

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting November 13, 2007

The Grandview Heights City School Board met in regular session pursuant to the rules section 3313.15 of the Ohio Revised Code in the John Glenn Community Center with President Suzanne 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.

Call to Order (I): President McLeod called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Members Present: Suzanne McLeod, President  
Ron Cameron, Member  
Gary Heydinger, Member  
Anita Keller  
Kathy Lithgow, Member

Others Present: Edward O'Reilly, Superintendent  
Marc Alter, Middle School Teacher  
Jordan Alter-Sorin, Visitor  
Bob Baeslack, Middle School Principal  
Kathy Binau, Director of Pupil Services  
Brian Bowser, Stevenson Elementary Principal  
Debbie Brannan, Parent  
Emma Carrol, Student  
Cathryn Chellis, District Technology Coordinator  
Hallie Foster, Student  
Carol Hamilton, Food Service Director  
Steve Hedge, High School Teacher  
Katie Maxfield, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Dir.  
Joanne Peters, Parent  
Mac Swinford, Parent  
Emma Swinford, Student  
Dee Turner, Child Care Director  
Jeremy Tyson, Visitor  
David Knisley, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Meditation (III): President McLeod led the pledge of allegiance and silent meditation.

Recognition of Academic Achievement and Outstanding Contributions (IV-A): National Merit Scholars Emma Carroll, Hallie Foster and Emma Swinford: Mr. O'Reilly introduced Grandview's National Merit Scholars. They told the audience about themselves.

Recognition of Outstanding Contributions, Bobcat Award Winners, Marc Alter and Fred Fortin (IV-B): Mr. O'Reilly described the soccer goals designed,

built and donated by Fred Fortin valued at about \$5,000. Mr. O'Reilly introduced Marc Alter and read portions of his nomination forms.

Recognition of Guests and Hearing of the Public (IV-C): President McLeod asked if anyone wanted to address the board at this time. There was no one.

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

**MOTION 07-116:** Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2007 regular meeting as presented by the treasurer.

Dr. Heydinger 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.

Treasurer's Report (VI-A): Mr. Knisley reviewed financial information with the Board at this time.

**MOTION 07-117:** Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following:

1. October financial reports as they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.
2. Payment of October bills. (Motion 07-005 authorized the payment of all bills as they are due).
3. Investments for the month of October, 2007. (Motion 07-005 authorized the investment of district funds).
4. Appropriation modifications for the month of October, 2007, as they appear on the addendum items to these minutes.

Mr. Cameron 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.

Board Reports (VI-B):

G. Heydinger - Legislative Liaison: Dr. Heydinger reported on discussions to review the constitutional amendment drive considering that not much has been done to improve school funding since the new state government was seated. Two Questions: Long term impact of a constitutional amendment and impact on forecast assumptions were posed by Dr. Heydinger. Fundraising activities time limitations were lifted by the State of Ohio.

Anita Keller, Student Achievement Liaison: Mrs. Keller reported that she attended the OSBA Capital Conference yesterday. The keynote speaker encouraged adults to encourage students to be involved in various activities offered through the schools. Mrs. Keller attended the annual business meeting.

Child Care Report (VI-C): Mrs. Turner reported on her program activities. A written report is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. Forty-two high school students are participating in the child care mentorship program. Mr. O'Reilly noted how well the program is run by Mrs. Turner.

Buildings and Grounds Report (VI-D): Mr. O'Reilly noted that the HVAC system is heating the buildings. Walk-off mats have been installed at high school entry points that will replace rugs. A sign-in system is in place for visitors in all District buildings.

Food Service Report (VI-E): Mrs. Hamilton reviewed her written report that is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. Healthy alternatives are being considered in lieu of the now removed snack machines.

Technology Report (VI-F): See agenda addendum item. Mr. O'Reilly reported that the annual report of the School District will be placed on the website. This will eliminate most of the \$4,000 cost of printing and distributing hard copies.

Superintendent's Report (VI-G): The following items were reported on at this time.

1. Presentation of the district policy, Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior: Mr. O'Reilly reviewed the proposed Policy #5517.01 entitled "Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior" as it is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. The Board will formally consider this Policy in December. Mr. O'Reilly noted minor changes to be made to clean up the language prior to adoption in December. He fielded question from members of the Board.
2. Battelle for Kids - SOAR Date: Mr. O'Reilly presented the information provided by Battelle for Kids regarding Project Soar. The executive summary displayed twelve items in which students performed better than projected and only three items in which they performed lower than projected. Charts provided by school building show performance on math, reading, science, social studies, and writing. Mr. O'Reilly fielded questions from members of the Board and visitors. Mr. Baeslack and Mr. Bowser described how their staff uses this information to adapt various programs to individual students or groups of students. See the "2007 Executive Summary Reports" as they are contained as addendum items to the agenda.
3. Jarod's Law and Legal Updates: Sub H.B. 190 commonly known as the "All Day Kindergarten Law" has been passed by the House and Senate and will be signed by the Governor shortly. This will continue to allow school districts to charge tuition for all day kindergarten classes. This bill also expands background checks for school district employees.

Executive Session (VII): The Board considered entering into executive session at this time.

**MOTION 07-118:** Ms. Lithgow moved to enter into executive session at this time to discuss the employment of the superintendent. Dr. Heydinger 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 and the meeting entered into executive session at 8:50 p.m.

