

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Special Meeting Administration Building 6:11 – 10:21 p.m. June 17, 2008

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Members Present:

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

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ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Erika Sawosko; facilitator Howard Feddema; and residents Sandra Hannan and Joanne Mennemeier.

OPEN FORUM

Joanne Mennemeier addressed the Board regarding PEN (Pleasantdale Education Network). The focus of the group is to come together as parents regarding the children's education.

Sandra Hannan addressed the Board regarding input that PEN would like to advance to the Board for consideration. She presented a letter to the Board that outlined four items. The top issue was ability grouping.

DISCUSSION ITEMS*Effective and Efficient Board Functioning*

Facilitator Howard Feddema reviewed the Strategic Plan with the Board. This was done to help direct the Board in the goal setting process. The following issues were addressed:

- Parking Lot Process - It was decided that instead of putting an item in the parking lot, the items will be addressed in a shorter time period at the discretion of the Board and added to a future agenda. The item must directly be related to the mission and strategic objectives. If it is unrelated it would be considered at the next goal setting meeting.
- Details of Meeting Minutes - It was decided that the current level of detail of meeting minutes is satisfactory.
- Use of Board Emails - The Board reviewed the parameters of our Board policy. In the future, the Board members will discipline themselves on the use of emails. Emails will still be used for submitting items on the agenda and other exchanges of factual info.
- Application of Board policy 1.16 - It was decided that the Board will follow policy 1.16 which calls for an action item to be discussed at one meeting and voted on at a subsequent meeting.
- Board Self-Evaluation - It was decided that the Board self-evaluation process could be improved.

*Board/Superintendent Goals 2008-09*

The Board made the decision to call the goals district goals, not Board/Superintendent goals. From a past meeting with Larry Huggins, it was decided that the definition of a goal was: A description of a major attainment for the organization.

- Can be arrived at in the course of one year
- Is a major step toward accomplishing our mission/strategic objectives
- Limited in number (2-5)
- Attainment is in some way verifiable

The Board divided into two groups to list some ideas for possible goals. Both lists were compiled and the following was identified for goal consideration:

- Advance SEL program and corresponding evaluation to the next level and accountability
- Evaluate and update the strategic plan
- Expand opportunities for students to pursue their passions and to recognize student success
- Continuation of last year's goal on student achievement including curriculum measurement by each grade level and student and testing data measurement
- Explore methods to maximize available instructional time
- Update financial projections and improve financial reporting

Items that did not make the goal list, but could be reviewed at a later date:

- Optimize curricular opportunities (should be addressed during strategic planning)
- Foreign language necessity/time commitment (should be addressed during strategic planning)
- Full day kindergarten, program evaluation, feasibility and fees
- Administration/Staff evaluation, compensation
- Continue implementing BOE communication plan

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf will work on refining the six goals and present them to the Board at the July 16 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT      The regular meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

App. \_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_