

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting December 22, 2009

The Grandview Heights City School Board met in special session pursuant to the rules section 3313.16 of the Ohio Revised Code in the Board of Education conference room with President Kathy Lithgow in the Chair. Due notice of this meeting was issued to members of the Board and to the media.

Call to Order: President Lithgow called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Roll Call: The following persons were present:

Members Present: Kathy Lithgow, President
Gary Heydinger, Member
Anita Keller, Member
John Kessler, Member
Joanne Peters, Member (5)

Others Present: Ed O'Reilly, Superintendent of Schools
Grant Douglass, Board Member-elect
Tammy McCune, Assistant Treasurer
Fred Myers, Director of Dist. Services & Facilities
Alan Froman, Grandview ThisWeek
David Knisley, Treasurer

Curriculum & Instruction: The superintendent recommended the approval of one item of curriculum and instruction.

MOTION 09-128: Ms. Peters moved to approve an overnight athletic trip for the swim team to Indian Bear Lodge, Walhonding, Ohio on January 18-19, 2010. 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.

Board Policy & Procedure: The superintendent recommended the Board adopt the Policy Manual as presented at the December 8, 2009 Board Meeting, including those changes outlined in the resolution below.

MOTION 09-129: Mrs. Keller moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District engaged the Ohio School Boards Association to conduct a thorough search of documents for existing policy, regulations and management information and to provide the Board a manual containing a new codification of current policies and regulation, and

WHEREAS the search, codification and manual preparation tasks have been completed, and

WHEREAS the manual has been reviewed by the Board, the superintendent and school administrators and found to be current and accurate including the modifications as follows:

1. Policy AD. The word "following" will be removed from the last sentence.
2. Policy CBA. The phrase Grandview Heights Classified Staff Association will be replaced by Grandview Heights Educational Support Staff Association.
3. Policy GBK. The word smoking will be replaced by the phrase smoking or use of tobacco in any form.
4. Section G. All references to Civil Service Commission will be deleted.
5. Section IICC. Add the statement, "the superintendent will develop administrative guidelines for the implementation of this policy including a requirement for volunteers to sign yearly affidavits stating that no changes have occurred between required background checks."
6. Section IKF. Statement 2 under the Ohio Core requirements for graduation will read: "instruction in economics and financial literacy."
7. Section IKF-R. Statement 6 will be removed.
8. Section JECB-R. Class size limits for Grades 1-3 will be capped at 19 for the purpose of Admission of Nonresident Students.
9. Section JECBC. Delete the phrase; "Home schooled students must be enrolled in the district on a part-time basis in order to participate in cocurricular or extracurricular activities. Part-time enrollment is defined as one courses/classes/credit hours/Carnegie units per year." Add the phrase; "Students currently enrolled in home schooling programs may, at the discretion of the building principal, enroll in curricular offerings. The principal will consider class size, educational appropriateness, and cost to the district. Students that wish to utilize this option will be required to complete the registration process. Regular course fees and proportional general fees will be assessed. As it pertains to this policy, no student, unless considered a full-time student, will be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities."
10. Section JM and GBH. Item 1 will read; "Staff members shall not make unprofessional comments to students regarding the school and/or its staff."
11. Section AC. 2nd paragraph last sentence, delete "or to have the effect of insulting or stigmatizing an individual", replace with "and that is sufficiently severe, pervasive and objectionably offensive so as to have the effect of denying an individual educational opportunities or participation in activities."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grandview Heights City School District Board of Education accept and adopt the manual prepared as the Policy Manual of the Grandview Heights City Schools. As of this date, this manual contains all of the policies of the Grandview Heights City Schools with the understanding that all of the policies and regulations contained therein are subject to continuing review and revision by the Board. All policies in effect prior to this date are hereby rescinded or superseded.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Mr. O'Reilly said that he will post a link on the School District web site after it becomes available. He will begin working on the administrative regulations soon.

Personnel: The superintendent recommended the employment of the new director of district services and facilities.

MOTION 09-130: Mrs. Keller moved to employ Fred Myers as director of district services and facilities for a 2.5 year contract effective January 4, 2010 and expiring July 31, 2012 at an annual salary of \$63,000 in accordance with the terms and conditions of his employment contract.

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.

Adjournment: President Lithgow called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION 09-131: Dr. Heydinger moved to adjourn.

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 and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
President

Treasurer