

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2007

At its regular meeting on November 14, 2007, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- Consent Agenda
Unanimously approved the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of October 17, 2007; payment of October payroll/November warrants; and November 2007 personnel report.

Reports and Discussions:

- Audit Report
Heard from Bob Horstman of Virchow Krause regarding 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
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf 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
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf 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
Heard from Board member Rick Rigley regarding 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
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. The revised Community Relations policies were approved.

- Town Hall Planning Meeting
Heard from Superintendent Fredisdorf regarding 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 School Board Meeting Review
Heard feedback from all the Board members regarding the meeting. It was felt by all Board members that it was very informative to hear from other school boards.
- Action Items
Unanimously approved the Audit Report and the Board of Education Section 8-Community Relations policies as presented.
- Next Agenda
Tax Levy Hearing; Adopt Tax Levy; Mid-tem Superintendent review; Schedule Special Meeting; Town Hall Meeting Planning.
- Adjournment
Adjourned the regular meeting at 9:36 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be
Wednesday, December 19, 2007
7:00 p.m. in the
District 107 Administration Building**