

**Board Meeting Highlights**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 21, 2011**

At its regular meeting on September 21, 2011, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

**Introduction of New Staff**

Heard from Principal Meg Pokorny who introduced new middle school staff; Dana Wallner, Gifted; Shuman Chehade, Grade 7 Math; Kristin Jastrzebski, Grade 7 Language Arts; Barbara Triggs, Grade 5; and Mike Jesewitz, PE Teacher.

**Budget Hearing**

Conducted a Budget Hearing to approve amendments to the tentative budget and to approve the 2011-12 school district budget. The budget for FY12 meets the Board policy financial guidelines of the district. Business Manager Catherine Chang presented an outline of the major components of the budget. The FY11 budget revenue came in 2.04% above projections and spending was 6.98% below projections. Mrs. Chang also reviewed line item changes from the tentative budget provided last month. The Board unanimously approved the amendments to the tentative 2011-12 budget as presented, and adopted the 2011-12 school district budget as presented.

**Consent Agenda**

Voted to 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.

**Reports and Discussions:**

**Plan District Goal 5 Superintendent/Board Operations**

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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. 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 needed. 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 and because 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 ready. The next action would be an open meeting discussion of the violation with possible censure.

**Plan District Goal 4 Pleasantdale Communication**

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

**Audit Resolution for GASB 54 Requirements**

Heard from Nick Cavalieri from Baker Tilly who 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 as required by GASB 54.

**Review Finance (sec. 4) Board Policies**

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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**

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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 in the district and they support having no food during 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

Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who 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

Heard from Board President Leandra Sedlack who 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 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

#### Next Agenda

Items for October Board Meeting: 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.

#### Closed Session

The Board met in closed session from 10:02 p.m. to 11:10 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel.

#### Adjournment

Adjourned the regular meeting at 11:11 p.m.

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