

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting November 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
Jane Adkins, Instructional Assistant
Kathy Andres, Parent
Bob Baeslack, Edison Intermediate/Middle School Principal
Greg Berning, Parent
Kathy Binau, Pupil Services Director
Brian Bowser, Stevenson Elementary Principal
Brett Bradley Director of District Services and Facilities
Debbie Brannan, Parent
Stephanie Brett, Parent
Terrence Brex, Parent
Elaine Burchfield, Parent
Melissa Bussey, Parent
Ron Cameron, Parent
Jennie Clifton, Assistant Treasurer
Daphne Dodson, Parent
Anne Gerdes, Parent
Holly Hahn, Parent
Carol Hamilton, Food Services Director
Kara Hanscel, Parent
Alex Jones, Student
Jeff Jones, Parent
Kristi Jump, Parent/Media Specialist
Gabby Kelley, Parent
Jack Kukura, Parent
Margaret Kukura, Parent

Amanda Marincci, Visitor
Katie Maxfield, Director of Curriculum
Kierstin Montano, Visitor
Alex Nelson, Visitor
Anne Leonard-Palmer, Parent
Chuck Palmer, Parent
Brad Pettit, Network Administrator
Courtney Price, Child Care Director
Tammy Rizzo, Assistant Treasurer
Lauren Schell, Visitor
Olivia Solt, Student
Jesse Truett, High School Principal
Allen Froman, Grandview This Week
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 Academic Achievement and Outstanding Contributions (IV-A): There were two items of recognition of academic achievement and outstanding contributions at this time.

1. Merit Scholars: Olivia Solt and Alex Jones were introduced by Mr. Truett as Merit Scholars.
2. Levy Chairs: Jack Kukura, Debbie Brannon and Ron Cameron, the levy chairpersons reported on the recent 2 to 1 passage of the property tax levy last week. Mr. O'Reilly presented certificates of appreciation to each of the chairpersons. President Lithgow thanked each of them on behalf of the Board.

Recognition of Guests and Hearing of the Public (IV-B): President Lithgow asked if anyone wished to address the Board at this time.

1. Holly Hahn and Gabrielle Kelley addressed the Board regarding the proposed bullying policy. Their concerns included education of students and parents regarding their rights, and incident reporting. The visitors fielded questions from members of the Board. Their concerns also included training for para professionals

Minutes (V): President Lithgow asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Kessler noted one addition to the minutes.

MOTION 10-128: Mr. Douglass moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010, regular meeting as amended and presented by the treasurer.

Ms. Peters seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (VI-A): Mr. Knisley reviewed financial information at this time. He fielded questions from members of the Board.

MOTION 10-129: Mrs. Clifford moved to accept the following financial items.

1. October financial reports as they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.

2. Payment of October bills. (Motion 10-004 authorized the payment of all bills as they are due).
3. Investments for the month of October, 2010. (Motion 10-004 authorized the investment of funds).
4. Appropriation modifications for the month of October, 2010.

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.

Board Reports (VI-B):

OSBA Legislative Liaison: The first Friday of every other month will be regular meetings of the legislative committee. January 7 will be the next committee meeting. State reps will be invited to comment on the state budget process.

Business Advisory Council: December 9 will be the next Business Advisory Council.

Facilities Committee: Facilities Committee members recently examined the roofs at the high school. Mr. Douglass thanked the community for passing the permanent improvement levy.

Child Care Report (VI-C): See agenda addendum item. Mrs. Price fielded questions from members of the Board.

Buildings and Grounds (VI-D): See agenda addendum item.

Food Service Report (E): See agenda addendum item.

Technology Report (VI-F): See agenda addendum item. Mr. Douglass said he was pleased that Google Apps., Gmail accounts and the cloud will be utilized.

Curriculum Report (VI-G): See the addendum item to the agenda. Ms. Maxfield fielded questions from members of the Board.

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

1. Bullying Prevention: Mr. Baeslack described the cooperation between the school and parents. Mr. Bowser described the second step program, and informed supports throughout the building at Stevenson Elementary School. Mr. Baeslack described the second step program, large group activities, small group/individual activities, and staff training. Mr. Truett described instructional supports, student and staff training, and other supports. See addendum item to the agenda.
2. Metro School Update: Mr. O'Reilly reported on the Metro School memorandum of understanding which would prohibit charging tuition for participants. Two students who are currently freshman would need to be paid for entirely by the Board if their participation would continue. See the addendum item to the agenda.

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 10-130: Ms. Peters moved to approve the following item of curriculum and instruction.

1. Field Trip: Approve the following field trip for FIRST 9-12 to Pittsburgh:
 - a. Wednesday, March 9 through Saturday, March 12, 2011
 - b. Travel by chartered bus
 - c. Approximately 24 students
 - d. Cost to the students – will be paid by fundraising
 - e. 2 or more chaperones

Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

MOTION 10-131: Mr. Douglass moved to approve the following item of curriculum and instruction.

2. Field Trip: Approve the following field trip for swim team to Great Indian Bear Lodge in Hocking Hills:
 - a. Sunday, January 16 through Tuesday, January 18, 2011
 - b. Travel by chartered bus
 - c. 33 students
 - d. Cost to the students - \$95.00
 - e. Cost to the district - \$600.00
 - f. 8 chaperones

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.

Board Policy and Procedure (VII-B): There were two items of board policy and procedure to be considered at this time.

MOTION 10-132: Mr. Kessler moved to approve the following item of board policy and procedure.

1. Board Policy Review – Second Reading: Adopt the following policies as presented at the October Board meeting:
 - a. JHCB – Inoculation and Student Immunization
 - b. JFCF – Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior

Mr. Douglass 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.

Mr. O'Reilly commented on the second reading of the Bullying policy. He said more dialogue is in order to refine the policy and its applications. OSBA and ODE are likely to develop recommended policies during the next several months. Mr. O'Reilly requested that the Board adopt JFCF but know that more work is in order. Mrs. Clifford said the possibility is that guidelines and implementation may need changed to support an already good policy.

Terry Brex asked if this is an interim policy. President Lithgow said that it may be changed at will by the Board.

2. Board Policy Review – First Reading: Review the following policy for adoption at the December Board meeting as it appears as an addendum item to the agenda:
 - a. EFF – Food Sale Standards

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

MOTION 10-133: Mr. Kessler moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Transfer of Funds: Approve the transfer of \$194,512.50 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 \$20,103.13 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.
2. Transfer of Funds: Approve the following transfers of funds from fiscal year 2010 grants to fiscal year 2011 grants as carryover additions to the 2011 grants:
 - a. \$12,623.73 Special Education Part B-IDEA FY-10 to FY-11
 - b. \$214.78 from Safe and Drug-Free Schools FY-10 to FY-11

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.

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 five items of personnel as they were approved in the following motion.

MOTION 10-134: Mr. Douglass moved to approve the following items of personnel

1. Resignation/Retirement: Approve the following:
 - a. Angela Stewart, 5th grade teacher, retirement effective at the end of the day May 31, 2011
 - b. