

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 p.m. – 9:37 p.m. August 17, 2011

Members Present:

Leandra Sedlack, Presiding Officer

Patti Essig

Lisa Houk

Karen O'Halloran

Gina Scaletta-Nelson

Absent:

Mark Mirabile

Beth Tegtmeier

ROLL CALL ANDVISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko, Matt Vandercar, Meg Pokorny, Joni Sherman, Catherine Chang, and Erin Berwick; and residents Kim Barker, Laura Moravek, Julie Ryan, Susan Camba, Sabrina Wu, Kristin Violante, and Dianne Norris.

OPEN FORUM

Julie Ryan commented regarding the requirement to reprove residency for any families enrolled under the Student Residency Affidavit. She stated she felt profiled by this requirement. She requested the names of the other families that are enrolled under the Student Residency Affidavit.

ACTION NO. 4Consent Agenda

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Houk, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as revised consisting of: regular meeting minutes of July 20, 2011; closed session meeting minutes of July 20, 2011; payment of July payroll/August warrants; Personnel (sec.5), Students (sec. 7) and 6:235 Board policies; Serious Safety Hazard Resolution; and August 2011 personnel report. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 4 ayes (Essig, Houk, O'Halloran, Sedlack) ; 1 nay (Scaletta-Nelson); absent (Mirabile, Tegtmeier).

REPORTS ANDDISCUSSION ITEMS*Review of Curriculum (sec. 6) Board Policies and Policies 5:35 and 5:185*

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed Board policies that he and Board President Leandra Sedlack revised based on Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) model policy and attorney review. These policies are scheduled for Board approval at the September Board meeting.

Review of Mastery of Learning Guidelines

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the changes made to the Mastery of Learning Guidelines by the Curriculum Council in response to Board of Education feedback. Elementary teacher Erin Berwick answered questions regarding the guidelines and the need for flexibility due to the developmental difference in grades K -8. Per a Board member request, an explanation of the Mastery of Learning Guidelines will be added to the heading of the document.

District 2011-12 Goals

Board President Leandra Sedlack reviewed the revised goals and conditions of satisfaction incorporating Board input from the July Board meeting. The following are the District 2011-12 Goals:

1. Implement Skyward Software to begin the 2011-12 school year.
2. Implement new assessments and report cards grades K-8.
3. Educate students, parents and staff members on methods to reduce bullying including cyber bullying with the ultimate goal of reducing bullying-related incidents in 2011-12.
4. Clarify, enhance and commit to Pleasantdale community communication.
5. Clarify and commit to Superintendent/Board operations, roles, responsibilities, and protocols.

Residency Protocols

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf discussed the residency protocols currently in place at the district. Presently, residency is established by parent/guardians when first enrolling a child to the district. Continuing students are not required to prove residency each year. Students enrolled with a Student Residency Affidavit must prove residency annually. The majority of the Board is in favor of the current practices that are in place to establish residency. The Board agreed that the Superintendent and Board President would research practices of other township districts use to investigate residency claims.

Consent Agenda/Open Meetings Act

Board President Leandra Sedlack discussed the definition and purpose of a consent agenda. Items that are put on a consent agenda should not require discussion. If a Board member wishes to discuss an item on the consent agenda, it is his or her responsibility to make this known so that the item can be placed on the regular agenda. Board member O'Halloran would like to see that the Parent/Student Handbook be a discussion item before it is approved by the Board and not on the consent agenda. It was agreed that if a Board member would like to have something pulled off the consent agenda, he or she needs to convey this to the Superintendent on the Monday before the Board meeting.

Open Forum/Open Meetings Act

Board President Leandra Sedlack addressed comments that were made by a Board member during open forum at the July meeting. President Sedlack questioned why the Board member declined a request to have an item of interest placed on the regular agenda and, subsequently made lengthy comments pertaining to the same item during open forum. Open forum is for residents and staff, not for the Board members to use for comments on previous Board discussion items.

New Board Member Orientation Follow-up

Board President Leandra Sedlack followed up with new Board member Gina Scaletta-Nelson regarding commitments made for new Board member training through IASB. Board member Nelson committed to notifying Board President Sedlack of her intentions regarding training.

Tentative Budget

Business Manager Catherine Chang presented the tentative budget for the 2011-12 school year. Mrs. Chang informed the Board that actual revenues for FY1 came in 2.04% above projections and spending was 6.98% below projections.

ACTION NO. 5

Budget Hearing

Motion by Scaletta-Nelson, seconded by O’Halloran, that the Board of Education approve to schedule the budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, display of the tentative FY12 budget from August 18 through September 21, and publish notice outlining the display process and budget hearing dates. Voice vote. Motion carried.

ACTION NO. 6

District Goals FY12

Motion by Houk, seconded by O’Halloran, that the Board of Education approve the District 2011-12 goals as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 4 ayes (Essig, Houk, O’Halloran, Sedlack) ; 1 nay (Scaletta-Nelson); absent (Mirabile, Tegtmeier).

ACTION NO. 7

Mast. Lrng. Guide

Motion by Scaletta-Nelson, seconded by O’Halloran, that the Board of Education approve the Mastery of Learning Guidelines as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 ayes (Essig, Houk, O’Halloran, Sedlack, Scaletta-Nelson); absent (Mirabile, Tegtmeier).

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the September 2011 agenda include: Budget Hearing; Adopt Annual Budget; Approve Instruction (sec. 6), 5:35 and 5:185 Board Policies; Plan District Goal 5 Superintendent/Board Operations; Plan District Goal 4 Pleasantdale Communication; Review Finance (sec. 4) and 7:285 Board Policies; Residency Protocols; and ISBE Application for Recognition.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

App. __ President *Seamus M. Sedlack* Secretary *Dea A Houk*