

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 p.m. – 11:11 p.m. September 21, 2011

Members Present:

Leandra Sedlack, Presiding Officer

Lisa Houk

Karen O'Halloran

Mark Mirabile

Beth Tegtmeier

Absent:

Gina Scaletta-Nelson

ROLL CALL AND
VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko, Matt Vandercar, Meg Pokorny, Joni Sherman, Catherine Chang, Lisa Penrod, Denise Rende and Jana Stelter; Jeff Cohn, IASB Facilitator; Nick Cavaliere, Baker Tilly; Terry Hodges, Hodges Loizzi; Kevin Smith, reporter; Dennis Jacobs, Burr Ridge Patch; and residents Kim Barker, Kim Payne, Noel Camba, and Kim Gilman.

ACTION NO. 8

Budget Hearing

Board President Sedlack declared the budget hearing open at 7:02 p.m.

Business Manager Catherine Chang presented an outline of the major components of the budget. The FY11 budget exceeded projected revenues by 2.04% and under budget 6.98% in expenses. Mrs. Chang also reviewed line item changes from the tentative budget provided last month. There was no public comments.

Board President Sedlack declared the budget hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

ACTION NO. 9

Tentative Budget
Amended

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Mirabile, that the Board of Education approves the amendments to the tentative 2011-12 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 5 ayes (Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) absent – Scaletta-Nelson.

ACTION NO. 10

Budget Adopted

Motion by Houk, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education adopts the 2011-12 school district budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 5 ayes (Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) absent – Scaletta-Nelson.

ACTION NO. 11

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Houk, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of August 17, 2011; payment of August payroll/September warrants; 2011-12 ISBE Application for Recognition; Curriculum (sec. 6), 5:35 and 5:185 Board policies; September 2011 Personnel Report. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 5 ayes (Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) absent – Scaletta-Nelson.



REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Plan District Goal 5 Superintendent/Board Operations

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf introduced Jeff Cohn from the Illinois School Boards Association who facilitated the discussion of Goal 5 and 4. Mr. Cohn shared his experience working with Boards on functions, roles and protocols. Mr. Cohn said he was very impressed with the protocols that the Board has in place currently. Mr. Cohn suggested that the Board might consider a signature page to verify commitment to the protocols. The Board reviewed the current protocols in Board Policy 1.16 and made revisions as agreed necessary. The Board had no other questions on current policy regarding the operations, roles, and responsibilities. The Board agreed that legal counsel at the monthly meetings could be beneficial. A recommendation for legal counsel attendance at monthly Board meetings will be brought to the October Board meeting. Mr. Cohn stated that IASB is available to work with Boards when protocols are violated. Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf commented that the Board's violation of disclosing confidential closed session information can jeopardize the district as such violations can cost the district a great deal of money in legal costs and damages. The Board agreed that when a member violated protocols the President would first meet with the individual. Next, there would be a self-evaluation of the Board with an IASB representative present. The next action would be an open meeting discussion of the violation with possible censure.

Plan District Goal 4 Pleasantdale Communication

Board President Leandra Sedlack reviewed the District Goal 4. The Board will set a future meeting date to discuss the communication goal and related action items.

Audit Resolution for GASB 54 Requirements

Nick Cavaliere from Baker Tilly explained the new GASB 54 accounting rules requiring school districts to pass a resolution pertaining to "fund balance reporting and governmental fund type definitions." The Board was requested to approve the resolution at the October Board meeting as required by GASB 54.

Review Finance (sec. 4) Board Policies


Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reviewed section 4 Finance/Operational Services with Board President Leandra Sedlack using IASB model policy. The Board will approve the policies at the October Board meeting.

Review Board Policy 7:285 Food Allergy Management Program

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf stated that this policy was pulled off the agenda last month per Board request and that both nurses were in attendance to answer any questions of the Board. The nurses shared with the Board their concerns with allowing food holiday parties, or at before and after school activities. The nurses stated that it was very difficult to monitor food intake during these activities placing student safety at risk.

Residency Protocols

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf gathered information from township superintendents regarding protocols for investigating potentially false claims of residency. Board member Karen O'Halloran requested that there be policy or procedures regarding the process for residency investigations. The Superintendent will provide the Board with a list of steps that may be taken to investigate residency fraud.



Board of Education Vacancy

Board President Leandra Sedlack discussed the Board vacancy due to the resignation of Board member Patti Essig. A press release announcing the vacancy was published in the Suburban Life on September 21 and The Doings on September 22. The Board will interview potential Board candidates on October 6. An appointment will be made by the October 19th Board meeting.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the October 2011 agenda include:

Appoint Board of Education Member; Approve Board Goal 5 Commitments; Approve Amendments to Board Protocols (policy 1:16); Common Assessment Implementation; Approve Audit Resolution; Approve Finance (sec. 4) and 7:285 Board Policies; Technology Plan Status Report; Elementary/Middle School Improvement Plans; Schedule Special Meeting re: Communication; Adopt Proposed Tax Levy; Extra-Curricular Student Activities (written); Approve Board Meeting Legal Counsel; Residency Procedures.

ACTION NO. 12

Closed Session Motion by O'Halloran, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 10:02 p.m. to discuss employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of personnel. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 5 ayes (Houk, Mirabile, O'Halloran, Sedlack, Tegtmeier) absent – Scaletta-Nelson.

The Board came out of closed session at 11:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

App. ___ President Leandra M. Sedlack Secretary Della Houk