

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:02 – 9:05 p.m. August 19, 2009

Members Present:

Leandra Sedlack arrived during meeting
 Patti Essig
 Lisa Houk
 Mark Mirabile, Presiding Officer
 Karen O'Halloran
 Rick Rigley
 Beth Tegtmeier

ROLL CALL AND
VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko, Meg Pokorny, Catherine Chang, Kim Freislinger, Matt Vandercar, Kelly Voliva, Kathleen Kostal, Jeanne Williamson, Jason Munchoff, Jillian Vonnahme, Kristi Vervack and Cathleen Gilmartin; and residents Gina Nelson, and Michael Rak.

ADDITIONAL
ITEMS

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf introduced Kelly Voliva as Director of Special Education. Principal Matt Vandercar introduced Kristi Vervack as the new elementary art teacher and Principal Meg Pokorny introduced new middle school staff; Katie Kostal, Spanish; Cathleen Gilmartin, language arts; Jillian Vonnahme, 5th grade; and Jason Munchoff, resource teacher.

OPEN FORUM

Gina Nelson, who served on the communication action team, expressed the opinion that changes have not been made to improve communication. On August 5th the Village of Willow Springs was awarded a grant for the Safe Routes to School program. She felt this grant may save the district money on busing because sidewalks would be built allowing students to walk to school. She felt that contact between the district, the newspapers and the Village of Willow Springs could have been better.

ACTION NO. 8
Consent Agenda

Motion by Houk, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as revised consisting of: regular meeting minutes of July 15, 2009; closed session meeting minutes of July 15, 2009; payment of July payroll/August warrants; employee and student/parent handbooks; Board policy 4.44; Board policy on Students section 7; Serious Safety Hazard Resolution; and August 2009 personnel report. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Rigley, Tegtmeier) absent – Sedlack.

REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Middle School Math Workshop

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf shared information from parents who were surveyed regarding their preference as to when the math workshop should be held. There were 18 respondents to the survey. Superintendent Fredisdorf reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of math workshop options. One important advantage of holding it during the day was that it would be a graded class thereby increasing accountability. Parents who responded to the survey indicated they would prefer the day time option if their children

were enrolled in both math and reading workshop. Board member Karen O'Halloran stated her concern that the students who received both reading and math might not increase in reading workshop as when they had five days of reading the past year. Board member Rick Rigley questioned how long it would take to get trend data to accurately evaluate the program.

Review Personnel Section 5 Board Policies

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf explained how he and Board President Leandra Sedlack took model policy and reviewed it with our current policy to see if there were any changes needed. The Board reviewed each policy that was up for approval. Clarification will be made with the attorney on identified policies and this section will be scheduled for approval at the September Board meeting.

Tentative Budget

Business Manager Catherine Chang discussed the budget process and tentative budget for 2009-10. Questions by Board members were addressed after her presentation.

ACTION NO. 9

Board/Supt. Goals

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education approves the Board/Superintendent goals for 2009-2010. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

ACTION NO. 10

Math Workshop

Motion by Essig, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education approve implementation of the middle school math workshop during periods reserved for Spanish, during the regular school day, Monday to Friday for the 2009-10 school year. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 4 ayes (Essig, Houk, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) 1 nay (O'Halloran) and 2 abstains (Mirabile and Rigley).

ACTION NO. 11

Budget Hearing

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education schedule a budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, display the tentative FY10 budget from August 21 through September 23, and publish a notice outlining the display process and budget hearing date. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the September 2009 agenda include:
Budget Hearing; Adopt Annual Budget; Approve Personnel (section 5) Board Policies; Review Curriculum and Instruction (section 6) Board Policies; Board Self-Evaluation Process; Review Middle School Garage Options.

ACTION NO. 12

Closed Session

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by O'Halloran, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss matters relating to an individual student. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Rigley, Sedlack, and Tegtmeier).

The Board came out of closed session at 9:02 p.m.

ACTION NO. 13
Campos Appeal 1

Motion by Rigley, seconded by Essig, that the Board of Education uphold the superintendent's disposition to Mrs. Campos dated June 4, 2009. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Essig, Houk, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) 1 nay (O'Halloran) and 1 abstain (Mirabile).

ACTION NO. 14
Campos Appeal 2

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education uphold the decision of the superintendent requiring H1N1 testing of Mrs. Campos' daughter. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Essig, Houk, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) 1 nay (O'Halloran) and 1 abstain (Mirabile).

ACTION NO. 15
Campos Appeal 3

Motion by Essig, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education uphold the denial to reimburse Mrs. Campos for medical expenses relating to influenza H1N1 testing of her daughter. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Essig, Houk, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) 1 nay (O'Halloran) and 1 abstain (Mirabile).

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

App. ___ President *Summa M. Sedlack* Secretary *Devi O'Halloran*