

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Organizational Meeting January 9, 2007

The Grandview Heights City School Board met in organization session pursuant to the rules section 3313.14 of the Ohio Revised Code at the John Glenn Community Center with Mrs. McLeod in the Chair. Addendum items to these minutes are contained herein and are a part of these minutes. The agenda prepared for this meeting immediately follows these minutes. The Board of Education endeavors to prepare audio tape recordings of its regular meetings. The tape recording of this meeting is on file at the Office of the Board of Education. The District's Tax Budget Hearing began at 7:00 p.m. immediately preceding this board meeting.

Appointment of President Pro-Tempore (I): Mrs. McLeod served as President pro tempore in accordance with Resolution 06-151 adopted by the Board at their regular meeting on December 12, 2006.

Call to Order (II): President Pro-tempore McLeod called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Roll Call (III): The following persons were present:

Members Present:

Ron Cameron, Member
Gary Heydinger, Member
Anita Keller, Member
Kathy Lithgow, Member
Suzanne McLeod, Member

Others Present:

Edward O'Reilly, Superintendent of Schools
Steve Andersson, High School Principal
Bob Baeslack, Middle School Principal
Kathy Binau, Director of Pupil Services
Stephanie Brett, Parent
Cathryn Chellis, District Technology Coordinator
Emily Clayton, Student
Carol Hamilton, Food Service Director
Caitlin Janoski, Student
Lindsey Jones, Student
Jeff Lamb, Director of District Services
Dave Mancini, Stevenson Elementary Principal
Katie Maxfield, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director
Melissa Barr Snider, Parent
Diane Turner, Child Care Director
Alan Froman, Grandview ThisWeek
Greg Jones, Tri-Village News
David Knisley, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Meditation (IV): President Pro-Tempore McLeod led the Pledge of Allegiance and silent meditation.

Election of President (V-A): Mrs. McLeod called for nominations for the office of President. Ms. Lithgow

nominated Mrs. McLeod. Dr. Heydinger seconded the nomination.

With no further nominations from the floor, Mrs. McLeod declared nominations closed and directed the treasurer to call the roll for the election of president.

MOTION 07-001: Ms. Lithgow moved to elect Mrs. McLeod President of the Board of Education. Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion. On roll call, the members voted as follows: Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes. 5 yes.
The president pro-tempore declared the election approved.

With all in favor, Mrs. McLeod was elected as the president and was administered the oath of office by Mr. Knisley at this time as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes. President McLeod assumed the chair as president at this time.

Election of Vice-President (VI-A): President McLeod called for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Mrs. Keller nominated Ms. Lithgow. Mr. Cameron seconded the nomination. With no other nominations from the floor, President McLeod declared nominations closed and directed the treasurer to call the roll for election of vice president.

MOTION 07-002: Mrs. Keller moved to elect Ms. Lithgow as Vice-President of the Board of Education. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion. On roll call, the members voted as follows: Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Cameron, yes. 5 yes.
The president declared the election approved.

With all in favor, Ms. Lithgow was elected as vice-president and was administered the oath of office by Mr. Knisley as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Appointment of Treasurer (VII-A): President McLeod called for the appointment of the office of Treasurer. Mr. Cameron nominated Mr. Knisley. Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion. With no other nominations from the floor, President McLeod declared the nominations closed and directed the treasurer to call the roll for the election of treasurer.

MOTION 07-003: Mr. Cameron moved to appoint David Knisley as Treasurer of the Board of Education for a four-year period in accordance with the employment contract approved by the Board of Education on December 12, 2006. Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion. On roll call, the members voted as follows: Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes. 5 yes.
The president declared the motion carried.

With all in favor, Mr. Knisley was elected Treasurer and was administered the oath of office at this time as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Student Presentation (XXXII):

- A. High School Students: Mr. Andersson introduced three Grandview Heights High School students who recognized the five members of the Board for their service to the community. They presented certificates to each Board member. They also read a proclamation from Grandview Heights Mayor, Ray DeGraw naming January as Board of Education month. They also read a resolution of appreciation from the School District staff and students.

MOTION 07-004 Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following organizational item.

Resolution to Establish Time, Place and Date of Regular Meetings (VIII): The Board established its regular meeting dates, times and locations at this time.

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.15 requires that at the time of the organizational meeting each Board of Education shall fix the time for holding its regular meetings, such meetings to be held a minimum of once every two months;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District shall meet to conduct any and all business to come before it on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., in the John Glenn Community Center located at 1240 Oakland Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, beginning February, 2007.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board of Education.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion. On roll call, the members voted as follows: Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes. 5 yes.
The president declared the motion carried.

