

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting February 20, 2008

At its regular meeting on February 20, 2008, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- Additional Items to be Placed on the Agenda
Celebrated Board President Leandra Sedlack's birthday with a brief intermission and cake for all in attendance.
- Consent Agenda
Unanimously approved the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of January 16, 2008; closed session meeting minutes of January 16, 2008; and payment of January payroll/February warrants.

Reports and Discussions:

- Cooperative Transportation Agreement with St. John of the Cross
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf regarding the Cooperative Transportation Agreement between Pleasantdale School District and St. John of the Cross. The Board's questions regarding the legal requirements of the district to transport students to St. John of the Cross, insurance, reimbursement of bus fees and District cost of the bus were answered. Information was requested regarding the future wording of the contract and on the reimbursement to the St. John's families. This item has been placed on the agenda for further Board discussion and possible action next month.
- Preliminary Discussion of School Calendar
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf regarding the proposed 2008-09 school year calendar. The Calendar Committee met on January 23 and created a calendar similar to the 2007-08 school year. The calendar is scheduled to be approved at the March 2008 Board meeting.
- Board Policies
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf regarding the attorney recommended revisions and review of the remaining Section 7 Board Policy on students.
- Preliminary Staffing Recommendations
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf regarding the draft of staffing recommendations for the 2008-09 school year. At this time, it is expected to have reduction of one FTE instructional aide at the middle school. Otherwise, staffing levels will remain the same from 2007-08 to 2008-09. The Board is scheduled to approve staffing recommendations at the March 2008 Board meeting.
- Town Hall Meeting Follow-up
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf regarding the evaluation comments from the Town Hall meeting. Even with snowy weather, the turn out was good and written comments were positive. The Board Communication Committee will meet to determine future action.
- Action Items
Struck the item regarding continuation, amending, or discontinuing of the Transportation Agreement with St. John of the Cross and moved it to the March Agenda; unanimously approved the Section 7 of the Board Policies on Students as amended.

- Next Agenda
Board Self-Evaluation; Cooperative Transportation Agreement with St. John of the Cross; Adopt FY 09 School Calendar; Approve Staffing Recommendations; Re-employment of Non-tenure Teachers; Non-Renewal of Non-tenured Teachers; Appointment to Tenure of Teachers; Annual Board Report to the Community; Follow up to Special Board Meeting.
- Closed Session
Met in closed session (8:20 p.m. – 8:26 p.m.) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel.
- Action Item
Unanimously (Orsic absent) approved that the Board of Education grant all current Board members 30 days access (February 20 – March 21) to the January 17, 2007 and March 18, 2007 closed session tapes.
- Adjournment
Adjourned the regular meeting at 8:27 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be
Wednesday, March 19, 2008
7:00 p.m. in the
District 107 Administration Building**