

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2010

At its regular meeting on December 15, 2010, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

Board of Education Recognition of Students

Heard from Board President Leandra Sedlack and Board Secretary Lisa Houk who presented certificates to the 8th grade math team for taking 2nd place in the 24th 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.

Tax Levy Hearing

Held a hearing on the 2010 tax levy (7:07-7:11 p.m.) and acted unanimously to adopt the 2010 tax levy as presented in public hearing and authorized the President and Secretary of the Board to sign all appropriate documents and the tax levy resolution reducing the following funds where the levy exceeds the tax cap limitation: working cash (no less than \$0) and transportation (no less than \$600,000).

Consent Agenda

Unanimously voted to 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.

Reports and Discussions:

Review of Fee Structure

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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 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

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf regarding 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

Heard from Board member Karen O'Halloran who 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

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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 Item

The Board unanimously approved the annual contract with Dr. John Wick for data analysis and interpretation.

Next Agenda

Items for the January Board Meeting: 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.

Closed Session

The Board met in closed session from 8:45 to 9:17 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel and contract negotiations.

Action Item

The Board unanimously approved the December 2010 Personnel Report as presented.

Adjournment

Adjourned the regular meeting at 9:19 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
7:00 p.m. in the
District 107 Administration Building**