

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:02 – 9:36 p.m. November 14, 2007

Members Present:

Leandra Sedlack, Presiding Officer
Patti Essig
Lisa Houk
Mark Mirabile
Scot Orsic
Rick Rigley
Beth Tegtmeier

ROLL CALL AND
VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko, Catherine Chang, Maria Smith, Meg Pokorny, Kim Freislinger and Matt Vandercar; Robert Horstman of Virchow Krause; and residents Barbara Lamb and Diane Norris.

ACTION NO. 16
Consent Agenda

Motion by Rigley, seconded by Orsic, that the Board of Education approves the regular meeting minutes of October 17, 2007; payment of October payroll/November warrants; and November 2007 personnel report. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier.)

REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Audit Report

Robert Horstman of Virchow Krause presented the Audit Report for the FY07. The district received a 3.9 rating out of 4.0 this year from the State Board of Education. The school district is on a sound financial basis. There are new audit standards that now affect all school districts. In the future, the auditor will evaluate the district internal controls as part of the audit. Dr. Fredisdorf commented that he and Catherine Chang are considering options to address material weaknesses.

Academic Goals Status Report

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf reported on the status of the academic goal setting process. Board member Scot Orsic stated that one goal is to get all the testing information in a database. Targets were presented for grades 3-7. These targets are for fall 2008 ITBS testing. Dr. Fredisdorf will update the Board on progress regarding academic goals through the Friday Packet.

Review of Progress Toward Strategic Objectives Using Standardized Test Data

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf presented a powerpoint regarding longitudinal DIBELS, ITBS and ISAT data. Standardized test scores generally stayed the same or went up. Grade 5 ITBS scores were down. ISAT scores increased considerably at most grade levels. In the future, students will be given a more difficult version of the GATES reading test because scores have risen to the point where the current version is too easy.

Strategic Planning Report from Core Planning Team

Board member Rick Rigley discussed the Core Planning Team meeting in October. He stated there was a high level of trust and open dialogue. Things are on the right track and going in a good direction. There is a lot of excitement and appreciation regarding the analysis Dr. Wick is doing. Also, the Core Team is pleased with curriculum development and implementation. Board Member Mark Mirabile also shared that there is a lot of excitement on where we are and what can be done in the future. Board Member Rick Rigley pointed out that we are in a unique position to consider where the district should place emphasis in the next year or two.

Board Policies

The Board received updates on the Community Relations policies that are up for approval. Dr. Fredisdorf talked to other districts regarding the dissemination of documents. The policy requires that a disclaimer be placed on materials that come from non-profit organizations. The Board can also revoke the policy if needed.

Town Hall Planning Meeting

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf discussed the detailed agenda for the town hall meeting. The role of the Board during the town hall meeting still needs to be addressed. The committee needs to create protocols to be used for the meeting. In January, more information will be sent out to the public by direct mail. Contact with the newspapers will be made for press releases.

Lyons Township Joint Board Meeting Review

All Board members shared feedback regarding the meeting. It was felt by all Board members that it was very informative to hear from other school boards.

ACTION NO. 17

Audit Report FY07

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education approve the FY07 audit report as presented by Robert Horstman of Virchow Krause. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier).

ACTION NO. 18

Board Policies

Motion by Houk, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education approve the section 8 Board Policies as presented. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the December 2007 agenda included: Tax Levy Hearing; Adopt Tax Levy; Mid-term Superintendent review; Town Hall Meeting Planning; Special Meeting Scheduling.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____