

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Elementary School Library 7:00 – 10:45 p.m. June 20, 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 Mary Ann Molina, Erika Sawosko, Catherine Chang, Meg Pokorny, Matt Vandercar, Maria Smith, Ruth Burke, Erin Berwick, Millie Vidakovich, Cheryl Thompson; visitor Paul Thompson, Jim Jarowski of the Doings newspaper; and residents Dianne Norris, and Cheryl Fierke.

RECOGNITION

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf recognized Mary Ann Molina's thirty-five years of service as Superintendent's secretary and recording secretary for the Board of Education.

Matt Vandercar welcomed new elementary teachers Millie Vidakovich and Cheryl Thompson to the district.

OPEN FORUM

The Board heard comments from parent Cheryl Fierke regarding her concerns about the fifth grade curriculum, which she considers too demanding, difficult, and overwhelming for her daughter and other 5th grade students.

ACTION NO. 59
Consent Agenda

Motion by Orsic, seconded by Mirabile, that the Board of Education approves the regular meeting minutes of May 9, 2007 as amended, closed session minutes of May, 9, 2007, payment of May 2007 payroll and June 2007 warrants, paper bid, prevailing wage resolution, voluntary student insurance, transfer of interest, appointment of imprest fund custodian, designation of depositories for school district funds, and approval of June 2007 personnel report. Motion carried by roll call vote of 7 ayes (Orsic, Mirabile, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier, Essig, and Houk).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Remedial Reading Lab Program Presentation

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf presented information on the remedial reading program implemented during 2006-07 to accomplish Board/Superintendent Goal #1 (assure student academic and social skills meet "excellent criteria targets, including evaluation of progress by all relevant agreed-upon subgroups). While significant improvement has been documented, changes will be made in the program for next year. Elementary students have already been identified for next year so that student/teacher ratios would be equitable.

Gifted Program Presentation

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf presented a report on the gifted program Based on student performance on total language and total reading subtests of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), no major changes are planned for the 2007-08 school year.

Academic Goals Committee

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf and Board members Scot Orsic and Leandra Sedlack presented information regarding the proposed plan for establishing standardized test targets for the 2007-08 school year. Consultant John Wick will be meeting with grade level teams in the fall to create the testing targets based on 2007 ITBS data.

Review Progress in Attaining Superintendent/Board of Education Goals

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf presented information relative to his performance evaluation for the FY07 school year. Included were: rating criteria for academic testing, passion, and social emotional learning; Board of Education/Superintendent goals; and mutual commitments and accountabilities. This information was used as the basis for Dr. Fredisdorf's evaluation during the closed session portion of the meeting.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the July 2007 agenda included establishing petty cash fund; written summer academy update; verbal construction update; Superintendent/Board of Education goals; declassification of selected closed session minutes; and Board retreat follow up.

ACTION NO. 60

Closed Session

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Orsic, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 8:30 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel and superintendent performance evaluation and compensation. Motion carried by roll vote of 7 ayes (Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier, Essig, and Houk).

The Board came out of closed session at 10:44 p.m. The regular meeting resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

App. ___ President _____ Secretary _____