

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting                      Administration Building                      7:01 – 9:19 p.m.                      December 15, 2010

Members Present:

Leandra Sedlack, Presiding Officer  
 Mark Mirabile  
 Patti Essig  
 Lisa Houk  
 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, Matt Vandercar, Joni Sherman, Millie Vidakovich and Margaret Smith; and residents Linda Thorell and Gina Nelson.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Board President Leandra Sedlack and Board Secretary Lisa Houk presented certificates to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade math team for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Montini Math Competition. Certificates were also presented to two elementary students who won gold and silver awards in the STR Holiday Gift Card Competition.

MOTION NO. 18  
Tax Levy Hearing

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education declares the tax levy hearing open at 7:07 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

In her presentation to the Board, Business Manager Catherine Chang stated that based on the 2010 CPI figures, residents can expect an average 2.7% increase in property taxes assessed for District 107 school operations.

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education declares the tax levy hearing closed at 7:11 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

ACTION NO. 19  
Tax Levy Adoption

Motion by Rigley, seconded by O'Halloran, that the Board of Education adopts the 2010 tax levy as presented in the public hearing and authorizes the President and Secretary of the Board to sign all appropriate documents. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier.)

ACTION NO. 20  
Tax Levy Resolution

Motion by Rigley, seconded by Houk, that the Board of Education adopts a Resolution approving reducing the following funds where the levy exceeds the tax cap limitations: Working Cash (no less than \$0) and Transportation (no less than \$600,000) Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier.)

ACTION NO. 21  
Consent Agenda

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by O'Halloran, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of October 20, 2010; regular meeting minutes of November 17, 2010; payment of November payroll/December warrants; and Board policy 7:285 – Food Allergy Management. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier.)

REPORTS AND  
DISCUSSION ITEMSReview of Fee Structure

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the current registration fees for grades K-8. It was recommended by Board Secretary Lisa Houk and Board member Beth Tegtmeier to eliminate the base fee for registration. Families would only be required to pay for a PE lock, calculators and graduation material fees. The Board will make a motion regarding eliminating fees at the January Board meeting. The Board reviewed historical and projected revenue and costs for the Bright Beginnings and Extended Day Kindergarten. After discussion, the Board decided not to raise Bright Beginnings or Extended Day Kindergarten fees.

Preliminary Review of District Contracts

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the district's contracts regarding transportation, cleaning, food service, auditing services and data analysis with John Wick. First Student Bus Company has agreed to two additional years with the increase limited to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as of December 31. There would be no fuel escalator surcharge. Contract fiscal information including changes in fees will be available for the Board's review in Spring. A motion to approve John Wick's contract was advanced due to the contractual period of December 15, 2010 to December 15, 2011. Reviewing current legal services for the district will be added as an agenda item for January 2011.

Mid-term Review of Superintendent/District Goals

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the progress in attaining Board approved Superintendent/District goals. It was recommended that a parent advisory group be formed that would directly involve parents in the standards-based grading and reporting initiative. The Curriculum Council will begin updating the current report card. The Core Team has made a recommendation that the timeline for Board approval of the standards-based grading and reporting be extended. An ad hoc committee has been formed to review vendors of student management systems to decide if a change from our current software is needed. A recommendation to the Board regarding software needs will be presented in February.

Early Retirement Option (ERO) Update

Board member Karen O'Halloran shared with the Board her discussion with the lobbyist from IASB regarding ERO. It was recommended that the Board advance a resolution to IASB to eliminate the ERO option. She will keep the Board apprised of any new developments.

Town Hall Planning

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf solicited direction from the Board regarding a town hall meeting. He felt that a meeting in mid-April to inform parents and interested community members about upcoming curriculum implementation changes would be one possibility. The Board will continue to discuss the potential for a town hall meeting in future Board meetings.

Review Community Relations (sec. 8) Board Policies

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf shared policy revisions that he and Board President Leandra Sedlack adopted from model policy. The policy will be presented to the Board for approval in January.

ACTION NO. 22

Wick Contract

Motion by Rigley, seconded by Sedlack that the Board of Education approve the annual contract with Dr. John Wick for Data Analysis and Interpretation. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier.)

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the January 2011 agenda include:  
Mid-Year review of Non-tenured teachers and administrators, Town Hall Meeting Planning, Approve Community Relations (sec. 8) Board Policies; Curriculum Council Update; Declassify Selected Closed Session Minutes; Review Legal Services; Approve Elimination of Registration Fees; and District 181 Withdrawal from LADSE .

ACTION NO. 23

Closed Session

Motion by Essig, seconded by O'Halloran, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier.)

The Board came out of closed session at 9:17 p.m.

ACTION NO. 24

Personnel Report

Motion by O'Halloran, seconded by Mirabile that the Board of Education approve the December 2010 Personnel Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier.)

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

App. \_\_ President Scandra M. Sedlack Secretary Debra A. Houk