

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting December 11, 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, Member  
Kathy Lithgow, Member

Others Present: Edward O'Reilly, Superintendent  
Steve Andersson, High School Principal  
Bob Baeslack, Middle School Principal  
Kathy Binau, Director of Pupil Services  
Brian Bowser, Stevenson Elementary Principal  
Cathryn Chellis, District Technology Coordinator  
Carol Hamilton, Food Service Director  
Steve Hedge, High School Teacher  
Jeff Lamb, Director of District Services  
Katie Maxfield, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Dir.  
Alan Froman, Grandview This Week  
Greg Jones, Tri-Village News  
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):  
Resolution Honoring Ronald W. Cameron: President McLeod read the resolution as it is contained as an addendum item to these Minutes. Mr. Cameron addressed the Board at this time.

Recognition of Guests and Hearing of the Public (IV-B): 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 07-124:** Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 regular meeting as presented by the treasurer.

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.

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

**MOTION 07-125:** Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following:

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

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.

Board Reports (VI-B):

G. Heydinger - Legislative Liaison: Dr. Heydinger reported that the Legislative Committee will begin meeting in January.

Anita Keller, Student Achievement Liaison: No report was presented at this time.

Child Care Report (VI-C): See the addendum item to the agenda.

Buildings and Grounds Report (VI-D): Mr. Lamb reported that the six fan coil units will be installed at Stevenson during the holiday break. The telephone system will be installed district-wide during the break.

Food Service Report (VI-E): No report was available at this time.

Technology Report (VI-F): Ms. Chellis noted her report that is contained as an addendum item to the agenda.

Curriculum Report (VI-G): No curriculum report was available at this time. Mr. O'Reilly noted the professional development activities held one morning last week. Ms. Maxfield provided additional information. She fielded questions from members of the Board.

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

1. Contract with Ohio School Board Association: Mr. O'Reilly described the OSBA Policy service. The transfer of proposed and adopted policies is made via email. The ultimate Policy would be on a CD. Currently the District has no electronic version of Board Policy.

2. Report on District Improvement Plan: Mr. O'Reilly reviewed progress on the District Improvement Plan as it is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. Goal #1: Develop K-12 writing strategies in order to improve student achievement. Goal #2: Research, develop and implement best practices of instruction and assessment to maximize and personalize every students learning.

Recommendations for Action by the Board (VII):

Curriculum and Instruction (VII-A): There were two items of curriculum and instruction to be considered at this time.

**MOTION 07-126:** Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following items 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. Tommy Confar Service Learning Lin Bensen
  - b. Christina Reeves Personal Finance Mark Johnson
2. Field Trip: Approve a service learning field trip to Montaña de Luz, Honduras. Rachel Smith will accompany approximately 14-16 students with 2-3 chaperones. They will leave on July 9 and return on July 16, 2008. The cost will about \$1,500.00 per student.

Dr. Heydinger 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.

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

**MOTION 07-127:** Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following item of board policy and procedure.

1. Board Policy Adoption: Adopt the policy revision presented for review at the November meeting as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
  - a. 5517.01 Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior

Mrs. Keller 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.

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

**MOTION 07-128:** Mr. Cameron moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Elect President Pro Tempore for Organizational Meeting: Elect a president pro tempore to open and preside over the organizational meeting until the new President of the Board has been duly elected.

President Pro Tempore Suzanne McLeod

2. MEC Self-Help Gas Agreement: Adopt the resolution to continue participation in the cooperative gas purchasing program as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
3. OSBA Legal Assistance Fund: Adopt the resolution to become a member of Ohio School Boards Association's Legal Assistance Fund for the year 2008, as follows:

Whereas, the Grandview Heights City Schools Board of Education wishes to participate in the Legal Assistance Fund, which provides assistance to boards of education in obtaining favorable judicial decisions and,

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,

Therefore, the Board hereby resolves to join the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2008 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.

4. Van Purchase: Approve the purchase of the following van for the school district:

a.	2007 Ford Van	\$18,000.00
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5. Disposal of Equipment/Furniture: Approve disposal of the following:

a.	Board of Education Office		
	6739	Dell computer	broken
b.	Treasurer's Office		
	6781	HP 17" LCD Monitor	broken

6. Purchase Order Authorization: Authorize the following purchase order in accordance with ORC 5705.41 (D) (1), which restricts retroactive approvals by fiscal officers to a maximum of \$3,000.00:

a.	Account:	003-5600-423
	Vendor:	Industrial Insulation Specialists, Inc.
	Date:	October 12, 2007
	Requested by:	Jeff Lamb
	Description:	Removal of asbestos at RLS boiler room
	Amount:	\$3,500.00

7. OSBA Service Agreement: Approve a contract with Ohio School Board Association for Ohio Policy Premium Service and Ohio Policy Service Consulting. Authorized payments not to exceed \$10,500.

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.

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

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

**MOTION 07-129:** Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following items of personnel.

1. Supplemental Duty Contract: Approve the following supplemental duty contract for the 2007-2008 school year:
  - a. Steve Hedge, Wednesday School, \$20.00 per hour
2. Substitute Employees: Approve employment of substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year, as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Approve employment of the following classified substitute for the 2007-2008 school year:

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| a. | Judy Beight | Cook              |
| b. | Judy Beight | Secretary         |
| c. | Judy Beight | Teacher Assistant |

3. Child Care Program: Approve the following for the 2007-2008 school year:
  - a. Sean Gibson, Recreation Leader substitute, effective November 8, 2007
  - b. Kelly Miller, from 6.5 hours per day to 5.5 hours per day, effective December 6, 2007
4. Retirement: Approve the following retirement for the 2007-2008 school year.
  - a. Bill Brown, high school teacher, effective at the end of the day January 22,

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.

Co/curricular Activities (VII-F): There were no items of co/extracurricular activities to be considered at this time.

Other Items (VII-G): There were no other items to be considered at this time.

Items for Discussion (VIII): The following items were discussed at this time.

**MOTION 07-130:** Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following item for discussion:

- A. Organizational meeting, January 8, 2008 at 7:30 pm and Budget Hearing at 7:00 pm. in the John Glenn Community Center.

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.

- B. Gymnasium Banners: Mr. O'Reilly described how banners were removed from the high school gymnasium when it was painted last summer. He suggested considering replacing them with a single "add-on banner" for each sport. Dr. Heydinger said some of the banners that are particularly old (50 years) gave our gym character that others do not have. The oldest have historical value. Mr. O'Reilly said the gym walls ran out of space in 2005. Discussion continued. A recommendation will be forthcoming.

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

**MOTION 07-131:** Dr. Heydinger moved to enter into executive session at this time to consider matters of pending litigation.

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 and the meeting entered into executive session at 8:48 p.m.

At this time, members of the Board, the superintendent and treasurer met in the middle school principal's office to conduct the executive session. The procurement of legal counsel was discussed at this time.

The Board resumed regular session at 9:28 p.m.

Adjournment (X): President McLeod called for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION 07-132:** Mr. Cameron moved to adjourn.

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 and the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

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Treasurer