At this time, members of the Board, the superintendent, treasurer, and board member elect, Joanne Peters, met in the middle school principal's conference room to conduct the executive session. The employment of the superintendent was discussed at this time.

The Board resumed regular session at 9:13 p.m.

Recommendations for Action by the Board (VIII):

- A. Evaluation and contract of the superintendent: President McLeod read portions of the evaluation of the superintendent. She noted that the Board is very pleased with who Ed is and what he has done for the District.

**MOTION 07-119:** Mr. Cameron moved to approve the following item of recommendation.

Approve the addendum to the superintendent's employment contract including the annual salary rate of \$129,000 and to accept the evaluation as presented.

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

**MOTION 07-120:** Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following item of curriculum and instruction.

- 1. Independent Study: Approve the following request for independent study programs at the high school for the 2007-2008 school year:

- a. Sarah Gleeson      AP Calculus      Steve Hall
- b. Allison Kientz      English 10      Tony Thivener

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Policy and Procedure (IX-B): There was one item of board policy and procedure to be reviewed at this time.

- 1. Board Policy Review: Review the policy revision as it is contained as an addendum item to the agenda for adoption at the December meeting.

- a. 5517.01      Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior

Business & Finance (IX-C): The superintendent recommended the approval of six items of business and finance.

**MOTION 07-121:** Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Disposal of Equipment/Furniture: Approve disposal of the following:
  - a. Pupil Services
 

6439	HP Deskjet 84c Inkjet printer	obsolete
6456	Iomega Zip Drive	obsolete
  - b. Edison/Middle School
 

5979	iMac	broken
6240	G3 monitor	broken
  - c. District Services
 

004944	Computer screen	obsolete
004943	Acer computer	obsolete
  - d. Stevenson Elementary
 

6399	Lacie External hard drive	broken
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  - e. High School  
As it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
2. Gifts/Donations: Approve the following donation:
  - a. Ms. Barb Reif, Accent on Nature, donated a large book display for the Edison/Middle School library; this donation has a value of \$500.00.
3. Transfer of Funds: Approve the transfer of \$181,437.50 from the Permanent Improvement Fund to the Bond Retirement Fund to pay the Principal and interest on the P.I. tax anticipation notes dated February 16, 2006 and transfer \$21,218.75 from the general fund-stadium area to the bond retirement fund to pay the principal and interest on the synthetic grass playing field notes dated December 1, 2006.
4. Transfer of Funds: Approve the following transfers of federal grant funds to facilitate the closure of FY-07 grants and the carryover of the remaining money to the FY-08 grant funds:
  - a. \$664.36 from Special Education Part B IDEA FY-07 to FY-08
  - b. \$1,161.44 from Targeted Assistance Title I FY-07 to FY-08
  - c. \$382.26 from Innovative Programs Title V FY-07 to FY-08
  - d. \$0.65 from Safe and Drug Free Schools Title IV-A FY-07 to FY-08
  - e. \$0.78 from Improving Teacher Quality Title II-A FY-07 to FY-08
  - f. \$13.92 from Technology Title II-D FY-07 to FY-08
5. ESCFC Classroom Facilities Lease Agreement: Approve the Educational Services Center of Franklin County Classroom Facilities Lease Agreement by and between the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District as contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

6. Vocational Travel Reimbursement: Approve that the School District daily travel reimbursement rate paid to students attending vocational schools be increased from \$2 to \$4 effective January 1, 2008.

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.

Buildings and Grounds (IX-D): There were no items of buildings and grounds to be considered at this time.

Personnel (IX-E): The superintendent recommended the approval of seven items of personnel at this time.

**MOTION 07-122:** Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following items of personnel.

1. Resignations/Retirement: Approve the following resignations/retirement for the 2007-2008 school year.
  - a. Donald French, custodian, retirement effective at the end of the day January 31, 2008
  - b. Tom Falk, assistant wrestling coach, resignation for the 2007-2008 school year
  - c. Amber Starkey, gymnastics head coach, resignation for the 2007-2008 school year
  - d. Jon Wilhelm, Track, Asst. Varsity coach, resignation for the 2007-2008 school year
2. Contract Correction: Approve the following contract correction:
  - a. Denis Lutz, Extended Time Supplemental - 15 days, from \$5,786.25 to \$5,930.85 (due to advancement of the salary schedule from Class VI, Step 14 to Class VII, Step 14 )
  - b. Craig Kyle, Baseball Head Coach, from Class II, Step 1-4 to Class II, 2-6 (previous experience verified)
3. Supplemental Duty Contracts: Approve the following supplemental duty contracts for the 2007-2008 school year:
  - a. Christina Meier, Cheerleader Head Coach, Winter, Class V, Step 1 (1), \$2,140.92
  - b. Jason Peters, Weight Room Supervisor--Winter, Class VII, Step 2 (6), \$1,427.28
  - c. Scott Talmage, Wrestling Middle School Coach, Class V, Step 1 (1), \$2,140.92
  - d. James Fronk, Basketball Freshmen Boys Coach, Class V, Step 3 (M), \$3,568.20
  - e. Joe Hecker, Faculty Manager, Athletics--Winter, Class VI, Step 1(1), \$1,427.28
  - f. John Vogel, Wrestling Varsity Assistant Coach, Class IV, Step 1(1), \$2,497.74
  - g. Vince DeTillio, Saturday School, \$20.00 per hour

