

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting

August 19, 2009

At its regular meeting on August 19, 2009, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- Introduction of New Staff

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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

Heard from a parent who served on the communication action team who 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.

- Consent Agenda

Unanimously voted to approve the amended consent agenda 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.

Reports and Discussions:

- Middle School Math Workshop

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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

Heard from Business Manager Catherine Chang regarding the budget process and tentative budget for 2009-10.

- Action Items

Unanimously approved

- Board/Superintendent Goals for 2009-10

- Budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, display of the tentative FY10 budget from August 21 through September 23, and publishing a notice outlining the display process and budget hearing dates. Approved by a 4-1 vote (2 abstentions)
 - 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.
- Next Agenda
Items for the September Board Meeting: 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.
- Closed Session
Met in closed session (8:22 p.m. – 9:02 p.m.) to discuss matters relating to an individual student.
- Action Item
By a vote of 5-1, (1 abstention) the Board approved upholding the Superintendent’s disposition to Mrs. Campos dated June 4, 2009; upholding the decision of the Superintendent requiring H1N1 testing of Mrs. Campos’ daughter; and to upholding the denial to reimburse Mrs. Campos for medical expenses relating to influenza H1N1 testing of her daughter.
- Adjournment
Adjourned the regular meeting at 9:05 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
7:00 p.m. in the
District 107 Administration Building**