

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Middle School Library 7:00 – 10:30 p.m. April 18, 2007

Members Present:

Sandra Hannan, Presiding Officer
 Rosaria Becker
 Patti Essig
 Barbara Lamb
 Mark Mirabile
 Scot Orsic
 Leandra Sedlack

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf were staff members Mary Ann Molina, Erika Sawosko, Catherine Chang, Meg Pokorny, Matt Vandercar, Kim Freislinger, Maria Smith, Ruth Burke, Andrea Lucht, Erin Oskroba, Susan Freifeld, Kathy Mescall, Maureen Olsen, Erin Berwick, Sara Stetina, Wally Johnson, Dianne Washburn, John Reid, and Peg Riordan; and residents Dianne Norris, Lisa Houk, Beth Tegtmeier, Mary Soudan, and Rick Rigley.

OPEN FORUM

TAP President Ruth Burke addressed the Board relative to monetary retirement bonuses to four teachers retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. Hannan, Board President, stated that a specific written proposal, in which retirement bonuses are linked to meritorious service, should be provided to Superintendent Fredisdorf for Board consideration.

Barbara Lamb was presented with a plaque honoring her four years of service to the district as a member of the Board of Education.

ACTION NO. 47
Consent Agenda

Motion by Lamb, seconded by Sedlack, that the Board of Education approves the regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2007; payment of March 2007 payroll and April 2007 warrants; 2006-07 school calendar revisions; and staffing recommendations for the 2007-08 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote of 7 ayes (Lamb, Mirabile, Orsic, Sedlack, Becker, Essig, and Hannan).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Document Retention Policy

Board President Sandra Hannan presented a draft policy for Board consideration. Methods of storing financial documents, testing results, construction records, etc. were addressed as a means of providing background data for future data analysis and reporting to the Board in forthcoming years.

Academic Goals Committee Update

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf informed the Board that the Academic Goals Committee will be

- addressing academic targets based on September ITBS testing results, and
- discussing the identification of ISAT and EXPLORE targets.

The Committee recommended a two-year contract with Wick Partners in order to provide the Board with data on two additional testing cycles. Dr. Wick will be working directly with the grade level teams and administrators to assist in achieving our academic targets.

Review of Board Flyer and Communication Protocol

Board Member Leandra Sedlack presented a draft of the revised Board of Education flyer for discussion. In addition to publishing it on our web site and availability at Board meetings, it was suggested that the information should also be included in the school directory.

Curriculum Status Report Format

Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf presented the proposed format for reporting curriculum status to the Board of Education and solicited Board input on both forms. For the May 2007 report, the Board requested 2005-06 information be included for comparison purposes. Board Member Rosaria Becker was thanked for her work on this project.

Customer Service Survey Results

A committee composed of Rosaria Becker, Mark Mirabile, Matt Vandercar, Meg Pokorny, and Mark Fredisdorf reviewed the customer service survey results and presented an analysis of its findings. The Board discussed the importance of feedback to Pleasantdale parents who responded to the survey (42% return). Various means of reporting the results were considered; the committee will develop a condensed version to be sent home via Friday packets.

Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Catherine Chang provided background information regarding milk and paper bids; auditor selection; and renewal of transportation, cleaning service, and food service contracts. Approval of same will be presented to the Board for approval beginning in May 2007.

The new auditing standards were also addressed by Mrs. Chang.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the May 2007 agenda included a construction update; seating new members and organization of new Board of Education; approval of milk bid and milk fees; approval of paper bid; selection of auditor; approval of contract renewals for hot lunches, cleaning service, and student transportation; curriculum updates, technology update; review of Superintendent/Board goals; and community survey.

WRITTEN REPORT

The Board received a written middle school construction update from Gilbane Construction Co.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION The Board conducted its quarterly self-evaluation.

ACTION NO. 48

Closed Session

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Sedlack, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 9:38 p.m. to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of personnel. Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 ayes (Mirabile, Sedlack, Becker, Essig, Hannan, and Lamb). Absent-Orsic.

The Board came out of closed session at 10:27 p.m.

ACTION NO. 49

Personnel Report

Motion by Hannan, seconded by Lamb, that the Board of education approves the April 2007 Personnel Report as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 ayes (Hannan, Lamb, Mirabile, Sedlack, and Becker). Voting nay – Essig. Absent – Orsic.

ACTION NO. 50

Wick Partners

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Hannan, that the Board of Education approves placing Dr. John Wick on retainer at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 per year as articulated in the amended agreement for consulting services. Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 ayes (Mirabile, Sedlack, Becker, Essig, Hannan, and Lamb). Absent – Orsic.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

App. ___ President _____ Secretary _____