

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 5:23 p.m. – 9:47 p.m. December 16, 2015

Members Present:

- Gina Scaletta-Nelson, Presiding Officer – arrived at 7:00 p.m.
- Kim Barker
- Vipul Dedhia
- Mark Mirabile – arrived at 9:05 p.m.
- David Negron – arrived at 7:00 p.m.
- Michael Rak
- Kristin Violante

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet was staff member Erika Sawosko; and Perry Hill, Field Services Director, IASB.

ACTION NO. 26

Closed Session

Motion by Barker, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 5:24 p.m. for self-evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the District is a member. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 4 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Rak, Violante) absent – Mirabile, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson.

The Board came out of closed session at 6:32 p.m.

The Board came to order for the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Erika Sawosko, Candy Kramer, Catherine Chang, Matt Vandercar, John Glimco, Tanya Kim, Julie Crist, Karyn Lisowski and Andrea Mars; and resident Tom Lisowski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present were students from the Pleasantdale Middle School who recently competed at the Fenwick Science Competition lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION NO. 27

Tax Levy Open

Motion by Barker, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education declares the tax levy hearing open at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante) absent – Mirabile.

In her presentation to the Board, Business Manager Catherine Chang stated that based on the 2015 CPI figures, residents can expect an average 0.8% increase in property taxes assessed for District 107 school operations. For 2014, there had been 4,512,649 million in new property within the district. There were no public comments.

MOTION NO. 28

Tax Levy Closed

Motion by Violante, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education declares the tax levy hearing closed at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante) absent – Mirabile.

ACTION NO. 29

Tax Levy Adoption

Motion by Rak, seconded by Violante, that the Board of Education adopts the 2015 tax levy as presented in the public hearing and authorizes the President and Secretary of the Board to sign all appropriate documents. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante) absent – Mirabile.

ACTION NO. 30 Motion by Barker, seconded by Dedhia, that the Board of Education adopts a
Tax Levy Resolution Resolution approving to proportionately reduce each fund where the levy exceeds the tax cap limitation. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante) absent – Mirabile.

ACTION NO. 31 Motion by Rak, seconded by Barker, that the Board of Education approve the consent
Consent Agenda agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2015; closed session meeting minutes of November 18, 2015; payment of November payroll/December warrants; December 2015 Personnel Report including the resignation of Pana Campbell, reading specialist, effective December 18, 2015. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante) absent – Mirabile.

**REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS**

PARCC Testing

Candy Kramer, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented the district's PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) scores. Pleasantdale's scores are well above the state averages and fall within the township average. Parents will be receiving student reports via US mail. Additionally, the district prepared a short video that walks parents through their child's results.

Technology Update

Dave Palzet, Superintendent of Schools, presented a four-year plan to infuse technology into our schools. The plan includes improvements to the district's technology infrastructure as well as the implementation of a professional development plan for teachers. All students and teachers will have access to Google Apps for Education, and fourth and fifth grade will pilot a one-to-one device program.

Review Fees

Dave Palzet, Superintendent of Schools, recommended an adjustment to the preschool fees for the 2015-16 school year. Preschool fees will be increased by 6% for the two- and three-day program and 5% for the five day program. Preschool fees have not been adjusted since 2012. In subsequent years, the preschool program fee will increase by 2% to reflect the cost of inflation. Additionally, students entering fourth and fifth grade will pay a \$50 technology fee to offset the cost of their one-to-one devices.

Discussion of Service Provider Contracts

Each year, the administration makes recommendations to the Board of Education regarding our major contracts. These contracts include transportation, nighttime custodial service, food service, and auditing services with Miller. The administration recommended extending the district's transportation, custodial, and auditing services. The administration recommended investigating alternative food service providers. The Board of Education directed the administration to bring food service provider recommendations to the May Board of Education meeting.

Review Community Relations (sec. 8) Board Policies

The Pleasantdale Board of Education regularly reviews Board policy to ensure that current policies reflect the realities of running a school district. At the December meeting, the Board reviewed the Community Relations section of the policy manual. The policies will be approved at the January Board meeting.

Board of Education Information Requests

No Requests

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the January 2016 agenda include:
Approve Community Relations (sec. 8) Board Policies; Preschool Presentation; Mid-year Review of Non-tenured Teachers and Administrators; Abatement of Bonds; Approve Fee Increase; 5Essentials Survey of Learning Conditions; Job Share Proposals; Preliminary Review of District Calendar; Declassify Selected Closed Session Minutes.

Open Forum

Board member Michael Rak wished Board Vice President Gina Scaletta-Nelson a Happy Birthday and thanked her for her years of service to the Board of Education.

ACTION NO. 32

Closed Session

Motion by Violante, seconded by Barker, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives; and matters relating to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante) absent – Mirabile. Board President Mirabile arrived at 9:05 but after roll call.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:45 p.m.

ACTION NO. 33

Contract 2015-2020

Motion by Mirabile to approve the 2015-2020 Professional Agreement with the Teacher’s Association of Pleasantdale. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Violante, seconded by Barker, that the regular meeting adjourns at 9:47 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. ___ President _____ Secretary _____