

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Administration Building 7:00 – 7:34 p.m. January 6, 2010

Members Present:

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

ROLL CALL AND
VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko, and Jeanne Williamson.

REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Race to the Top Grant

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf explained the Race to the Top Grant. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the grant was not forwarded to the district until December 18 and is due January 11 requiring a special Board meeting. The Race to the Top Grant is a highly competitive federal grant to state level education agencies. The State Board of Education could potentially receive between two and four million dollars if it successfully competed for the grant. It is not known how much money a local school district that signed the MOU would receive. Priority will be given to districts with high numbers of low income students. The MOU would subject the district to changes in curriculum, assessments, data management and teacher/principal evaluations that were not clearly defined. Concerns were raised by Board members that the cost of participating in this grant program would exceed the benefits.

ACTION NO. 31

Race to the Top

Motion by Essig, and with no second to the motion to approve signature and submittal of the Race to the Top Grant Memorandum of Understanding, motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

App. ___ President

Leandra M. Sedlack

Secretary

Lisa Houk