

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Regular Meeting

March 18, 2009

At its regular meeting on March 18, 2009, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- Student Recognition

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

- Open Forum

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who stated Board Member Patti Essig sends her regrets for not attending tonight's meeting due to a graduate class.

Heard from a parent who had a question about preschool/extended day kindergarten revenue and expenses and would like a comparison from last year to this year.

- Additional Items to be Placed on Agenda

Heard from Board Member Scot Orsic who requested the following three items be placed on the agenda: discussion of why his letter presented in open forum at the February 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

- Consent Agenda

By a vote of 5 to 1, approved the consent agenda 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.

### Reports and Discussions:

- Review of Board Policies Relating to Curriculum Approval

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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. It was the feeling of the Board 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

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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:*

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Meeting  
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf regarding the scheduling of the organizational meeting after canvassing of the vote. 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  
Heard from Board President Leandra Sedlack who 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  
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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  
Heard from Board Member Mark Mirabile who shared the results of the meeting that took place on March 7<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- Action Items  
Unanimously approved action items regarding the amendment to the student/parent handbook regarding electronic devices effective immediately; and to hold the Board of Education's Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the administration building.
- Next Agenda  
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.
- Closed Session  
The Board met in closed session from 8:44 –9:50 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel.
- Action Items  
By a vote of 6 to 1, approved the March 2009 Personnel Report as amended; and staffing recommendations for the FY10 school year as presented.
- Adjournment  
Adjourned the regular meeting at 9:52 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be  
Wednesday, April 15, 2009  
7:00 p.m. in the  
District 107 Administration Building**

**The Organizational meeting of the Board of Education will be  
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