

## Board Meeting Highlights

### **Regular Meeting**

**July 16, 2008**

At its regular meeting on July 16, 2008, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- Open Forum

Heard from a parent who requested that the Board look into ability grouping and acknowledge PEN (Pleasantdale Education Network). The organization would like to be recognized and work with the Board.

- Consent Agenda

Unanimously approved the consent agenda consisting of: special meeting minutes of June 17, 2008; regular meeting minutes of June 18, 2008; closed session meeting minutes of June 18, 2008; payment of June payroll/July warrants; establish petty cash fund; July 2008 personnel report; and declassify closed session minutes.

### Reports and Discussions:

- Full Day Kindergarten Program

The full day kindergarten program issue was brought by Board member Scot Orsic as a parking lot issue. The Board had previously been provided with handouts regarding full day kindergarten programs. Board member Mark Mirabile stated that the handouts only showed that “at risk” students benefited from full day and not “all students” benefited from full day programs. After Board discussion, it was decided that the district would not pursue researching the full day kindergarten option.

- SEL Program, Status and Evaluation

Heard from Director of Student Services Maria Smith who presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the current SEL program. Board Member Rick Rigley shared information from Dr. McKnown, who has been working with the SEL committee to improve the SEL program evaluation. Dr. McKnown will continue to working with the committee to develop a recommendation for revising the SEL process.

- Remedial Reading Program Update

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf regarding the Remedial Reading Program. GATES scores were provided to show that remarkable results have taken place for the majority of students receiving remedial services. Each year the number of students in this program has dropped due to early intervention.

- District Goals

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who presented the six statements from the Board Retreat to make sure everyone was clear on what they meant. It was decided that the following ideas would be worked into possible goals: advance SEL program and corresponding evaluation to the next level and accountability; evaluate and update strategic plan; continuation of last year’s goal on student achievement; and update financial projections to include more cost analysis and financial reporting at the program level.

- Bright Beginnings/Kindergarten Tuition for 2008-09

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who clarified any questions regarding the action items that would be voted on later in the meeting.

- Action Items

The Board unanimously passed the motion that the tuition increases approved by the Board in October 2007 for 3 and 4 preschool students would be maintained. Extended day kindergarten tuition would remain at the 2007-08 rate for 2008-09 only because parents were not properly informed of the rate increase. Specifically, parents of students matriculating into kindergarten in 2008-09 did not receive the complete registration packet listing the revised fees for extended day kindergarten. Also, the District will provide tuition reductions or scholarships for families qualifying by free and reduced lunch per Federal guidelines. Families eligible for free lunch would receive full scholarship. Families eligible for reduced lunch would receive a scholarship for 75% of the full tuition.

- Next Agenda

Approve Employee and Student/Parent Handbooks; Approve District Goals; Enrollment Report (written); Staff Recognition; Customer Service Survey Results; Tentative Budget.

- Open Forum

Heard from a parent who thanked the Board for their passing of the motion on kindergarten fees. She would also like to see more money invested in technology and smart boards.

Heard from a parent who thanked Board members for looking into the full day kindergarten option. She stated that extended day kindergarten should be cancelled and the money used for technology and would like to see our website updated more often.

Heard from a parent who thanked the Board for all their hard work. He was disappointed that the District was not going to look into the full day kindergarten option. He would like to see the district stop subsidizing extended day kindergarten and to use the money for other areas.

- Adjournment

Adjourned the regular meeting at 10:30 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be  
Wednesday, August 20, 2008  
7:00 p.m. in the  
District 107 Administration Building**