

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 – 9:52 p.m. March 18, 2009

Members Present:

Leandra Sedlack, Presiding Officer

Lisa Houk

Mark Mirabile

Scot Orsic

Rick Rigley

Beth Tegtmeier

Absent:

Patti Essig

ROLL CALL AND
VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko, Catherine Chang, Maria Smith, Meg Pokorny, Matt Vandercar, Jeanne Williamson and John McAtee; and residents Karen O'Halloran and Gina Nelson.

STUDENT
RECOGNITION

Board Members Beth Tegtmeier and Lisa Houk presented the 7th and 8th grade girls' volleyball conference champions with certificates of recognition from the Board of Education.

OPEN FORUM

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf stated Board Member Patti Essig sends her regrets for not attending tonight's meeting due to a college final.

Karen O'Halloran had a question about preschool/extended day kindergarten revenue and expenses and would like a comparison from last year to this year.

ADDITIONAL
AGENDA ITEMS

Board Member Scot Orsic requested the following three items be placed on the agenda: discussion of why his letter presented in open forum at the February 18th meeting was not included in the minutes; discussion of why the same letter was not sent to the Board; and discussion of the remedial reading program. Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf suggested a discussion of the remedial reading program would take place at the April 15, 2009 Board meeting.

ACTION NO. 73
Consent Agenda

Motion by Rigley, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as consisting of: regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2009; closed session meeting minutes of February 18, 2009; payment of February payroll/March warrants; FY10 School Calendar; and Board Policies, Governance and Planning, Section 1. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Houk, Mirabile, Rigley, Tegtmeier, Sedlack); 1 nay (Orsic) Absent – Essig.

REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review Board Policies Relating to Curriculum Approval

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed how curriculum updates and changes are presented to the Board. Board Member Mark Mirabile suggested that the Board more clearly articulate in the policies the Board's role in curriculum review and approval. The Board was in agreement that the changes presented by Mark Mirabile would strengthen the

current policies regarding curriculum. Scot Orsic questioned the level of change that should come to the Board for approval. The Board requested updates when Curriculum Council approves a subject curriculum.

Revise Student Handbooks Pertaining to Use of Electronic Devices

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf recommended the change that was presented to him by the principals regarding the use of electronic devices in school. He recommended the change be implemented as soon as possible due to incidents that have occurred this year.

Use of Electronic Devices

Amendment to Student/Parent Handbook effective immediately

Use or visible possession of electronic devices including, but not limited to: cell phones, I-pods, or other audio/video devices is prohibited inside the building during the school day and after school hours during extracurricular activities. Students bringing these devices to school must have them powered off and secured in their lockers (Middle School) or cubbies (Elementary School) during the school day. Faculty members are to confiscate the device of any student violating this policy and turn the device into the office. The Pleasantdale School District will not accept responsibility for electronic devices belonging to students that are lost or stolen.

Students who violate the policy are subject to the following consequences:

1st Offense: Device is confiscated and parents are notified. Device is returned to the student at the end of the school day.

2nd Offense: Device is confiscated and parents are notified. Device is held in the office until a parent retrieves it.

More than two offenses will be considered blatant disregard for school rules and may result in one or more of the following:

In school suspension

Loss of the right to have the electronic device in school for the rest of the year

Determine Date for April 2009 Organizational Board Meeting

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf discussed the scheduling of the organizational meeting after canvassing of the vote from the April 7, 2009 election. It was decided that the Organizational meeting would take place on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room. A representative from the School Board association would possibly come to facilitate an orientation for the Board.

Letter Inclusion in Minutes

Board President Leandra Sedlack clarified Board Member Scot Orsic's question regarding why his letter was not included in the minutes. Board Secretary Lisa Houk explained that non-agenda items are not attached to the minutes in their entirety. Board Member Rick Rigley stated that the minutes are not a platform they are only a summary of the meeting.

Letter Distribution to Board of Education

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf shared that the emails between himself and Board member Scot Orsic and information regarding the upcoming remedial reading meeting comprised the letter and have been previously shared with the Board. If something was inadvertently omitted Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf apologized. Board Secretary Lisa Houk expressed that there needs to be a check and balance within the Board and if a member knows that a correspondence has not gone out, they should take it upon themselves to contact the Superintendent to let him know.

Remedial Reading Meeting Follow-up

Board Member Mark Mirabile shared the results of the meeting that took place on March 7th to discuss the remedial reading program. A major focus of the meeting was to review ongoing assessments of remedial reading students. The meeting addressed the interim testing that takes place to identify the students. Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf will provide more information regarding the remedial reading program at the April 15th Board meeting.

ACTION NO. 74

Electronic Devices

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Houk, that the Board of Education approves the amendment to the student/parent handbook as revised regarding electronic devices effective immediately. Voice vote. Motion carried.

ACTION NO. 75

Organizational Meeting

Motion by Rigley, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education approves to hold its Organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the administration building. Voice vote. Motion carried.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the April 2009 agenda included: Revise FY09 Calendar; Appointment of Auditor; Elementary School Office Renovation; Review Service Contracts; Review and Approve Board Policies; Review of Remedial Reading; Electronic Devices on School Busses.

ACTION NO. 76

Closed Session

Motion by Orsic, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 8:44 p.m. discuss appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel and staffing recommendations for FY10 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 6 ayes (Houk, Mirabile, Rigley, Sedlack and Tegtmeier.) Absent – Essig.

Board Vice President Patti Essig arrived during closed session.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:50 p.m.

ACTION NO. 77

Personnel Report

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education approves the March 2009 Personnel Report as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Rigley, Tegtmeier, Sedlack) and 1 nay (Orsic).

ACTION NO. 78

Staffing Recommendation

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Houk, that the Board of Education approves the staffing recommendations for 2009-10 as presented. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Houk, Orsic, Mirabile, Rigley, Tegtmeier, Sedlack); Abstain – Essig.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

App. ___ President Leandra M. Sedlack Secretary Lisa A. Houk