MOTION 07-005: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following organizational items.

Resolution to Establish Compensation for the Board Members (IX): The Board established its compensation at this time.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised code, 3313.12, delineates compensation for a board of education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District shall be compensated at the maximum rate authorized by law effective January 1, 2007 for twelve (12) Regular Meetings and three (3) Special Meetings per year;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is directed to compensate Board of Education members according to this resolution.

Resolution to Validate Bond for Treasurer (X):

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3313.25 requires a faithful performance bond for the Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, the bond must be furnished for each term of office of the Treasurer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution shall serve notice that the Treasurer is bonded in the amount of \$20,000 per year from January 15, 2007 through January 15, 2008 with the pre-paid premium to be paid by the Board of Education through the Lauterbach and Eilber Insurance Agency.

Resolution to Validate Bond for Board of Education and Superintendent (XI):

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 2744.07(A) permits faithful performance bonds for the members of the Board and the Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the bonds shall cover the period from January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, in the amount of \$10,000 per bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution shall serve notice that the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent are bonded over the one year period at a premium to be paid by the Board of Education through Danduran and Associates.

Resolution to Establish Service Fund (XII):

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code, Section 3315.15 provides for the setting aside from the General Fund a sum not to exceed two dollars for each child enrolled in the District, or twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000), whichever is greater, as the "service fund"; and

WHEREAS, this money is to be used for the payment of expenses of the members of the Board of Education or of their official representatives actually incurred in the performance of their duties in attendance at meetings and conferences as delegates of the Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District acknowledges account number 001-2310-439-0000-000000-055-00-000, "Service Fund", within the 2007-2008 Appropriations in the amount of \$3,000, subject to modification by the Board of Education.

Resolution to Authorize Payment of Bills (XIII):

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay all bills as they are duly presented, provided funds are available, and to report monthly those bills which have been paid.

Resolution to Adopt the Tax Budget (XIV):

WHEREAS, Section 5705.28e of the Ohio Revised Code provides for the adoption of the tax budget prior to January 15th and;

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has prepared the tax budget according to guidelines from the State and County Auditors and the Ohio Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has conducted a public hearing on the proposed budget in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Sections 5705.28, 5705.29 and 5705.30;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District adopt the 2007-2008 tax budget as it appears as an addendum item to these minutes and direct the Treasurer to submit the tax budget document to the County Auditor by January 20, 2007.

Resolution to Authorize Tax Advances from County Auditor (XV):

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code, Section 321.34 provides for the release of tax advances to a city board of education; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor requires receipt of an authorizing resolution passed by a majority vote of the members of the board of education requesting the tax advances; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be financially advantageous for the Grandview Heights City School District to promptly receive the 2007 tax monies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District that the Superintendent and the Treasurer be authorized to request the tax advances for the year 2007.

Resolution to Request Tax Advances from Future Fiscal Year (XVI):

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code, Section 321.34, provides for the release of tax advances to a city board of education; and

WHEREAS, The Auditor of the State of Ohio, Management Advisory Service, Bulletin 88-33 states that "Advances received against the August settlement of real and public utility property tax, when requested by a school district board of education, become lawfully applicable to the purposes of the fiscal year in which the request is made upon the adoption of the resolution making the request"; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code, Section 5705.35(B) states in part, the "moneys advanced to the treasurer of a board of education under division A of Section 321.34 of the Revised Code shall be available for appropriation in the fiscal year in which they are paid to the treasurer under such section"; and

WHEREAS, The Auditor of the State of Ohio, Management Advisory Service, Bulletin 88-33 states that "Moneys advanced to a school district against the August settlement of real and public utility property may be appropriated in the fiscal year that the money is received in or paid to the treasurer";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District hereby directs the Superintendent and Treasurer to request advance payments on collections of property taxes to be settled during the coming fiscal year with the amount of the tax to be used, if necessary, to be appropriated and to pay for obligations of this current fiscal year.

Resolution to Authorize Investments of Interim Funds (XVII):

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code, Section 135.14 permits boards of education to make investments in certificates of deposit of banks, bonds, notes or other obligations of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District to invest funds not currently needed to meet operating costs in order to earn interest on these funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District that the policy for investment of cash not currently needed to meet obligations for short periods of time (less than two years) shall be one in which the cash balance remaining on active deposit be as low as is consistent with good business practice and the investment of cash be made according to the following principles: 1) Safety of principal; 2) Liquidity; and 3) Interest earnings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to determine the amounts of cash not needed to meet current obligations and to invest in certificates of deposit with interest rates most advantageous to the Board of Education and other such investments as authorized under section 135.14 and 135.142 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Resolution Authorizing Applications for Local State and Federal Funds (XVIII):

WHEREAS, Local, State and Federal Funds are made available to Grandview Heights City Schools through the consolidated local plan, etc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent is authorized and duly directed to make application for State and Federal Grants and create funds as necessary.

