

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 p.m.– 8:15 p.m. September 21, 2016

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Members Present:

Mark Mirabile, Presiding Officer

Vipul Dedhia

David Negron

Gina Scaletta-Nelson – arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Michael Rak

Kristin Violante

Absent:

Kim Barker

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ROLL CALL ANDVISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Erika Sawosko, Catherine Chang, Matt Vandercar, John Glimco, Meg Knapik, Joe Peloso, Joy Tristante, Andrea Mars and Karyn Lisowski.

PLEDGE OFALLEGIANCE

Principal Matt Vandercar introduced the student volunteers who work as mentors. These students attend the new family orientation and are buddies with new students during the school year. The students lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET HEARINGFY17

Board President Mark Mirabile declared the budget hearing open at 7:05 p.m.

The budget for FY17 meets the Board policy financial guidelines of the district. Business Manager Catherine Chang presented an outline of the major components of the budget. The FY17 proposed final budget projects revenues at \$15,285,473 and expenses at \$15,792,900. It is estimated that there will be an \$507,427 decrease to the fund balance. Mrs. Chang also reviewed line item changes from the tentative budget provided last month. There were no public comments.

Board President Mirabile declared the budget hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

ACTION NO. 3

Tentative Budget  
Amended

Motion by Scaletta-Nelson, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education approves the amendments to the tentative 2016-17 budget as presented. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Dedhia, Mirabile, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante) absent - Barker.

ACTION NO. 4

Budget Adopted

Motion by Violante, seconded by Scaletta-Nelson, that the Board of Education adopts the 2016-17 school district budget as presented. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Dedhia, Mirabile, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante) absent - Barker.

STAFFINTRODUCTIONS

The district prides itself on hiring the best teachers and educational support personnel. This year we hired eight new teachers and 12 Instructional Aides. The Board welcomed our new staff and each staff member was introduced to the Board. We look forward to getting to know our new staff members better and to the positive impact they will have on our schools.

ACTION NO. 5  
Consent Agenda

Motion by Negron, seconded by Scaletta-Nelson, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of August 17, 2016; closed session minutes of August 17, 2016; payment of August payroll/September warrants; substitute pay increase effective September 22, 2016; Personnel (sec. 5) and Student (sec. 7) Board policies; 2016-17 ISBE Application for Recognition; and revised September 2016 Personnel Report consisting of: the retirement of Principal Matt Vandercar effective June 30, 2016; the hiring of Michelle Interrante (resource teacher), and Ashley Cramer (math .67 FTE); hiring of educational support staff, Adrian Hernandez (custodian), Maria Annereno (instructional aide), Renee Cafcules (instructional aide), Christine Lawry (instructional aide), Stephanie Pragides (instructional aide), Anastasia Savas (instructional aide), Kathleen Perry (instructional aide), Merrie Burket (instructional aide), Kali Prath (instructional aide), and Kathy Wyant (instructional aide); and Intergovernmental Agreement with LaGrange District 102 for Communication Coordinator. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Dedhia, Mirabile, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante) absent - Barker.

REPORTS AND  
DISCUSSION ITEMS

*Beginning of the Year Update*

The district enjoyed a wonderful start to the school year. The year began with two teacher institute days during which teachers engaged in professional development and readied their classrooms. Students began the 2016-17 school year on Thursday, August 25. We documented the start of the year with a short video.

*Library/Technology Update*

This year, the district implemented a change in the structure of our library and technology services at our schools. The district now employs a single librarian to oversee the libraries at both schools and has hired library instructional aides at both schools to handle the day-to-day operations of our libraries. This new model frees up our librarian to work more closely with teachers and has afforded us the ability to hire an innovative teaching coach (iTC). Dr. Palzet introduced our new library instructional aides and our innovative teaching coach and gave the Board an update on the implementation of this new structure.

*iPad Launch Day Update*

The 2016-17 school year has seen many new changes and improvements. One of the most notable changes is the implementation of our 1:1 pilot program. Students in grades four and five have been issued a device that travels from school to home and allows staff to implement new methods of teaching and learning. Dr. Palzet provided the Board with an update on device distribution and the implementation of the pilot program.

*Future Planning Process*

As a follow-up to last month's Board report on the Future Planning process, Dr. Palzet updated the Board on the number of community participants and shared the agenda for the first meeting on October 5. The response to the Future Planning process has been positive and we currently have 37 parents, 12 staff members, 5 students, and 1 community member signed on to help create the district's next long-term strategic plan.

*Establish Superintendent Advisory Teams*

Each year, the district hosts several Superintendent Advisory teams to provide suggestions to the administration. Our superintendent advisory teams can include up to two Board members. Below, please find a list of the Superintendent Advisory Teams and the Board members who volunteered for these teams. These teams are open to community members as well.

- Finance Team: Mark Mirabile and Michael Rak
- Facilities Team: Michael Rak and Kristin Violante

- Communication Team: Gina Scaletta-Nelson and Kim Barker
- Technology Team: David Negron
- Future Planning Representative: Kristin Violante and Gina Scaletta-Nelson

Review Curriculum (sec.6) Board Policies

As is our practice, the Board of Education regularly reviews Board policy to ensure that our current policies reflect the realities of running a school district. Proposed changes to Curriculum (sec. 6) Board Policies are in red. The policies will be on the October consent agenda for approval.

Board of Education Informational Requests

The Board had no requests.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the October 2016 agenda include: Future Planning Update; Review Finance (sec. 4) Board Policies; Approve Curriculum and Instruction (sec. 6) Board Policies; Class Size Update (written); Technology Plan Overview; Elementary/Middle School Improvement Plans; and Adopt Proposed Tax Levy.

ACTION NO. 6

Closed Session

Motion by Rak, seconded by Negron, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss matters relating to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Dedhia, Mirabile, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante) absent - Barker.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Violante, seconded by Scaletta-Nelson, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:15p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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