

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 – 8:27 p.m. July 21, 2010

Members Present:

Leandra Sedlack, Presiding Officer

Patti Essig

Lisa Houk

Mark Mirabile

Rick Rigley

Absent:

Karen O'Halloran

Beth Tegtmeier

ROLL CALL AND  
VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko, Meg Pokorny, Catherine Chang, Matt Vandercar, Joni Sherman; and residents Kristin Violante, Linda Thorell and Melissa Mendez.

ADDITIONAL  
ITEMS

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf introduced and the Board welcomed Middle School Assistant Principal Joni Sherman.

ACTION NO. 1  
Consent Agenda

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as revised consisting of: special meeting minutes of June 8, 2010; regular meeting minutes of June 16, 2010; closed session meeting minutes of June 16, 2010; payment of June payroll/July warrants; establish petty cash fund; July 2010 personnel report; declassify selected closed session minutes; parent/student and employee handbooks; and District 181 Resolution and Withdrawal Petition. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Rigley, Sedlack) Absent - O'Halloran, Tegtmeier.

REPORTS AND  
DISCUSSION ITEMS

*Grade 1 Enrollment Report*

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the status of enrollment in grade 1 for the upcoming school year. At the present time, 94 students are projected for grade 1. It is the recommendation of Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf with the consultation of Principal Matt Vandercar that the Board move to approve opening a fifth section of grade 1 for the 2010-11 school year. The status of enrollment and a decision when this cohort moves into grade 2 will be reviewed by June 2011.

*Review Personnel (sec. 5) and Students (sec. 7) Board Policies*

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf had reviewed with Board President Leandra Sedlack Personnel (sec. 5) and Students (sec. 7) Board policies. Based on Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) model policy and attorney review, minor revisions were made. The Board will approve the changes at the August meeting.

Remedial Program Evaluation

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the remedial programs. Based on the data, the following conclusions were made:

Reading

- Grade 1 Gates data confirm DIBELS results that 2-3 students are in the “at risk” category at the end of grade 1.
- In grades 2-4, there remain approximately 3-6 students per grade reading below grade level despite existing remedial programming.
- By grades 7 and 8, the vast majority of students are reading at or above grade level.

Math

- Elementary action math students’ performance on the ITBS in May 2010 is mixed at best. Grade 4 performance, in particular, was disappointing with 9 out of 14 students posting lower ITBS scores from fall 2009 to May 2010.
- Holding elementary action math prior to the beginning of school in the morning is resulting in erratic attendance and/or non-attendance.
- Middle school math lab results are generally positive. By grades 7 and 8, the vast majority of students are performing at grade level or above.

For the 2010-11 school year, Action Math will begin at the start of the school year, not after 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. It will also be at the end of the day so that students will be able to access the late bus and there are less activities at that time.

District 2010-11 Goals

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the conditions of satisfaction for the 2010-11 communication goal that was drafted with Board President Leandra Sedlack. Final Board approval of the communication goal is scheduled for the August Meeting. The Curriculum goal conditions of satisfaction will be drafted by the Curriculum Council and advanced to the Board of Education for review at the August meeting.

ACTION NO. 2

## Grade 1 Addition

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Essig, that the Board of Education approve opening a fifth section of grade 1 for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Rigley, Sedlack) Absent - O’Halloran, Tegtmeier.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the August 2010 agenda include:  
Approve District 2010-11 Communication Goal; Enrollment Report (written); District 2010-11 Goals; Tentative Budget; Approve Personnel (section 5) and Students (section 7) Board Policies; and Review Instruction (section 6) Board Policies.

OPEN FORUM

Kristin Violante thanked the Board for adding a fifth section of grade 1 for the 2010-11 school year.

ACTION NO. 3

Closed Session

Motion by Essig, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Rigley, Sedlack) Absent - O'Halloran, Tegtmeier.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

App. \_\_ President

Seandra M. Sedlack

Secretary

Lisa A. Houk