Resolution to Appoint Superintendent of Schools as Purchasing Agent (XIX):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee be appointed to serve as purchasing agent for the Board of Education on behalf of the school district.

Resolution Listing Legal Counsel (XX):

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.35 outlines authority for boards of education to hire legal counsel;

and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary for boards of education to engage legal counsel to represent the school system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the firms of Bricker and Eckler and Means, Bichimer, Burkholder and Baker are authorized to serve as legal counsel;

And be it further resolved that the Superintendent, Treasurer and School Board President are authorized to obtain legal counsel.

Resolution to Authorize Employment of Temporary Personnel (XXI):

WHEREAS, on occasion it becomes necessary for the Superintendent of Schools to employ temporary personnel in emergency situations as needed; and

WHEREAS, such employments are presented to the Board of Education for approval at the next regular meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District that the Superintendent be authorized to employ temporary personnel as needed in emergency situations.

O.S.B.A. Membership Renewal (XXII): Approve the renewal of membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for the year January through December, 2006 as follows:

Annual Membership Dues	\$3,498.00
Annual <u>Briefcase</u> subscription	110.00
Annual <u>School Management News</u> subscription	<u>185.00</u>
	\$3,793.00

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: McLeod, yes; Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes. 5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

MOTION 07-006: Mr. Cameron moved to approve the following items of organizational business.

Bobcat Booster Athletic Passes (XXIII):

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the support of the Bobcat Boosters to students in the Grandview Heights School District;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education acknowledges the generous financial contributions made by the Bobcat Boosters to the School District's student activity funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education continues to authorize the issuance of annual athletic event passes to qualifying Bobcat Club members by the Bobcat Boosters.

Resolution to Appoint Legislative Liaison to O.S.B.A. (XXIV):

BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Heydinger, Member of the Grandview Heights Board of Education, be appointed Legislative Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association for the 2007 year.

Resolution to Appoint Liaison to GH/MC Education Foundation (XXV):

BE IT RESOLVED that Mrs. Keller, Member of the Grandview Heights Board of Education, be appointed Liaison to the GH/MC Education Foundation for the 2007 year.

Resolution to Appoint Representative as Technology Liaison (XXVI):

BE IT RESOLVED that Ms. Lithgow, Member of the Grandview Heights Board of Education, be appointed Representative as Technology Liaison for the 2007 year.

Resolution to Appoint Representative to Superintendent's Business Advisory Council (XXVII):

BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Cameron, Member of the Grandview Heights Board of Education, be appointed Representative to Superintendent's Business Advisory Council for the 2007 year.

Resolution to Appoint Representative as Student Achievement Liaison (XXVIII):

BE IT RESOLVED that Mrs. Keller, Member of the Grandview Heights Board of Education, be appointed Representative as Student Achievement Liaison for the 2007 year.

Resolution to Appoint Representatives to the Economic Development Committee (XXIX):

BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Cameron, of the Grandview Heights Board of Education be appointed to the Economic Development Committee along with the Superintendent of Schools and the Treasurer for the 2007 year.

Resolution to Continue Audit Committee (XXX):

BE IT RESOLVED that all duly elected members of the Board of Education shall continue to serve as the School District's audit committee.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes.
. 5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

MOTION 07-007: Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following item.

Resolution to Appoint Permanent Improvement Committee Members:

BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Heydinger and Ms. Lithgow, Members of the Grandview Heights Board of Education, be appointed to the Permanent Improvement Committee.

Mr. Cameron seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Cameron, yes.
5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes(XXXI): President McLeod asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the previous meetings. There were none.

MOTION 07-008: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2006, regular meeting, and the December 12, 2006, special meeting as presented by the treasurer.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes..
5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Recognition of Guests and Hearing of Public (XXXIII-A): President McLeod asked if anyone wished to address the Board at this time.

1. Melissa Snider asked about Charter School funding. President McLeod said it is not currently being considered. Mr. O'Reilly said that the School District has only 7 students attending Charter Schools.
2. Mr. Andersson announced that May 4 is the All-Star Salute breakfast.

Treasurer's Report (XXXIV-A): Mr. Knisley reviewed the following financial information at this time.

