

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Middle School Library 7:30 – 11:53 p.m. May 9, 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, Kim Freislinger, Maria Smith, Ruth Burke, Erin Oskroba, Kathy Mescall, Maureen Olsen, Erin Berwick, Sue Freifeld, Wally Johnson, Amy DuVall, Barb Shaw, Beth Gregor, Penny Defenbaugh, and Chris Markovitz; visitor Jim Jarowski of the Doings newspaper; and residents Dianne Norris, Mary Soudan, Kathy Thalji, Rosanne Covey, Karen O'Halloran, Caryl Molinaro and Rosaria Becker.

Organization of Board

ACTION NO. 52
Board President

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education elect Scot Orsic as President effective May 2007 through May 2008. Motion failed by roll call vote of 3 ayes (Mirabile, Orsic, and Rigley) and 4 nays (Sedlack, Tegtmeier, Essig, and Houk).

Motion by Essig, seconded by Tegtmeier, that the Board of Education elect Leandra Sedlack as President effective May 2007 through May 2008. Motion carried by roll call vote of 7 ayes (Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Sedlack, and Tegtmeier).

ACTION NO. 53
Vice President

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Houk, that the Board of Education elect Patti Essig as Vice President effective May 2007 through May 2008. As no other nominations were made, President Sedlack declared Patti Essig as the Vice President May 2007 through May 2008.

ACTION NO. 54
Board Secretary

Motion by Essig, seconded by Rigley, that the Board of Education elect Lisa Houk as Board Secretary without pay effective May 2007 through May 2008. As no other nominations were made, President Sedlack declared Lisa Houk as Board Secretary May 2007 through May 2008.

ACTION NO. 55
Recording Secretary

Motion by Sedlack, seconded by Essig, that the Board of Education appoint Mary Ann Molina as Recording Secretary with pay effective May 2007 through June 2007, and Erika Sawosko as Recording Secretary with pay effective June 2007 through May 2008. Motion carried by roll call vote of 7 ayes (Sedlack, Tegtmeier, Essig, Houk, Mirabile, Orsic, and Rigley).

Meeting Schedule

The Board agreed to schedule regular meetings of the Board of Education on the third Wednesday of the month (with the exception of November) at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School IMC until July 2007, and in the administration building Board room beginning in August 2007 and that the meeting schedule be published.

Policy Manual

The Board readopted its policy manual in its present form.

IASB Board
Representative

The Board appointed Scot Orsic as IASB Board Representative from April 2007 to April 2009.

Core Plan Team &
Curriculum Council

The Board appointed Rick Rigley and Mark Mirabile to serve on the Core Planning Team and Beth Tegtmeier to serve on the Curriculum Council.

REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Status of Curriculum Development

Superintendent Fredisdorf reported the status of curriculum development in the district. Dr. Fredisdorf advised the Board that *all* teachers have contributed either as a delegate, facilitator or committee member to develop and implement curriculum. Dr. Fredisdorf estimates the entire district curriculum will meet the Standards of Excellence by the fall of 2007.

Board member Mark Mirabile requested the following statement be added to both the Board highlights and Board minutes: *"I commend the work of the Curriculum Committee as presented this evening, and greatly appreciate the time commitment from each of you. However, although this was presented to us as coming from the team, we must all realize that we truly rely on the experience of our CEO, Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf and the 30 years of experience he brings to the district. Therefore, I must ask if the path we are currently on is the most efficient in accomplishing our mission? I ask with particular interest to the timing; we must recognize that until fully completed and implemented, each year approximately 100 children graduate without the full benefit of the new and improved curriculum.*

I want to be assured that when a situation arises, as an example, the recent one which Mrs. Covey, Mrs. Craggs, and Mrs. Schuler had brought to this Board, and a decision is made, that we as a board can stand behind this decision and know that it is truly is the best for the children of this community, especially considering the abundant resources this community offers to this school district. We must remember that our mission is to ensure that each child benefits from our school, not an average of the whole."

Progress Review of 2006-07 Superintendent/Board Goals

A review of the six Board/Superintendent goals for FY07 took place.

Customer Service Survey Communication

The Board reviewed the final draft letter to the parent community addressing the results of the customer service survey.

Set Date for Board of Education Retreat

Scheduled a Board retreat on Tuesday, June 19, from 6-9 p.m., and if necessary, the Board will conclude the retreat on Wednesday, June 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular Board meeting on that date. A discussion ensued regarding possible agenda items including team building, goal setting, and how to function as a seven-member Board. A facilitator will be used to lead the Board through its chosen agenda items.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the June 2007 agenda included a gifted program evaluation presentation; a remedial reading program presentation; approve paper bids; approve prevailing wage resolution; approve voluntary student insurance; transfer of interest; payment of June 30 warrants; and Superintendent performance evaluation.

OPEN FORUM

Resident Kathy Thalji addressed the Board in support of the TAP proposal for retirement bonuses.

WRITTEN REPORTS The Board received written reports on (1) middle school construction update and (2) status of technology plan implementation.

ACTION NO. 56

Closed Session

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Essig, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 9:37 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel. Motion carried by roll vote of 7 ayes (Mirabile, Orsic, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier, Essig, and Houk).

The Board came out of closed session at 11:50 p.m. The regular meeting resumed.

ACTION NO. 57

Personnel Report

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Orsic, that the revised May 07 Personnel Report be approved as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 ayes (Mirabile, Rigley, Sedlack, Tegtmeier, Essig, and Houk). Voting Nay – Orsic.

ACTION NO. 58

Approve Survey
Results Letter

Motion by Orsic, seconded by Mirabile, that the Board of Education approve the parent communication on the results of the customer service survey as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

App. ___ President _____ Secretary _____