

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting February 9, 2010

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 Ms. 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 7:30 p.m.

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

Members Present:

Kathy Lithgow, President
Katie Clifford, Member
Grant Douglass, Member
John Kessler, Member
Joanne Peters, Member (5)

Others Present:

Edward O'Reilly, Superintendent of Schools
Kathy Binau, Director of Pupil Services
Debbie Brannan, Parent
Heidi Bechtel, Parent
Karen Cincione, Parent
Nora Claypool, Parent
Amy Day, Parent
Patti Gardner, Parent
Win Keller, Parent
Stacey Sterneker, Parent
Jesse Truett, High School Principal
Ally York, Student
Debbie York, Parent
Matt York, Student
Tom York, Parent
Greg Jones, Tri Village News
David Knisley, Treasurer

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

Recognition of Outstanding Contributions (IV): There was one item of recognition of outstanding contributions at this time.

- A. Tri-Village Rotary Bobcat Award, Stephanie Brett and Debbie York: Mr. O'Reilly read the nomination form for Debbie York to receive the Bobcat Award and he presented the award to her at this time. Stephanie Brett was not in attendance.

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

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

MOTION 10-021: Mr. Douglass moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010, regular meeting, the January 23, 2010, special meeting, and the February 6, 2010, facility tour as presented by the treasurer.

Ms. Peters seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

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

MOTION 10-022: Ms. Peters moved to approve the following financial items.

1. January financial reports as they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.
2. Payment of January bills. (Motion 10-004 authorized the payment of all bills as they are due).
3. Investments for the month of January, 2010. (Motion 10-004 authorized the investment of funds).
4. Appropriation modifications dated January 31, 2010, as they appear on the addendum items to these minutes.

Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Reports (VI-B):

OSBA Legislative Liaison: Mrs. Clifford reported that March 5, 7:30 p.m. will be the next legislative committee meeting.

Student Achievement Liaison: Ms. Peters reported that at the Hall of Fame Dinner they discussed the support received by students from outside the classroom, etc.

Child Care Report (VI-C): Mr. O'Reilly noted that the child care report is contained as an addendum item to the agenda to this meeting.

Buildings and Grounds (VI-D): Mr. O'Reilly commended the maintenance department as they have been dealing with the snowfall.

Food Service Report (VI-E): Mr. O'Reilly noted the change in the format of the Food Service Department report. It is contained as an addendum item to the agenda to this meeting.

Technology Report (VI-F): Mr. O'Reilly noted that the technology report is contained as an addendum item to the agenda to this meeting.

Curriculum Report (VI-G): Mr. O'Reilly noted that the curriculum report is contained as an addendum item to the agenda to this meeting.

Mr. Kessler noted the portion of the high school principal's report regarding persons entering the building. Mr. Kessler encouraged the District to consider its security measures regarding building access.

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

1. Flexible Credit: Jesse Truett provided information to the Board regarding credit flexibility. Demonstration of mastery in a course could enable a student to test out of a course and receive credit for the course. Educational options allow students to get credit in alternative methods. It is possible for students to graduate in less than four years. Mr. Truett described various components of credit flexibility. The determination of grades and class rank are challenging regarding credit flexibility. He fielded questions from members of the Board. Guidelines and procedures may be prepared following the adoption of the Policy.

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

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

MOTION 10-023: Mr. Douglass moved to approve the following items of curriculum and instruction.

1. Independent Study: Approve the following requests for independent study programs at the high school for the 2009-2010 school year:
 - a. Evan Osterman Painting Katherine Kelsey
 - b. Sam Stull Novel/Non-fiction Reading Joe Hecker

Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

MOTION 10-024: Ms. Peters moved to approve the following item of curriculum and instruction.

