

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 7:00 p.m.– 9:03 p.m. May 16, 2018

Members Present:

Mark Mirabile, Presiding Officer

Jon Buralli

Vipul Dedhia

Mary Lenzen

Michael Rak

Kristin Violante

Absent:

David Negron

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Erika Sawosko, Catherine Chang, Jennifer Ban, Kathleen Tomei, Griffin Sonntag, and Karyn Lisowski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Middle School Student Council members led the pledge of allegiance. Also on display were projects done by Stephanie Macek's third grade class.

Organization of Board

ACTION NO. 25 President

Motion by Violante, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education appoint Mark Mirabile President effective May 2018 through May 2019. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Rak, Violante) absent - Negron.

ACTION NO. 26 Vice President

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Dedhia, that the Board of Education appoint Kristin Violante as Vice President effective May 2018 through May 2019. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Rak, Violante) absent - Negron.

ACTION NO. 27 Board Secretary

Motion by Buralli, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education appoint Mary Lenzen as Board Secretary without pay effective May 2018 through May 2019. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Rak, Violante) absent - Negron.

ACTION NO. 28 Recording Secretary

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Buralli, that the Board of Education appoint Erika Sawosko as Recording Secretary with pay effective May 2018 through May 2019. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Rak, Violante) absent - Negron.

ACTION NO. 29 Meeting Date

Motion by Mirabile, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education agreed to schedule regular meetings of the Board of Education on the third Wednesday of the month, with the exception of no meeting in July, at 7:00 p.m. in the administration building Board room and that the meeting schedule be published. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Rak, Violante) absent - Negron.

ACTION NO. 30 Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of April 18, 2018; closed session meeting minutes of April 18, 2018; payment of April payroll/May warrants; middle school math resources; food service contract; paper bid; audit services; transportation contract; cleaning services; final FY18 school calendar; School Board (sec. 2) Board policies; and May 2018

Personnel Report consisting of the hiring of Sara Poplawski, elementary resource teacher, and Kathleen Courtney, elementary math specialist, for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Rak) abstain – Violante, absent – Negron.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Strategic Blueprint Update

Superintendent Dr. Dave Palzet provided the Board with an update on the progress of completing the goals of the Strategic Blueprint. Over the course of the last month, the staff and administration have made significant progress on our [Strategic Blueprint](#) action steps. In the area of Building Learning Environments, we launched our school safety planning task force. This task force includes parents, teachers, administrators, and students. Its goal is to develop safety improvements recommendations for our schools. Also, in the area of Building Learning Environments, the district launched a flexible learning spaces grant program. This will allow teachers to apply for grants to transform their classrooms to foster collaborative learning and better meet the needs of students. Finally, in the area of Building Human Capital, the district launched a new Professional Development Pathways program. Teachers can choose from courses in a variety of categories that align with our Strategic Blueprint including Growth Mindset, Differentiation, and Co-teaching. These courses can be completed online at one's own pace.

Food Service Update

Over the course of the past several years, we have improved the quality of lunches served at our schools, and we have made lunch payment more efficient. Currently, over half of Pleasantdale students enjoy a school lunch every day. We have found our food service provider, Just A Dash Catering, to be responsive to our needs and willing to make adjustments to the program to provide better service. Feedback from students, parents, and staff has been positive regarding the quality of the food as well as the efficiency of the point-of-service payment system. There will be no increase in the cost of lunch (\$3.30) or milk (\$.30) for the 2018-19 school year.

Curriculum Review Process

The District's Curriculum Council, led by Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Jennifer Ban, have worked to redefine Curriculum Council and create a curriculum review process that supports the Strategic Blueprint and the needs of the district. This process includes standards for how curricula is reviewed, evaluated, and implemented in Pleasantdale School District 107. The redefined curriculum review process follows a five-phases cycle:

- Phase 1: Convene and Train a Subject Area Team
- Phase 2: Identify Needs and Create a Timeline
- Phase 3: Evaluate and Select Resources and Professional Development
- Phase 4: Implement Resources/Curricula and Train Staff
- Phase 5: Reflect and Monitor Progress

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the June agenda include:

Community Service Report; Gym Floor Update; Spring Testing Report; Superintendent Performance Evaluation; Board Self-Evaluation; School Safety Recommendations; Approve Prevailing Wage Resolution; Approve Voluntary Student Insurance; Approve Transfer of Interest; Approve Payment of June 30 Bill List; Approve Payment of July Board Meeting Bill List; Class Size Planning Update; Extra-curricular Report (Written).

OPEN FORUM

Board Vice President Violante recently attended the Numats awards, she was very impressed with the amount of students from Pleasantdale. She complemented the district on the great job preparing our students for the future.

Board member Dedhia recently attended the music competition in Lake Bluff and said the judges commented on how great our students did. The band didn't miss a beat!

ACTION NO. 31

Closed Session

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Rak, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; and 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. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Rak, Violante) absent – Negron.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Violante, seconded by Dedhia, that the regular meeting adjourns at 9:03 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. ___ President _____ Secretary _____