

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Meeting – May 9, 2007

At its regular meeting on May 9, 2007, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- **Open Forum**
Heard comments from TAP officers Ruth Burke and Erin Berwick proposing retirement bonuses for four retiring teachers. Heard comments from resident Kathy Thalji acknowledging Sandra Hannan for the contributions she has made as a Board of Education member.
- **Recognition of Board Members**
Sandra Hannan and Rosaria Becker were presented with plaques honoring their years of service to the district as members of the Board of Education.
- **Consent Agenda**
Approved the consent agenda consisting of regular meeting and closed session minutes of April 18, 2007; payment of April 2007 payroll and May 2007 warrants; milk bids and fees; appointment of auditor, and contract extensions for both cleaning services and hot lunch program.
- **School Board Election**
Administered the oath of office to new Board members Lisa Houk, Richard Rigley, and Beth Tegtmeier and appointed Patti Essig as Secretary ProTem to open the organizational meeting of the newly comprised Board of Education.
- **Organization of Board of Education**
 - Elected Leandra Sedlack, as President, Patti Essig as Vice President, and Lisa Houk as Secretary of the Board effective May 2007 through May 2008.
 - Appointed recording secretaries with pay - Mary Ann Molina: May through June 2007 and Erika Sawosko: June 2007 through May 2008.
 - Scheduled regular Board meetings for the third Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m. (November's Board meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday, November 14). Meetings will be held in the Middle School IMC until such time as the Board room, located in the administration building, is complete.
 - Readopted the policy manual in its present form, appointed Scot Orsic as IASB Board Representative, and appointed Mark Mirabile and Rick Rigley to the Core Planning Team, and Beth Tegtmeier to the Curriculum Council.

Superintendent's Report

Status of Curriculum Development

Heard from Superintendent Fredisdorf regarding the status of curriculum development in the district. Dr. Fredisdorf advised the Board that *all* teachers have contributed as a delegate, facilitator or committee member to create and channel curriculum development through the Curriculum Council. Dr. Fredisdorf estimates the entire district curriculum will meet the Standards of Excellence by the fall of 2007.

Board member Mark Mirabile requested the following statement be added to both the Board highlights and Board minutes: *"I commend the work of the Curriculum Committee as presented this evening, and greatly appreciate the time commitment from each of you. However, although this was presented to us as coming from the team, we must all realize that we truly rely on the experience of our CEO, Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf and the 30 years of experience he brings to the district. Therefore, I must ask if the path we are currently on is the most efficient in accomplishing our mission? I ask with particular interest to the timing; we must recognize that until fully completed and implemented, each year approximately 100 children graduate without the full benefit of the new and improved curriculum."*

I want to be assured that when a situation arises, as an example, the recent one which Mrs. Covey, Mrs. Craggs, and Mrs. Schuler had brought to this Board, and a decision is made, that we as a board can stand behind this decision and know that it is truly is the best for the children of this community, especially considering the abundant resources this community offers to this school district. We must remember that our mission is to ensure that each child benefits from our school, not an average of the whole."

Progress Review of 2006-07 Superintendent/Board Goals

A review of the six Board/Superintendent goals for FY07 revealed that all six goals have been met or will be met as prescribed with one exception (modification required on goal #1 relative to academic criteria targets for 2007-08 completion by June 30, 2007),

Customer Service Survey Communication

Reviewed the final draft letter to the parent community addressing the customer service survey results.

Set Date for Board of Education Retreat

Scheduled a Board retreat on Tuesday, June 19, from 6-9 p.m., and if necessary the Board will conclude the retreat on Wednesday, June 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular Board meeting on that date. A discussion ensued regarding possible agenda items including team building, goal setting, and how to function as a seven-member Board. A facilitator will be used to lead the Board through its chosen agenda items.

Open Forum

Resident Kathy Thalji addressed the Board in support of the TAP proposal for retirement bonuses.

- Next Agenda

Items submitted for the June 2007 agenda included a gifted program evaluation presentation; a remedial reading program presentation; approve paper bids; approve prevailing wage resolution; approve voluntary student insurance; transfer of interest; payment of June 30 warrants; and Superintendent performance evaluation.

- Written Reports

The Board received a written middle school construction update and a status report on technology plan implementation.

- Closed Session

Met in closed session (9:37-11:50 p.m.) to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel.

- Action Items

Approved the revised May, 2007 personnel report; and approved the parent communication on the results of the customer service survey as presented.

- Adjournment

Adjourned the regular meeting at 11:53 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be
Wednesday, June 20, 2007
7:00 p.m. in the Pleasantdale Middle School Library**