

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 p.m. – 10:13 p.m. November 18, 2015

Members Present:

Mark Mirabile, Presiding Officer
Kim Barker
Vipul Dedhia
Michael Rak
Kristin Violante

Absent:

David Negrón
Gina Scaletta-Nelson

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present were staff members Erika Sawosko, Candy Kramer, Catherine Chang, Matt Vandercar, John Glimco, Stephanie Fordice, Amy DuVall, Stephanie Macek, and Andrea Mars; Susan Jones and Andrea Meade of Miller, Cooper and Co. Ltd.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present were students from Pleasantdale Elementary School Student Council who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD RECOGNITION

To recognize the efforts of nearly 6,000 school board members in the State, November 15, 2015, 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 all students and certificates of appreciation.

ACTION NO. 22
Consent Agenda

Motion by Violante, seconded by Barker, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of October 21, 2015; closed session meeting minutes of October 21, 2015; payment of October payroll/November warrants; November 2015 Personnel Report including the hiring of Molly McCoy as full time instructional aide beginning October 26, 2015 and Andrea Green as elementary lunchroom aide beginning October 26, 2016. Motion carried by a roll call of 5 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Mirabile, Rak, Violante) absent - Negrón, Scaletta-Nelson.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Audit Report

Superintendent Dave Palzet introduced Susan Jones and Andrea Meade from the firm of Miller, Cooper and Co. LTD., who presented the fiscal audit. This was the second year the firm of Miller, Cooper and Co. Ltd., to conduct the fiscal audit. It was shared that the district had no material weaknesses or discrepancies. The result was an unqualified opinion which is the highest level of recognition. It was stated that there were no difficulties dealing with management and it was a pleasure to work with the district staff.

ACTION NO. 23
Audit Report

Motion by Barker, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of the FY15 audit report as presented by Susan Jones and Andrea Meade of Miller, Cooper and Co. Ltd. Motion carried by a roll call of 5 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Mirabile, Rak, Violante) absent - Negrón, Scaletta-Nelson.

Student Goal Setting

Superintendent Dave Palzet stated that learning to set goals and follow through to achieve these goals is a life skill that strive to teach all students. Goal setting is necessary in both life and school and we have been working with our teachers so they can help students to set reasonable goals and see them through to success. At Pleasantdale Elementary School students work with their teachers to set attainable improvement goals on their STAR tests. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Candy Kramer shared the process of individual goal setting for students at the elementary. The STAR results are the means and common grounds for setting the goals. Elementary teacher Amy Duvall shared that grade 4 was the first group to work with Mrs. Kramer on setting goals. The students set reading goals for fall winter and spring scores and created goals that were not related to scores, but set as classroom goal to read 30 minutes a day. Elementary teacher Stephanie Macek shared how her classroom set math goals. Some of the goals were decided as a classroom and students were more specific on what their own needs are. Goal setting is having a positive impact as students are being held accountable for their learning.

Introduction of Communication Coordinator

Superintendent Dave Palzet shared that over the course of the past several months, Pleasantdale and LaGrange School District 102 created a shared services agreement around a Communications Coordinator. At last month's Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the intergovernmental agreement. Superintendent Palzet introduced the new Communications Coordinator, Stephanie Fordice. Stephanie has a wealth of experience and, was most recently, the communications coordinator in Cook County School District 130.

Ms. Fordice thanked all the members of the Board and looks forward to working with the district and Board.

Illinois Report Card Announcement

Superintendent Dave Palzet stated that 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.

Board of Education Information Requests

No Requests

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the December 2015 agenda include:

Review Community Relations (sec. 8) Board Policies; Technology Plan; PARCC Report; Tax Levy Hearing; Approve Tax Levy; Review Fees; Preliminary Discussion of Service Provider Contracts.

Open Forum

Board Secretary Kim Barker thanked Erika Sawosko for her work in coordinating the staff appreciation dinner and all those who attended.

ACTION NO. 24

Closed Session

Motion by Rak, seconded by Dedhia, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss matters related to 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 of 5 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Mirabile, Rak, Violante) absent - Negron, Scaletta-Nelson.

Board member David Negron joined the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 10:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Violante, seconded by Barker, that the regular meeting adjourns at 10:13 p.m.
Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. ___ President _____ Secretary _____