

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Meeting
December 17, 2008

At its regular meeting on December 17, 2008, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- **Tax Levy Hearing**
Held a hearing on the 2008 tax levy (7:02-7:08 p.m.) and acted unanimously to adopt the 2008 tax levy as presented in public hearing and authorized the President and Secretary of the Board to sign all appropriate documents and the tax levy resolution reducing the following funds where the levy exceeds the tax cap limitation: working cash (no less than \$75,000) and life safety (no less than \$0).
- **Board of Education Staff Recognition**
Heard from Board President Leandra Sedlack who shared that on December 3 the Board recognized all staff members with a certificate and flash drive for the work they have done resulting in improved test scores.
- **Consent Agenda**
Unanimously approved the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of November 19, 2008; closed session meeting minutes of November 19, 2008; payment of November payroll/December warrants; RTI Plan.

Reports and Discussions:

- **Remedial Math Status**
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf regarding 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**
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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**
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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*
 Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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*
 Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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*
 Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf regarding 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*
 Heard from Board members Lisa Houk, Patti Essig, Rick Rigley, Beth Tegtmeier and Leandra Sedlack 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*
 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*
 Adjourned the regular meeting at 9:26 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be
 Wednesday, January 21, 2009
 7:00 p.m. in the
 District 107 Administration Building**