consent Agenda

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Essig, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as consisting of: regular meeting minutes of November 19, 2008; closed session meeting minutes of November 19, 2008; payment of November payroll/December warrants; and RTI Plan. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Tegtmeier and Sedlack.)

REPORTS AND

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Remedial Math Status

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf discussed the status of our remedial math program. Remediation for math is offered through various methods, but students are not taken out of Spanish as they are for remedial reading. Scheduling is very challenging for remedial math programs since a majority of the students who may benefit are already attending the remedial reading program. The middle school has designated study halls that are available for all students who need help with math. Students may attend the math study hall voluntarily or be directed to attend by a teacher. Superintendent Fredisdorf proposed to the Board that one way to accommodate students who need remedial math at the elementary

school in the short term is to offer an option for the students to receive help before school from 8:15 to 8:55 a.m. The Board discussed the recommendation and felt that for the remainder of the year this was a good option. The plan is to have the program up and running by the end of January. The Board will be provided an update on elementary school remedial math at the February Board meeting.

Town Hall Planning Meeting

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the structure of the January 28 Town Hall meeting. Board President Leandra Sedlack will be the kick-off speaker. Board members Mark Mirabile and Rick Rigley will then discuss current strategic planning activities. Then there will be two break out sessions. One will focus on SEL and the other on standardized test score information. Coffee and cookies will be offered afterwards.

Strategic Planning Status Report

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reported that the curriculum council has begun working on developing action plans for the newly identified curriculum strategy. He also reported that a correspondence will go out to parents and staff members after winter break recruiting participants for the communication action team. It is expected that the action planning process will be complete by July 2009. Implementation will begin in 2009-2010 school year.

District Contract Review

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the contract report created for the Board. Board member Scot Orsic shared that he felt the district needed to explore different options. Superintendent Fredisdorf gave clarification of the bidding process including a brief history of bidding issues. Superintendent Fredisdorf recommended that the district commence with a request for proposal process for auditing services this school year. The Board also requested comparative information on cleaning services to discuss at the January Board meeting.

Five Year Financial Projections

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf introduced Larry Heidemann from StratPlan. Mr. Heidemann presented five year financial projections. The conclusion is that the district is financially stable even in a worse case scenario. The current year revenue exceeded original projections and the District has been able to control expenses. Superintendent Fredisdorf commended the Board for a history of prudent fiscal management.

Mid-term Superintendent Review

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the District goals. Dr. Fredisdorf went through the goals and the conditions of satisfaction. Middle School Principal Meg Pokorny gave an update on the community service projects that were taking place at the Middle School. The Middle School would like to use some of the days at the end of the year for service projects. Elementary School Principal Matt Vandercar discussed the homeside SEL activities that are held monthly. Board member Scot Orsic requested a breakdown of art and music costs by materials and salaries.

Joint Conference Board Member Feedback

Board members Lisa Houk, Patti Essig, Rick Rigley, Beth Tegtmeier and Leandra Sedlack shared their experiences regarding the Joint Conference. The presentation by Board members and Superintendent Fredisdorf on standardized test data analysis was well attended. All expressed that the conference was very informative and reaffirmed that the district is in a good place with current practice and performance.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the January 2009 agenda included: Review Annual Board Report to Community; Mid-year review of Non-Tenured Teachers; Town Hall Meeting Planning; Summer Construction Project Update; Declassify Selected Closed Session Minutes; Review District Contracts; Board Policies.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

App. ___ President Leandra M. Sedlak Secretary Bria Hobk