

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting

October 21, 2009

At its regular meeting on October 21, 2009, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- Open Forum
Heard from a parent who shared that she has heard nothing but positive things regarding the new Promethean boards.
- Consent Agenda
Unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of September 23, 2009; payment of September payroll/October warrants; Curriculum (section 6) Board Policies; and October 2009 Personnel Report.

Reports and Discussions:

- Memorandum of Agreement with Cook County Health Department Regarding H1N1 Vaccine Program
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who explained the Cook County Health Department's request regarding the Memorandum of Agreement to provide H1N1 vaccines at our location. Pending Board approval, our location would be placed on the list to host the vaccination program in the upcoming months. The number of vaccines that will be available and the exact time for offering are uncertain. Superintendent Fredisdorf recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Cook County so that Pleasantdale would be a location for offering the vaccine. Board President Leandra Sedlack commented on the correspondence from our attorneys regarding the agreement. It was noted that as a public body, the district would only be offering the school as a location for the vaccination program and not sponsoring it directly.
- Garage Construction Proposals
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who shared with the Board the proposals that were received for the garage construction project. Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf is recommending that the Board approve the proposal submitted by Pit Construction for \$39,600. Pending Board approval, the construction would begin as soon as possible and completed this fall. Landscaping of the site will begin next spring. Also, a motion activated light will be placed on the front of the garage for security purposes.
- Technology Plan Overview
Heard from Technology Specialist Judith Stevens who informed the Board of the status of the technology plan. This summer, student laptops were installed in the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms; computers were replaced in the labs at both schools, and lab computers were redeployed to elementary classrooms. For the 2010-11 school year, teachers' computers will be replaced along with the servers. Technology Specialist John McAtee shared with the Board the status of the training on the Promethean boards. Mr. McAtee discussed the creation of the 2012-2015 Technology Plan. The committee has been formed and will begin meeting in February. In October of 2010, the new plan will be presented to the Board as a first draft. Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf discussed the technology skills assessments that have been taking place in the district. Learning.com is a web-based technology skills assessment. The results indicate that the district is making progress in improving students' technology skills. Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf acknowledged all the hard work that Judith Stevens had done with installation of the Promethean boards.
- Elementary and Middle School 2009-10 Improvement Plans
Heard from Elementary School Principal Matt Vandercar and staff member Karla Boehnke who shared with the Board identified priorities and accomplishments in the areas of SEL, technology, instruction and school procedures. Principal Vandercar reviewed new priorities for the 2009-2010 school year in instruction, remediation, and technology. He also described how standardized test scores will be used to monitor progress. Middle School Principal Meg Pokorny provided a status report on progress in attaining 2008-09 goals. New goals for the current school year include improvements to social skills attainment, increased student ownership of learning, and continued improvements in student technology skills.

- Finance (section 4) Board Policies
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who explained that he and Board President Leandra Sedlack reviewed the existing section 4 and model policies on finance. The Board then reviewed the policies that will be up for approval at the November meeting.
- Town Hall Meeting Planning
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who presented to the Board potential topics for consideration for the February 3, 2010 Town Hall Meeting. Further information on the topics will be provided to the Board and no specific items were chosen at the current time. Board President Leandra Sedlack suggested that an explanation and presentation of the Promethean boards would benefit the parents of students in the district.
- Tax Levy
Heard from Business Manager Catherine Chang regarding the process of developing the tax levy. The levy is finalized at the December 16, 2009 public hearing.
- Action Item
The Board unanimously approved to adopt the proposed 2009 tax levy and authorized publication of the public hearing notice; District Garage Proposal with Pit Construction; and Memorandum of Agreement with Cook County Health Department regarding H1N1 Vaccine Program.
- Next Agenda
Items for the November Board Meeting: Academic Goals Status Report; Five-year Financial Projections; Audit Report; Approve Financial and Operational Services (section 4) Board Policies; Curriculum Council Update; Town Hall Meeting Planning.
- Open Forum
Heard from a parent who shared that she liked the idea demonstrating the Promethean boards at the town hall meetings and felt this would bring more families out to attend. She also expressed that a Promethean board in the Board room would be desirable.
- Closed Session
Met in closed session (8:45 p.m. – 9:25 p.m.) to discuss contract negotiations.
- Adjournment
Adjourned the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
7:00 p.m. in the
District 107 Administration Building**