2. Field Trips: Approve the following overnight/extended field trips for the 2009-2010 school year:
 - a. FIRST Robotics Regional Competition, proposed departure date is March 11 through March 13, 2010. Twenty students will travel to the University of Pittsburgh with Sue Godez and parent chaperones. The cost per student is approximately \$200.00.
 - b. FIRST Robotics Championship Event, proposed departure date is April 14 through April 18, 2010. Twenty students will travel to the Georgia Dome and the Georgia World Congress Center with Sue Godez and parent chaperones. The cost per student is approximately \$450.00.

Ms. Clifford seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Peters, yes; Clifford, yes; Douglass, abstain, Kessler, yes; Lithgow, yes. 4 yes. 1 abstain.

The president declared the motion carried.

Mr. Douglass noted that he is a chaperone on these trips.

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

1. Board Policy: Review the credit flexibility policy for adoption at the March meeting. Members of the Board are reviewing the credit flexibility policy as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

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

MOTION 10-025: Mr. Douglass moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Disposal of Equipment/Furniture: Approve disposal of the items listed.
 - a. Technology – High School

6527	Epson Powerlite projector	broken
6695	iBook	broken
2. Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates: Adopt the Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
3. Student Accident Insurance: Approve an agreement with N. Carol Insurance Agency for the district's student accident insurance for the 2010-2011 school year, as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Ms. Peters seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

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

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

MOTION 10-026: Ms. Peters moved to approve the following items of personnel.

1. Retirements: Accept the following retirements:
 - a. Deborah Farynowski, retirement effective at the end of the day May 31, 2010
 - b. Jill Kuyper, teacher, retirement effective at the end of the day June 7, 2010
 - c. Susan Mauck, teacher, retirement effective at the end of the day June 7, 2010
 - d. Gale Pittenger, teacher, retirement effective at the end of the day June 7, 2010
2. Stipends: Approve the following stipend for the 2009-2010 school year:
 - a. Provide a stipend for Kathleen Swary, as the Network Manager for the Special EdNet program for managing Child Information data. This stipend will be paid from the Education Part B grant monies not to exceed \$1,000.00.
 - b. Emily Meister, Study Table Instructor, \$1,000.00 (from allocated building level stipends, high school)
3. Supplemental Duty Contracts: Approve the following supplemental duty contracts for the 2009-

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2010 school year:

- a. Raina Keppler, Track Asst. Varsity Coach, Class V-1-1, \$2,205.12
4. Substitute Employee: Approve the following substitute employee for the 2010-2011 school year:
- a. Bruce Amstutz Custodian

Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

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

MOTION 10-027: Mr. Douglass moved to approve the following item of co/curricular activity at this time.

- 1. Volunteers: Approve the following as volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year:
 - a. Luise Axelrod Stevenson volunteer
 - b. James Bernowski HS Baseball
 - c. Elliott Good HS Baseball
 - d. Allison Karhoff Athletic Training student
 - e. Jeffrey Reynolds Science Olympiad
 - f. Cara Rice Science Olympiad
 - g. Richard Thomas HS Baseball

Mr. Kessler seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Other Business (VII-G): There were no items of other business to be discussed at this time.

Items for Discussion (IX): The Board considered the following item at this time.

- 1. Pre-School Room: Mr. O'Reilly discussed the proposed pre-school program room addition to Stevenson Elementary School. MKC Associates prepared Concept Floor Plan Plan 3 as it appears as an addendum item to the agenda. Mrs. Binau discussed pre-school services offered to the District through the ESC of Central Ohio. She fielded questions from members of the Board. She noted that non-handicapped students may attend the class for pre-school students by paying tuition to the ESC of Central Ohio.
- 2. Grandview Yard Projections: Mr. O'Reilly presented a "Brief outline of Findings Regarding Grandview Yard" as it is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. The front of the page shows projected PILOT revenues for the School District based on information prepared by R.W. Baird who advises the City of Grandview Heights. The 2011 projection is believed to be the Most reliable.

On the back of the page, NRI is not prepared to present PILOT revenue estimates. Stephen Grassbaugh, the School District's attorney is willing to prepare an estimate at a cost of about \$3,500.00.

