

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 p.m.– 8:36 p.m. November 16, 2016

Members Present:

Mark Mirabile, Presiding Officer
 Kim Barker
 Vipul Dedhia
 David Negron
 Gina Scaletta-Nelson – arrived at 7:18 p.m.
 Michael Rak
 Kristin Violante

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Erika Sawosko, Candy Kramer, Catherine Chang, Deb Lubeck, Matt Vandercar, John Glimco, Meg Knapik, Ema Chorney and Karyn Lisowski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Principal Matt Vandercar introduced members of the 4th grade student council. The students presented the Board of Education with cards of gratitude. The students lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD RECOGNITION

To recognize the efforts of nearly 6,000 school board members in the State, November 15, 2016, 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. 12 Consent Agenda

Motion by Barker, seconded by Dedhia, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of October 19, 2016; payment of October payroll/November warrants; and Finance (sec. 4) and 7:210 Board policies. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Mirabile, Negron, Rak, Violante) absent - Scaletta-Nelson.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Future Planning

Superintendent Dr. Palzet provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Future Planning Committee. The work of this committee will result in a recommendation to the Board for a long-term strategic plan. At its November meeting, the committee reviewed a draft set of District beliefs as well as a draft mission statement. The committee then reviewed a variety of data to identify strategic goal areas that will result in moving the district in a new direction. The next Future Planning meeting is scheduled for December 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Pleasantdale Middle School.

Superintendent Evaluation Process

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

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 meeting, it was determined that a section for earthquake preparedness needed to be added to the district's plan. This minor change will be made in the coming weeks to ensure that we have the most up-to-date plan. Board member Kristin Violante requested that a site visit occur at the elementary during drop off. Superintendent Palzet will schedule with the Willow Springs Police and Tri-state Fire Chiefs.

Revised Technology Fees

Based on feedback from the Board, the administration reviewed the proposed technology fees to be implemented in the 2017-18 school year. The goal of these fees is to offset the cost of the device and create a sustainable financial model for our 1:1 device program as outlined by the district's Technology Plan. The revised fees would be kindergarten – grade 2 = \$70; grade 3-5 = \$140; grade 6-8 = buy \$180, rent \$140 and bring \$50 per year.

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.

Curriculum Update

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Candy Kramer updated the Board on the district's progress in the implementation of Illinois' Learning Standards in math and English Language Arts and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The update included a review of the NGSS pilot lessons that are taking place as well as the math programming changes that are taking place. Finally, Mrs. Kramer updated the Board on the professional development activities that are taking place.

Board Policies Regarding Expenses and Reimbursement

Each month the Board reviews its policies to ensure that the current policy reflects the current realities of running a school district. This month the Board reviewed policy 2:125 *Board Member Compensation; Expenses* and 5:60 *Expenses*, along with a resolution and supporting paperwork regarding transparency in staff and Board Member reimbursement of expenses. These items will be on the December Consent Agenda for approval.

Board of Education Informational Requests

The Board requested to receive PARCC scores for our district.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the December 2016 agenda include:

Future Planning Update; Review and Approve the Audit Report; Review Community (sec. 8) Board Policies; Approve Board Policies, Resolution, and Forms regarding Expenses; TAG Summer Math Update; Tax Levy Hearing; Approve Tax Levy; Review Fees; Preliminary Discussion of Service Contracts. Safety Meeting Update.

ACTION NO. 13**Closed Session**

Motion by Violante, seconded by Barker, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 8:07 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 7 ayes (Barker, Dedhia, Mirabile, Negron, Scaletta-Nelson, Rak, Violante).

The Board came out of closed session at 8:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rak, seconded by Negron, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:36 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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