

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting      Administration Building      7:00 p.m.– 9:34 p.m.      November 15, 2017

## Members Present:

Mark Mirabile, Presiding Officer  
Jon Buralli  
Mary Lenzen  
David Negron – arrived at 7:50 p.m.  
Kristin Violante

## Absent:

Vipul Dedhia  
Michael Rak

## ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Erika Sawosko, Catherine Chang, Jennifer Ban, Debbie Lubeck, Kathleen Tomei, Griffin Sonntag, Karyn Lisowski, Juliette Marrari and Margaret McCarter.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Third and fourth grade students, who have been working on vinyl projects as part of the new Makerspace classroom, led the pledge of allegiance. The students also assisted Board members in creating their own water bottle with PSD decal.

## BOARD RECOGNITION

To recognize the efforts of nearly 6,000 school board members in the State, November 15, 2017, is designated School Board Members' Day in Illinois. Pleasantdale Board members were recognized by the students and staff members with cards and posters signed by students and certificates of appreciation.

## ACTION NO. 7 Consent Agenda

Motion by Violante, seconded by Buralli, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of October 18, 2017; payment of October payroll/November warrants; agreement between Pleasantdale SD 107 and Curley & Associates; work for hire agreement between Pleasantdale SD 107 and Solutions in Speech, L.L.C.; and November 2017 Personnel Report consisting of the resignation of instructional aide Molly McCoy; and the hiring of instructional aides Sherry Niedbalec effective 10/23/17 and Kelly Grimes effective 11/6/17. Motion carried by a roll call of 4 ayes (Buralli, Lenzen, Mirabile, Violante) absent – Dedhia, Negron, Rak.

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### School Safety Meeting

Each year the administration and a representative from the Board of Education meet with local first responders to review the district's crisis plan and discuss ways to make our school safer for students and staff. At the safety meeting, it was determined that minor revisions would be made to our crisis plan to ensure clarity in the event of an emergency. These minor changes will be made in the coming weeks to ensure that we have the most up-to-date plan. Additionally, the administration will recommend to the Board of Education that the district's crisis plan undergo a thorough review next school year as part of our Strategic Blueprint.

*Superintendent Evaluation Plan*

Each year the Board of Education evaluates the performance of the Superintendent. The Board completes an evaluation tool and then provides direct feedback to the superintendent. The process the Board follows is below:

- October: Review and adjust the Superintendent Evaluation Tool
- November: Board completes the evaluation tool
- December: Board delivers the results and feedback to the Superintendent

*Illinois School Report Card Announcement*

Each year the Illinois State Board of Education publishes the Illinois School Report Card for all public schools in Illinois. The school report card includes information about our schools including relevant student demographics, teacher demographics, and district financial information. The Illinois School Report Card is currently live, and a link to our schools' report cards can be found on our district website.

*Strategic Blueprint Update*

Superintendent, Dave Palzet provided the Board with a comprehensive overview of the district's progress to date on the action steps found in the [Strategic Blueprint](#). Dr. Palzet shared a newly created Strategic Blueprint Scorecard which provides the Board and the community with an At-A-Glance view of the district's progress. To date the district has completed six of the sixteen action steps and has partially completed seven more action steps. There are currently three action steps on which work has yet to begin. The administration is confident that all action steps will be completed by the end of the school year.

*Review Board Policy 5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*

Due to recent changes in the law, policy 5:120 was reviewed by the Board. This policy will be on the December Consent Agenda for approval.

**NEXT AGENDA**

Items submitted for the December agenda include:

Approve Board Policy 5:120; Review/Approve Audit Report; Review Students (sec. 7) and Community (sec. 8) Board policies; Tax Levy Hearing; Approve Tax Levy; Review Fees; Preliminary Discussion of Service Provider Contracts.

**ACTION NO. 8**

Closed Session

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Buralli, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 7:51 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; and student disciplinary issues. Motion carried by a roll call of 5 ayes (Buralli, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Violante) absent – Dedhia, Rak.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:43 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Buralli, that the regular meeting adjourns at 9:34 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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