MOTION 07-009 Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following financial items.

1. December financial reports at they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.
2. Payment of December bills. (Motion 07-005 authorized the payment of all bills as they are due).
3. Investments for the month of December, 2006. (Motion 07-005 authorized the investment of funds).
4. Appropriation modifications dated December 31, 2006, as they appear on the addendum items to these minutes.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes;
. 5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Mr. Knisley fielded questions from members of the Board of Education regarding information presented during the tax budget hearing. School District Income Tax concept will be discussed at the work session. The Board will also discuss how to manage a school district that is, at least temporarily, in good financial condition.

Board Reports (XXXIV-B):

G. Heydinger – Legislative Liaison: There was no report to be presented at this time.

Anita Keller – Student Liaison: There was no report to be presented at this time.

Child Care Report (XXXIV-C): Mrs. Turner reviewed her report that is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. She included information regarding a fee increase. Mrs. Turner fielded questions from members of the Board.

Buildings and Grounds (XXXIV-D): Mr. Lamb reported to the Board regarding buildings and grounds. The security recommendations are contained as an addendum item to the agenda.

Food Service Report (XXXIV-E): The food service report is contained as an addendum item to the agenda.

Technology Report (XXXIV-F): Ms. Chellis reviewed her report as it is contained as an addendum item to the agenda.

Superintendent's Report (XXXIV-G): The superintendent reported on the following items.

1. Ohio Core Curriculum: Mr. O'Reilly reported on Core requirement changes mandated through legislation passed by the recent "lame duck" state legislature. His presentation is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. One of the changes is an increase in math credits to 4 years of math, including algebra II. Mr. O'Reilly fielded questions from members of the Board.

Recommendations from the Superintendent for action by the Board of Education (XXXV):

Curriculum & Instruction (XXXV-A): There was one item of curriculum and instruction to be considered at this time.

MOTION 07-010: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following item of curriculum and instruction.

1. Independent Study: Approve the following request for an independent study program at the high school for the 2006-2007 school year:

a.	Tommy Confar	Lost Boys of Sudan	Lin Bensen
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Mr. Cameron seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: McLeod, yes; Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; 5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Policy and Procedure (XXXV-B): There were no items of board policy and procedure to be discussed at this time.

Business and Finance (XXXV-C): There were three items of business and finance to be discussed at this time.

MOTION 07-011: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Amended Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates: Adopt the resolution as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

3. Five-Year Forecast: Approve the five-year forecast in accordance with HB 412 (1997) as presented by the treasurer and contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

4. Disposal of Equipment/Furniture: Approve the disposal of the following:

a.	Treasurer's Office		
	5974	Ultra Pentium II computer	obsolete
	5975	Clearmark computer monitor	obsolete
b.	Stevenson Elementary		
	5730	Risograph Copier TR1510	obsolete

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes. 5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Buildings and Grounds (XXXV-D): There was one item of buildings and grounds to be discussed at this time.

MOTION 07-012: Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following item of buildings and grounds.

1. Change of Year Projects: Approve the removal of the boiler replacement at Stevenson Elementary from year 2 of the 5-year project list.

Approve adding the repair of unit ventilators and fan coils at both the high school and intermediate school to year 2 of the 5-year project list.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Cameron, yes.
5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Mr. Lamb reported on the malfunctioning components of the high school HVAC system.

Personnel (XXXV-E): The superintendent recommended the approval of four items of personnel.

MOTION 07-013: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following items of personnel.

1. Retirement: approve the following retirement resignations:
 - a. Craig Dickinson, groundskeeper, effective June 29, 2007
 - b. Ronald West., custodian, effective March 31, 2007
2. Supplemental Duty Contracts: Approve employment of the following supplemental duty contracts for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - a. Josh Tomlinson, Baseball Asst. Varsity Coach, Class V-1-1, \$2,078.58
 - b. Troy Hinder, Basketball Freshmen Boys Coach, Class V-1-1, \$2,078.58
3. Leave of absence: Approve a leave of absence for the following:
 - a. Rachel Smith will be using 6 weeks of accumulated and donated sick leave and 6 weeks Unpaid leave. This leave will be under the Family and Medical Leave Act and is effective beginning approximately February 23, 2007.
4. Substitutes: Approve the list of substitute teachers for the 2006-2007 school year as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes.
5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Co/curricular Activities (XXXV-F): There was one item of co/curricular activity to be considered at this time.

MOTION 07-014: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following item of co/curricular activity at this time.

1. Extra Curricular Volunteers: Approve the following as volunteers for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - a. Scott Talmage, middle school wrestling

