

**Board Meeting Highlights**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 20, 2009**

At its regular meeting on May 20, 2009, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- **Student Recognition**  
Heard from Board Secretary Lisa Houk and Board Member Patti Essig who presented certificates of recognition from the Board of Education to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade conference championship volleyball team; 8<sup>th</sup> grade conference and tournament championship volleyball team; and LT fitness day winners.
- **Staff Recognition**  
Heard from Board Secretary Lisa Houk and Board Member Patti Essig who presented certificates of appreciation from the Board of Education to Sherry Brillisour, Karen Derose, Maureen Ludwinski and Anna Maria Velasquez for their dedication and hard work with the lunch program at Pleasantdale.
- **Open Forum**  
Heard from a parent of a kindergartener who raised concerns regarding her child being sent home for a fever.
- **Consent Agenda**  
Unanimously approved the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of April 15, 2009; closed session meeting minutes of April 15, 2009; organizational meeting minutes of April 29, 2009; closed session meeting minutes of April 29, 2009; payment of April payroll/May warrants; milk bid and fees; hot lunch contract renewal; cleaning service contract; appointment of auditor; and May 2009 Personnel Report. The consent agenda was approved as revised. Lunch fees were raised from \$2.00 to \$2.25 for regular lunches and from \$2.50 to \$2.75 for Nutri-track lunches.

**Reports and Discussions:**

- **Curriculum Council Status Report**  
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who acknowledged and thanked the participants present who are on the Curriculum Council. Curriculum materials for all areas were available at the meeting for review. Dr. Fredisdorf explained the make up of the Curriculum Council and the process for writing curriculum. The curriculum revision process is ongoing to assure students are appropriately challenged at all levels. Elementary teacher, Mary Jo Borse, explained that skills and concepts were transformed to mastery statements with the help of Carol Roach from the Curriculum Institute. Teachers, Amy DuVall and Eric Busch gave examples of Level I, II and III assessments based on the research of Dr. Marzano. Mary Jo Borse discussed outstanding issues related to Level III questions. Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the goals that were set by each discipline last year and the status for completing those goals. Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf explained that in June on the Consent Agenda the Board formally approves the curriculum of the district. Board Member Beth Tegtmeier thanked all the members of the Curriculum Council. She enjoyed her time working with on the council.
- **Math Textbook Home Access Update**  
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who updated the Board that web access is available for students regarding the Envision math series. Students not able to access the textbook online can bring their hard copy textbook home as needed. Four CD roms of student textbooks at each grade level have been ordered. Students may check out a CD rom to take home.
- **Strategic Planning Status Report**

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who discussed the time and planning that was done by the Curriculum Council and Communication Action Team in creating the plans that were forwarded to the Core Planning Team. Board Member Rick Rigley went through the changes that were made by the Core Planning team to the action plans that were originally submitted by the committees. Board Member Mark Mirabile requested that the Board review ERS #3 on communication and requested reinstating this ERS with a minor modifications to the wording. It was decided that ERS #3 would be reinstated and reworded. Board Member Rick Rigley expressed concern with changing what the Core Planning team recommendations as presented. Board member Rick Rigley also discussed the curriculum action plans. Some changes where made by the Core Planning Team that would give the staff more flexibility in how they use the Learning in Depth program. Board member Lisa Houk stated that the part removed from the Learning in Depth statement was really the core meaning of Learning in Depth and should be reviewed. The Board will be approving the plans in June.

- *IDEA Stimulus Expenditure Proposal*

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who explained the IDEA stimulus money that the district may be receiving. The Curriculum Council, building level teams and technology committee worked cooperatively to determine the use of the money. The money will be used for technology, special education services and special education assessment tools. The Board was asked to approve the \$187,378 proposal immediately so the information can be submitted to LADSE who will submit the proposal. The district would like to submit its plan as soon as possible so that the expenditures can be made as soon as funds are available. The recommended expenditure is largely a one time event that will not commit the district to long term obligations.

- *Grade 1 Job Share*

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who shared that there are 38 parents who would be interested in having their children placed in the job share classroom. If the Board approves the proposal, not all 38 families will be involved in the job share classroom as it would be limited to 20-25 students. Parent feedback and DIBELS scores will be used to monitor the program. Board Member Patti Essig thought that all grade 1 parents should be given the opportunity to meet the teachers before the beginning of the school year.

- *June Board Retreat Planning*

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who shared that previously at the Board Retreats the district's goals are created and that the Board may want to discuss a self-evaluation process. A facilitator will be available for the retreat. Board President Leandra Sedlack stated that she would be happy to create draft outcomes for the retreat. Board members were requested to provide input to Dr. Fredisdorf. The Board retreat will take place on Tuesday, June 16 from 6-9 p.m.

- *Multi-Age Preschool Option*

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who recommended that a multi-age preschool option be offered in the afternoon, Monday-Friday starting in 2009-10. There are parents who would like to have their child in the a.m. and p.m. preschool. The multi-age program would allow parents to enroll in a p.m. program in addition to the a.m. Parents would also be able to add their child to the p.m. program during the year. Teachers are prepared to work in the summer to provide the differentiation necessary for a multi-age program. Students with IEP's who have the need for full day preschool would also be included in the a.m./p.m. program. Free/Reduced students would be offered either an a.m. or p.m. program depending on space. The addition of a multi-age program will not require more staffing. Parent interest will ultimately determine if the program is offered.

- *Action Items*

Unanimously approved the Grade 1 Job Share proposal with Lucy Leone-Arroyo and Judy Sarwark; the IDEA stimulus expenditure proposal in the amount of \$187,378 as presented; and the multi-age preschool option.

- Next Agenda

Approve Prevailing Wage Resolution; Approve Voluntary Student Insurance; Transfer of Interest; Payment of June 30 Warrants; Superintendent Performance Evaluation; SEL Program Evaluation; Spring Testing Report; Appoint Imprest Fund Custodian; Approve Action Plans; Approve District Curriculum and Board Retreat Follow-up; and June Personnel Report.

- Open Forum

Heard from the same kindergarten parent who thanked each member of the Board for listening to her regarding the well being of her daughter. She submitted a written explanation of her complaints and requested a response.

Heard from a parent of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader who has not been in school for the last month. She would like to know why her daughter has not been given the opportunity for homebound tutoring in the home setting as stated in Board policy.

Heard from a parent who is hoping that Kindergarten classrooms will receive promethean boards. She stated she would like to see 60 minutes in math for the kindergarten and feels that there is a difference in extended day kindergarten and full day kindergarten. The half day students do not get enough time to play.

Heard from a parent who would like the Board to share the outcomes of the closed session Board self-evaluation that took place on April 29.

Heard from a parent who expressed satisfaction with the half day kindergarten. She expressed that her children received an excellent education in a half day program and questioned the need for a full day program for all students. When the students are home the other half of the day it is an opportunity for enrichment. She didn't feel left out from afternoon events.

- Closed Session

The Board met in closed session from 9:55 –11:50 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel and pending litigation.

- Adjournment

Adjourned the regular meeting at 11:51 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be  
Wednesday, June 17, 2009  
7:00 p.m. in the  
District 107 Administration Building**