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August 25, 2008

The special meeting of the Board of Education of Prairie View Unified School District No. 362 was held in the board room on Monday, August 25, 2008, at 7:00 pm.

Board members present were Sue Page, Chuck Dunlop, Mark Haupt, Steve Haupt, Darlene Engert

Superintendent – Chris Kleidosty was present.

Clerk – Rita Noel was present.

Others present- Dr Chris Chrisman, Lisa McActee, Brian Uphoff, Bonnie Hobson,

1.0 Call Meeting to Order

Steve Haupt called the special meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Long Range Planning

Chris Kleidosty introduced Dr Chris Chrisman to talk about long range plans.

Dr Chrisman talked to the board about formulating the framework for long range goal planning for the district. He asked the board members to envision the future of students that attend this district. "In the very best of circumstances is this where we want to be."

Wes Chambers and Barbie Feldman in at 7:04 pm.

The board worked listing accomplishments that they were most proud of for the district from their views as board members, parents and patrons of the district. They were then asked to list goals that they thought were important to the district. The board members listed over 40 goals for the district. They were asked to then combine some of the goals that could be combined. From those 30+ goals they were each asked to list the 5 goals they felt were most important to the district. Then the top 6 goals were picked. From there Dr Chrisman will wordsmith the six goals and bring them back to each group that he talks with. The board members wanted him to talk with students, parents, patrons in the community and staff. Dr Chrisman and the superintendent will set times for those meetings. Dr Chrisman asked that the board members not attend those meetings so the people would feel free to speak their opinion. Dr Chrisman will then bring back those opinions, both positive and negative to the board. During those meetings the 6 goals will be shown to the people in the meetings and they will be asked what those goals mean to them. He will also have a copy of the other goals that the board members came up

with so the people will understand that the board had many goals, but felt those 6 were their top priority for the district.

Most proud as a board member

Test scores – all the way through
Teachers dedicated to students
Pay scale
Direction we are headed with facility upkeep
Modern facilities

Most proud as a parent

Kids
Safe environment for students
Students are respected

Most proud as a patron

Test scores
Facilities upkeep
Fiscal responsibility
Strong board/administrator relationship
Quality administration hired w/ previous board
Quality administration team

As a board member what are the difficult internal/external factors

Economy – fuel prices
No child left behind requirements
Patrons & students and staff balance
Declining enrollment
Balance public desire for programs versus keeping tax costs down

If you would think of board goals as a book with chapters what would you list as important chapters in the book.

Internal Communication
Competitive Pay & Benefits to attract quality personnel
Providing a variety of educational opportunities for all students
Empowerment of staff & students
Cooperation of boe/admin/teachers/patrons/parents for a common goal which is “what’s best for kids”
Provide appropriate resources for academic success
School district success would attract new students/parents
Continue to increase efficiency in the way the district is run
Appropriate Professional development activities

Teacher morale
Academic rigor – problem solving
Consider cost cutting measures for efficient/fair ways
Continue to meet and/or exceed AYP standards
Keeping facilities maintained
Upkeep of new construction projects for facilities
Budget to meet needs of district by maximizing resources
Keeping schools safe for learning environment
Remain fiscally responsible
Open to opinions to allow board members to make better decisions
Using technology as a tool for knowledge and collaboration
Keeping curriculum current to a changing world
Work diligently to meet No Child Left Behind
Graduates have strong community ties
Consider local factors when allocating resources
District should have a voice in the state
Incorporate more relevance in learning
Competitive in sports & academic
Maintain strong board of education
Keep quality administration
Professional development of administration
Recruit & retain quality staff
Improve community involvement in schools
Respect and honor all district employees
Increase teaming among staff & students
Support the plan once approved
Respect board decisions
Promote more individualized relationships w/ students especially at secondary level
Professional development for all staff
Align professional development needs
Dedication
Promote staff living in district

If you could combine some of the chapters, what would that look like

Long term planning & maintenance of facilities
Maintain & improve by creating a fiscally responsible budget with consideration of all district resources
School district to attract students, parents and employees
Align professional development needs with district goals for all staff & board
Continue to meet or exceed NCLB requirements
Cooperation of boe /admin/teachers/patrons/parents for achievement of district goals
Providing a relevant current educational opportunities for all students through adequate resources for a changing world

School district success to attract students, parents and employees as residents of the district

Competitive pay & benefits to recruit & retain quality personnel

To facilitate open 2 way communication at all levels to enhance education

Respect & honor all district employees to improve morale

Pick the top 5 chapters (count was too close and the board went with 6)

Provide relevant current technology based educational opportunities for all students in a changing world

Competitive pay and benefits to recruit and retain quality personnel

Maintain & improve by creating a fiscally responsible budget with consideration of all district resources

Long term planning & maintenance of facilities

Cooperation of Board of Education, Administration, Teachers, Patrons, Parents and Students for achievement of District Goals

Facilitate open 2 way communication at all levels to enhance education

3.0 Adjournment

Mark Haupt moved and Sue Page seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned 9:15 pm.

Rita Anne Noel
Business Manager