

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

Regular Meeting December 8, 2009

The Grandview Heights City School Board met in regular session pursuant to the rules section 3313.15 of the Ohio Revised Code at the John Glenn Community Center with President Lithgow 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 Lithgow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Present:

Gary Heydinger, Member  
Anita Keller, Member  
John Kessler, Member  
Kathy Lithgow, Member  
Joanne Peters, Member (5)

Others Present:

Edward O'Reilly, Superintendent of Schools  
Jane Adkins, EIMS Instructional Assistant  
Bob Baeslack, Middle School Principal  
Ron Cameron, Parent  
Katie Clifford, Visitor  
Greta Gardner, Visitor  
Carol Hamilton, Food Service Director  
Steve Hedge, High School Teacher  
Renee Heydinger, Parent  
George Keller, Parent  
Mitch Keller, Student  
Katie Maxfield, Director of Curriculum  
Courtney Price, Child Care Director  
Tammy Rizzo, Assistant Treasurer  
Jesse Truett, High School Principal  
Alan Froman, This Week News  
Gregory Jones, Tri-Village News  
David Knisley, Treasurer

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

Policy Review (IV): Greta Gardner, from OSBA, assisted the Board in reviewing the final draft of the proposed Board Policy. Mr. O'Reilly noted that the revised Policy permits him to accept employee resignations on behalf of the Board. Modifications discussed by the Board will be incorporated into the final resolution to approve the Policy during a special meeting to be held later this month.

Recognition of Academic Achievement and Outstanding Contributions (V-A):

1. Resolution for board members Dr. Gary Heydinger and Mrs. Anita Keller: Members of the Board read aloud the Resolution honoring outgoing Board of Education members, Anita Keller and Gary Heydinger, as they are contained as addendum items to these Minutes.

Recognition of Guests and Hearing of Public (V-B): President Lithgow asked if anyone wished to address the Board at this time. There was no one.

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

**MOTION 09-119:** Mrs. Keller moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009, regular meeting, and the November 18, 2009, special meeting as presented by the treasurer.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

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

**MOTION 09-120:** Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following financial items.

1. November financial reports as they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.
2. Payment of November bills. (Motion 09-004 authorized the payment of all bills as they are due).
3. Investments for the month of November, 2009. (Motion 09-004 authorized the investment of funds).
4. Appropriation modifications for the month of November, 2009.

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Reports (VII-B):

Joanne Peters – Legislative Liaison: Ms. Peters reported that there were not enough members available to hold the recently scheduled legislative committee meeting.

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

Child Care Report (VII-C): Mrs. Price noted her written report to the Board. She fielded questions from members of the Board.

Buildings and Grounds Report (VII-D): Mr. O'Reilly reported that almost 40 applications have been received for the position of Director of District Services and Facilities.

Food Service Report (VII-E): Mrs. Hamilton noted her written report to the Board. She fielded questions from members of the Board.

Technology Report (VII-F): Mr. O'Reilly said a complete report regarding technology will be made at the annual work session this winter.

Curriculum Report (VII-G): Mrs. Maxfield noted her written report to the Board. She fielded questions from members of the Board.

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

1. SOAR Reports: Mr. O'Reilly presented information to the Board regarding Project SOAR. The Battelle for Kids 2009 Report is contained as an addendum item to the agenda for this meeting.
2. Kindergarten Proposal: State requirements for kindergarten programs next year are still unknown. Mr. O'Reilly said he intends to recommend that the School District offer a tuition-based all day kindergarten option at the same tuition rates as the current program. (See addendum item to the agenda for this meeting).

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

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

**MOTION 09-121**: Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following items of curriculum and instruction.

1. Independent Study Request: Approve the following request for an Independent Study program at the high school for the 2009-2010 school year:
  - a. Madeleine Whitley                      Service Learning                      Lin Bensen
2. Field Trip: Approve a field trip for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to Gettysburg and Washington D.C. from June 2 through June 4, 2010. They will travel by bus and Prodigy Student Travel, Inc. will handle the arrangements. Approximately 86 students will be chaperoned by EIMS staff with a ratio of 1 to 8 students. The cost to students will be \$430.00.
3. Adoption of the 2010-2011 School Calendar: Adopt the 2010-2011 school calendar as presented by the superintendent as it appears as an addendum item to these minutes.

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Keller, yes; Kessler, yes; Lithgow, yes; Peters, no; Heydinger, yes. 4 yes. 1 no.

The president declared the motion carried.

Mr. O'Reilly described the process by which calendars A and B were developed. Calendar A was developed by DDC to accommodate professional development opportunities and it included a shorter holiday break in December. The majority of staff members voted in favor of calendar B including a two-week holiday break in December.

Board Policy and Procedure (VIII-B):

1. Board Policy Revision Review: The Board reviewed several proposed Policies at the beginning of this meeting. Final approval will occur at a special meeting this month.

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

**MOTION 09-122**: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

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

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|----|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. | Stevenson Library   |                       |                       |
|    | 5661                | Zenith TV             | broken                |
| b. | District Technology |                       |                       |
|    | 6687                | HP1200 printer        | broken                |
|    | 6671                | iBook                 | damaged/repair costly |
| c. | Food Services       |                       |                       |
|    | 3751                | ice machine           | broken                |
| d. | High School         |                       |                       |
|    | 1434                | 5 riser platforms     | not safe for use      |
|    | 1442                | 5-riser platforms     | not safe for use      |
|    | 5565                | Lowery electric organ | broken                |
2. NiSource Property Tax Valuation Appeal: Authorize Bricker and Eckler to attempt to reach a resolution in which both sides agree to a value of the subject property.
  3. 403(b) Tax-Deferred Annuity Plan: Adopt the first amendment to the Grandview Heights School District 403(b) Tax-Deferred Annuity Plan, as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

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

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

**MOTION 09-123:** Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following items of personnel.

1. Resignation: Approve the following resignation for the 2009-2010 school year:
  - a. Kenneth Dawson, custodian, effective at the end of the day November 30, 2009
2. Supplemental Duty Contract: Approve the following supplemental duty contracts for the 2009-2010 school year:
  - a. Hillary Billups, Artistic Director, HS Musical, Class V-2-5, \$2,756.40
  - b. Barbara McCauley, 5th grade camp, Class X, \$183.76
  - c. Nathan Ells, Wrestling MS Coach, Class V-1-1, \$2,205.12
  - d. Brian Schoch, Track Head Coach, Class I-2-8, \$5,329.04
  - e. Jon Wilhelm, Track HS Asst. Coach, Class V-2-7, \$2,756.40
  - f. Nikole James, Cheerleading Head Coach - Winter, Class V-2-5, \$1,791.66 (.65 FTE)
  - g. Amanda Langhals, Cheerleading Head Coach – Winter, Class V-1-1, \$771.79 (.35 FTE)
3. Stipends: Approve the following stipends for the 2009-2010 school year:
  - a. Emily Meister, After School Study Table instructor, \$500.00 (Career and Technical Development FY 09 grant)
  - b. Bethany Black, Drug-Free Youth Club, \$500.00 (Stipends, CORE Team certified)

4. Substitute Employees: Approve employment of substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year.
  - a. Kathleen Canalos Art
  - b. Carolyn Kirby-Rogers Business/Computer Science
  - c. Lisa-Marie Reinhart Art

Approve employment of the following classified substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year:

- a. Cheri Berlin Secretary and Teacher Assistant
- b. Doretha Martin Teacher Assistant
- c. Audrey Wilson Teacher Assistant

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

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

**MOTION 09-124**: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following item of co/curricular activity.

1. Volunteers: Approve the following volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year:
  - a. Nick Goodburn, Science Olympiad EIMS
  - b. James Hoerath, Science Olympiad EIMS
  - c. John Janoski, Science Olympiad EIMS
  - d. Justin Kasemodel, Science Olympiad EIMS
  - e. Richard Murray, Science Olympiad EIMS
  - f. Eric Snyder, Science Olympiad EIMS
  - g. Mindy Stoltz, Science Olympiad EIMS
  - h. Stephen Wolf, Science Olympiad EIMS

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Other Business (VIII-G): The following items of other business were considered at this time.

**MOTION 09-125**: Ms. Peters moved to approve the following items of other business.

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 Ms. Lithgow

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

**MOTION 09-126**: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following item of other business.

