

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:01 – 8:04 p.m. September 23, 2009

Members Present:

Leandra Sedlack, Presiding Officer

Patti Essig

Lisa Houk

Karen O'Halloran

Beth Tegtmeier

Absent:

Rick Rigley

Mark Mirabile

ROLL CALL AND
VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko, Meg Pokorny, Catherine Chang, Kim Freislinger, Matt Vandercar, Jeanne Williamson, Lauren Miller, and Chris Markovitz; residents Gina Nelson, Michael Rak and Diane Norris.

ACTION NO. 16
Budget Hearing

Board President Sedlack declared the budget hearing open at 7:03 p.m.

Business Manager Catherine Chang outlined expenditures and revenues, and answered questions posed by the Board. There was no public comment on the materials presented.

Board President Sedlack declared the budget hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

ACTION NO. 17
Tentative Budget
Amended

Motion by O'Halloran, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education approves the amendments to the tentative 2009-10 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 5 ayes (Essig, Houk, O'Halloran, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) absent – Mirabile, Rigley.

ACTION NO. 18
Budget Adopted

Motion by O'Halloran, seconded by Sedlack, that the Board of Education adopts the 2009-10 school district budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 5 ayes (Essig, Houk, O'Halloran, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) absent – Mirabile, Rigley.

STAFF
RECOGNITION

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf expressed the appreciation of the Board in recognizing the GCA cleaning crew for all the hard work in getting the schools ready for the beginning of the school year. Even though they are not employees of the district, they are invested in the district and the students of Pleasantdale and it shows in their hard work and dedication. Board President Leandra Sedlack and Board member Beth Tegtmeier presented certificates and a small token of appreciation to each of the seven members of the cleaning crew.

INTRODUCTION
OF NEW STAFF

Principal Matt Vandercar introduced Lauren Miller as the new resource teacher at the elementary school.

ADDITIONAL
ITEMS

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf recognized Board President Leandra Sedlack for her level II status as a Board member from the IASB. The scheduled closed session was canceled. Board President Leandra Sedlack shared a letter that she received from the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) in recognition for the work done by Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf on the IASA Platform and Resolutions committee.

ACTION NO. 8
Consent Agenda

Motion by Houk, seconded by O'Halloran, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as revised consisting of: regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2009 (revised); closed session meeting minutes of August 19, 2009; payment of August payroll/September warrants; 2009-10 ISBE Application for Recognition; Personnel (sec.5) Board Policies; Business Manager Job Title. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 5 ayes (Essig, Houk, O'Halloran, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) absent – Mirabile, Rigley.

REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS*Review Curriculum (section 6) Board Policies*

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf explained that aligning section 6 with model policy was recommended. The Board went through the policies making minor changes. The policies will be approved on the consent agenda at the October Board meeting.

Board Self-Evaluation Process

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf explained the proposal for Board self-evaluations that was worked on with Board President Leandra Sedlack and Board member Karen O'Halloran. The decision to self evaluate in the short term and long term was discussed. Board member Karen O'Halloran shared that neighboring districts use the ISBE's form. One district reported that they address problems immediately. One short term goal identified was monitoring whether the Board receives the appropriate amount of information in preparation for meetings. The process of placing items on the agenda was also mentioned as a potential short term goal. These items may also be added to the long term goals as there are no immediate issues. Board member Lisa Houk felt that we still needed to do work on our communication with the community. The discussion of another survey of the community to see how the Board could improve communication was discussed. For the June Retreat, the results of the community survey would be reviewed along with other pertinent data.

District Storage Shed

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf requested that the Board review the information presented so direction could be given as to what information the Board might need regarding the garage options. The majority of the Board agreed and directed Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf to gather more information and quotes for an all metal garage including prices, pictures and landscaping options for the project. The Board is scheduled to approve a proposal at the October meeting.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the October 2009 agenda include:
Technology Plan Status Report; Elementary/Middle School Improvement Plans;
Adopt Proposed Tax Levy; Approve Curriculum (section 6) Board Policies; Review Finance
(section 4) Board Policies; Town Hall Meeting Planning; Approve District Storage Garage
Proposal; Review of Extra-Curricular Student Activities (written).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

App. __ President Standra M. Sedack Secretary Luci Hawk