

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting

June 16, 2010

At its regular meeting on June 16, 2010, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- **Open Forum**

Heard from a parent who is concerned about the current enrollment numbers for next year's first grade. She would like to see an additional 1st grade section opened.

Heard from two additional parents who would also like to see an additional section added for next year's 1st grade.

Heard from a parent who wished the Board a nice summer.

- **Consent Agenda**

Unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda as revised consisting of: regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2010; closed session meeting minutes of May 19, 2010; payment of May payroll/June warrants; prevailing wage resolution; voluntary school insurance; transfer of interest; payment of June 30 warrants; imprest fund custodian; designation of depositories for school district funds; June 2010 personnel report; and sec. 2 Board policies and Policy 6:10.

Reports and Discussions:

- **June Testing Report**

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who reviewed the conclusions of the June 2010 Testing Report. Gates reading scores generally improved particularly in grade 5. DIBELS testing showed more "at risk" readers than past two years in Kindergarten and only 1-3% of readers "at risk" by the end of grade 1. For the 2009-10 school year, the two students who were in the "at risk" category at the end of first grade did not attend Kindergarten at Pleasantdale. This is a usual trend that is seen in the "at risk" categories by the end of grade 1. Grade 8 EXPLORE tests are the highest ever posted by Pleasantdale students. The Learning.com Technology Skills Assessment indicated that 74 out of 81 (91%) of grade 8 students exceeded national technology proficiency standards. John Wick, Wick Partners, reviewed the Gates Reading Test scores from 2008-10. He concluded that the scores indicated impressive gains. All scaled scores have risen and there have been no grade levels with significant decreases.

- **SEL Evaluation Update**

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who presented the elementary and middle school behavioral data from 2008-09 to 2009-10. There were fewer behavioral infractions in 2009-10 compared to 2008-09. The trend, therefore, is heading in a desired direction. The Board also reviewed the social skills comparison data that were compiled using the Social Skills Improvement System (SSIS). It was the recommendation of Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf and Board members/SEL committee members Rick Rigley and Beth Tegtmeier that the SSIS should be used for another year to obtain a third data point for comparison. Board Secretary Lisa Houk asked if the responses to the SSIS survey are shared with the parents as some of the questions/answers may be beneficial for parents. The surveys are not sent home, but are available for review by students or parents.

- **Grade 1 2010-11 Enrollment**

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who shared with the Board that the administration has been closely monitoring grade 1 enrollments for next school year to determine if it will be necessary to open a fifth section. There are confirmed 93 students in grade 1 for next year. In July, a recommendation will be brought to the Board if grade 1 enrollments merit the addition of a fifth section. The Board reviewed the Kassarda report which predicted 98 grade 1 students in 2010-11.

- **District 2009-10 Goal Status**

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who reviewed for the Board communication action plan implementation status. From the communication survey that was sent to district parents, personal email was the preferred method of delivering communication with parents. Classroom email lists were created for all teachers, email blasts regarding upcoming events and teacher web pages are just a few of the new initiatives that have been implemented this past year. For the 2010-11 school year, all Friday packets will be sent to parents electronically. Parents will still have the option to receive a hard copy of the packet. Those parents electing to receive a hard copy will be notified via personal email with a

link to Friday packet content on the web. For the upcoming school year, all families will be required to provide current email addresses. The STI student software will be upgraded this summer resulting in new capabilities that include: alerts to parents for absences, discipline and assignments; and progress report notices.

- *District 2010-11 Goals*

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who affirmed that the Board identified two goal areas at its June 8 special meeting. They are communication and curriculum. The Board will discuss specific conditions of satisfaction for the communication goal in July and for the curriculum goal in August. Input will be solicited from the Curriculum Council for the curriculum goal prior to the August meeting.

- *Next Agenda*

Items for the July Board Meeting: Establish Petty Cash Fund; Summer Academy Update (written); Hiring Status Report (written); Review/Approve Employee and Student/Parent Handbooks; Board/Superintendent Goals; Remedial Program Evaluation; Declassify Executive Session Minutes; District 2010-11 Goals; Review Personnel (section 5) and Student (section 7) Board Policies; Grade 1 2010-11 Recommendation; and Gifted Update (written).

- *Open Forum*

Heard from a parent who asked what arrangement would exist for the 2011-12 school year for grade 2 if a fifth section of grade 1 were added in 2010-11.

- *Closed Session*

The Board met in closed session from 8:35 to 10:04 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel; contract negotiations; and Superintendent performance evaluation/compensation.

- *Adjournment*

Adjourned the regular meeting at 10:05 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be
Wednesday, July 21, 2010
7:00 p.m. in the
District 107 Administration Building**