

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:01 – 8:18 p.m. August 18, 2010

Members Present:

Leandra Sedlack, Presiding Officer

Patti Essig

Karen O'Halloran

Rick Rigley

Beth Tegtmeier

Absent:

Lisa Houk

Mark Mirabile

ROLL CALL AND
VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko, Meg Pokorny, Catherine Chang, Matt Vandercar, Joni Sherman, Ken Bray, Kevin Kusnik; Janet Kucek, Debra Acanfora, Megan Cannon, Sharon Collins, Karen Lisowski, Maureen McGonigle, Barbara Berndt, and Stephany Bassett; Ares Dalianis of Franczek & Radlet; and residents Christopher Brennan, Eva Brennan, Linda Thorell and Gina Nelson.

Board member Patti Essig arrived at 7:04 p.m.

INTRODUCTION
OF NEW STAFF

Principal Matt Vandercar introduced elementary school teachers Stephany Bassett, preschool; Karyn Lisowski, resource; Maureen McGonigle, Spanish; Barbara Berndt, social worker; and Janet Kucek, reading. Principal Meg Pokorny introduced new middle school staff Kevin Kusnik, health; Ken Bray, P.E., Debra Acanfora, grade 6; Sharon Collins, gifted; and Megan Cannon, social worker.

ADDITIONAL
ITEMS

Board President Leandra Sedlack requested the addition of an agenda item concerning training from Larry Huggins about meeting facilitation that she and Board Secretary Lisa Houk attended August 10-12. Permission from the Board was granted.

OPEN FORUM

Gina Nelson wished the Board a happy summer.

ACTION NO.4
Consent Agenda

Motion by Rigley, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as revised consisting of: regular meeting minutes of July 21, 2010; closed session meeting minutes of July 21, 2010; payment of July payroll/August warrants; District 2010-11 communication goal; Board members to serve on Communication Committee; Personnel (sec. 5) and Students (sec. 7) Board Policies; Serious Safety Hazard Resolution; August 2010 Personnel Report; and receipt of auditor's letter. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Essig, O'Halloran, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier). Absent - Houk, Mirabile.

REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review Instruction (sec. 6) Board Policies

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed with Board President Leandra Sedlack Instruction (sec. 6) 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 September meeting.

District 2010-11 Curriculum Goals

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the Curriculum Goals that were forwarded to the Board from the Curriculum Council. The Goals were created and approved by consensus at the Curriculum Council level. The Board will approve the Curriculum Goals at the September meeting.

Status of UPS Tax Objection Intervention

Ares Dalianis, of Franczek & Radlet, presented an update to the Board on the UPS tax objection intervention process. He provided background information and is recommending that Pleasantdale School District join Lyons Township District 204 and Pleasant View Fire Protection District in retaining an independent appraiser. It is also the recommendation of Mr. Dalianis that the district move forward to file Petitions to Intervene for the 2008 tax year. The decision for the school district to retain an appraiser will be on the consent agenda for approval at the September Board meeting.

Tentative Budget

Business Manager Catherine Chang discussed the budget process and tentative budget for 2010-11. Mrs. Chang informed the Board that actual revenues for FY10 came in 8.4% above projections and spending was 3.6% below projections.

Larry Huggins Meeting Facilitation

Board President Leandra Sedlack shared information she gained from the Larry Huggins Meeting Facilitation Training last week. She suggested that the Board might want to review the current protocols the district uses for meetings and create ones that would be more specific to the Board. She felt the training was very useful and provided useful information.

ACTION NO. 5
Budget Hearing

Motion by O’Halloran, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education approve to schedule the budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, display of the tentative FY11 budget from August 19 through September 22, and publishing a notice outlining the display process and budget hearing dates. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Essig, O’Halloran, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) Absent - Houk, Mirabile.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the September 2010 agenda include:
Budget Hearing; Adopt Annual Budget; Approve Instruction (section 6) Board Policies; Approve District 2010-11 Goals; Approve UPS Appraiser and ISBE Application for Recognition.

ACTION NO. 6
Closed Session

Motion by Essig, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Essig, O’Halloran, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) Absent – Houk, Mirabile.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

App. __ President Leandra M. Sedlack Secretary Debra A. Houk