

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2011

At its regular meeting on February 16, 2011, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

Board of Education Recognition of Staff

Heard from Board member Patti Essig who presented a certificate of appreciation to Mary Ann Wentzlaff for the hard work and dedication to the math team this year.

Board of Education Recognition of Students

Heard from Board members Patti Essig and Rick Rigley who presented certificates of recognition to the math team for placing 4th in the Latin school math competition. Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf shared that Pleasantdale was the highest performing public school at the competition.

Consent Agenda

Unanimously voted to approve the revised consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of January 19, 2011; closed session meeting minutes of January 19, 2011; payment of January payroll/February warrants; revised LADSE Articles of Agreement; Hinsdale 181 withdrawal from LADSE resolution.

Reports and Discussions:

Cooperative Transportation Agreement with St. John of the Cross

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who reviewed the terms of the District's cooperative transportation agreement with St. John of the Cross. The district is only required to cover \$15,000 of the cost and St. John of the Cross reimburses the district for any additional costs. The continuance of the cooperative transportation agreement with St. John of the Cross is being recommended for approval by the Board at the March Board meeting.

Preliminary Discussion of School Calendar FY12

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who reviewed the proposed school calendar which was recommended by the Calendar Committee that met in January. The notable changes from the 2010-11 calendar are the later start and end dates of the school year. This is a divergence from Lyons Township High School's beginning and ending dates. Also to follow Lyons Township High School's winter break, December 23 has been added to the winter break. The calendar is being recommended for approval by the Board at the March Board meeting.

Town Hall Meeting Planning

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who shared with the Board the opportunity the District has to retain Tammy Heflbower, Vice President of Marzano Laboratories, and Bev Clemens, administrator in Douglas County School District in Colorado, to present at the Town Hall Meeting on March 15 beginning at 7:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to have an expert on formative assessment and standards based grading and an administrator who has been implementing standards based grading in their district for several years to share their knowledge. On April 11 a cyber bullying/internet safety night has been scheduled with Sarah Migas, Office of the Illinois Attorney General and Burr Ridge Police Officer Angie Zucchero as speakers.

Preliminary Staffing Recommendations

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who reviewed the 2011-12 staffing recommendations at both schools. He proposed that grade 2 will have five sections in 2011-12. Instructional aide placement will be determined based upon the needs of special education students. Staffing recommendations as presented are recommended for approval by the Board at the March Board meeting.

Governance and Planning (sec. 1) Board Policy Review

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who reviewed one minor change on policy 1.13. This policy is being recommended for approval by the Board at the March Board meeting.

Grade 1 Job Share Proposal Discussion

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who reviewed the proposed Grade 1 Job Share proposal for the 2011-12 school year. Parent feedback from this year and parent interest for next year have been very positive. The Grade 1 Job Share proposal is being recommended for approval by the Board at the March Board meeting.

Pleasant Dale Park District Before and After School Program at Elementary School

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who discussed the current arrangement with the Park District regarding housing the before and after school program at elementary school. Continuation of the before and after school program at the elementary school is being recommended for approval by the Board at the March Board meeting.

Student Software Management System Status

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who reviewed the decision making process used by the software selection committee in making the recommendation to the Board to change to Skyward Student Software Management Program for the 2011-12 school year. More information and approval by the Board will take place at the March Board meeting.

Action Item

The Board unanimously approved \$500,000 to abate debt service for 2010 tax year; and placement of “Abatement of Debt Service” on Pro Forma Calendar.

Next Agenda

Items for the March Board Meeting: Approve Governance and Planning (sec. 1) Board Policy; Adopt FY12 School Calendar; Approve Grade 1 Job Share Proposal; Approve Pleasant Dale Park District Before and After School Program Intergovernmental Agreement; Approve Continuation of Cooperative Transportation Agreement with St. John of the Cross; Approve Staffing Recommendations; Re-employment of Non-tenure Personnel and Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teachers; Town Hall Meeting Review; Annual Board Report to the Community; and Student Software Management System Approval.

Open Forum

Heard from a parent who pointed out there was a clerical error in the Pleasant Dale Park District agreement that was included in Board packet. It stated DuPage County, not Cook.

Adjournment

Adjourned the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be
Wednesday, March 16, 2011
7:00 p.m. in the
District 107 Administration Building**