

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 p.m.– 8:23 p.m. May 17, 2017

Members Present:

Mark Mirabile, Presiding Officer
Jon Buralli
Vipul Dedhia
Mary Lenzen
David Negron
Michael Rak
Kristin Violante

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Erika Sawosko, Candy Kramer, Catherine Chang, Debbie Lubeck, Matt Vandercar, John Glimco, Karyn Lisowski and Andrea Mars; and resident Charles Zona.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students who participated in the Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search led the pledge of allegiance.

ACTION NO. 48 Consent Agenda

Motion by Violante, seconded by Buralli, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of April 19, 2017; closed session meeting minutes of April 19, 2017; special meeting minutes of April 24, 2017; closed session meeting minutes of April 24, 2017; special meeting minutes of April 25, 2017; closed session meeting minutes of April 25, 2017; special meeting minutes of April 26, 2017; closed session meeting minutes of April 26, 2017; payment of April payroll/May warrants; paper bid; cleaning service contract; transportation contract; food service vendor; audit services; math recommendation; School Board (sec. 2) Board policies; May 2017 Personnel Report consisting of the retirement of Kathi Rozum effective the end of the 2016-17 school year; hiring Michelle Interrante, resource teacher and Lacy Peters, part time sp/lang pathologist for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Rak, Violante).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pleasantdale Middle School Principal Search

The district has begun the search to replace our retiring middle school principal, Mr. Glimco. As part of our interview process, the administrative team interviewed a host of candidates and selected two of them to interview with committees made up of parents, teachers, and students. Based on feedback from these committees, we invited one candidate back to spend the day in the district and deliver a presentation to the staff. After completing an extensive interview process, we do not feel we were able to identify the candidate that would be the best fit for our middle school. The search was reopened as we continue to seek out the best leader for our school.

Strategic Blueprint Update

After approval in March, the district has been hard at work completing the action steps in our Strategic Blueprint, which will help make our new district mission and belief statements a reality. In addition to completing the action steps, it is important for the district to communicate our plan to our community and the world. To that end, we have created a webpage that outlines not only our goals, but the action steps that will make these goals a

reality. The webpage will be accessible from our district's homepage and tell the world about the wonderful work we are doing.

Food Service Update and Fees

With the implementation of a new food service provider at the beginning of this school year, we have improved the quality of lunches served at our schools as well as made lunch payment more efficient. Since switching food services providers, we have seen a 75% increase in the number of lunches served at our schools. We have found our food service provider, Just A Dash Catering, to be responsive to our needs and willing to make adjustments to the program to provide better service. Feedback from students, parents, and staff has been positive regarding the quality of the food as well as the efficiency of the point-of-service payment system. There will be no increases in the cost of a lunch (\$3.30) and the cost of milk will increase from \$.29 to \$.30 for the 2017-18 school year.

ACTION NO. 49

Lunch/Milk Fees

Motion by Rak, seconded by Dedhia, that the Board of Education approve a lunch fee of \$3.30 per meal and milk fee of \$.30 per carton for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Rak, Violante).

Parent/Student Handbook

At the April Board of Education meeting, the Board directed the Administration to rework the wording of portions of section six (conduct & discipline) of our parent/student handbook. Our goal was to create procedures that outline clear expectations and give the staff and administration the discretion needed to effectively run the school in a proactive manner. At the May meeting, the Board discussed changes related to student discipline and establishing residency. Current students transitioning from grade 4 to grade 5 will have to reestablish residency with the district office. Board President Mark Mirabile asked administration to consult legal advice as to what happens if a family does not provide residency.

ACTION NO. 50

Parent/Student Hnd.

Motion by Violante, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education approve the 2017-18 Parent/Student handbook as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Rak, Violante).

Summer Work/Professional Development Update

Assistant Superintendent Candy Kramer reported on the work slated to be completed by teachers this summer. Traditionally, the summer has been used for a variety of summer curriculum projects. In an effort to streamline our work and ensure that we are getting the most "bang-for-our-buck," we have made some changes to our summer professional work. This year we have broken our summer work into two categories: professional development and projects. Examples of approved projects include materials and documents to ensure the smooth implementation of our 1:1 program and the creation of science units that are aligned to the next generation science standards. Examples of professional development opportunities include math training for elementary teachers, technology cafe drop in training, and a teacher developed online technology course. Board Vice President Kristin Violante asked what percentage of teachers are involved in summer professional development.

Elementary Parking Lot Paving Replacement

Over the course of the past several years, the district has been working hard to make improvements to our facilities. Last year the Board approved phase one of a parking lot repaving project for the elementary school. This year we are poised to complete the project by repaving the front portion of our parking lot. Business Manager Catherine Chang provided the Board with information on our bidding process and the recommended bidder. Board Secretary Mary Lenzen asked for the specific dates of the project and if it would be completed in time for the start of the school year.

ACTION NO. 51

Elem Parking Lot

Motion by Buralli, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education accept the bid from Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. for parking lot paving replacement at a cost of \$359,900 and an alternate bid for miscellaneous concrete work for \$7,500. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Rak, Violante).

Board of Education Information Requests

No requests were made at this time.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the June agenda include:
Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) Update; Spring Testing Report; Superintendent Performance Evaluation; Board Self-Evaluation; District Goals/School Improvement Plan Report; Approve Prevailing Wage Resolution; Approve Voluntary Student Insurance; Approve Transfer of Interest; Approve Payment of June 30 Bill List; Approve Payment of July Board meeting Bill List; Class Size Planning Update (written); Extra-curricular Report (Written).

ACTION NO. 51

Closed Session

Motion by Violante, seconded by Negron, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the findings shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Rak, Violante).

Board member David Negron left closed session at 8:19 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Violante, seconded by Rak, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:23 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. ___ President _____ Secretary _____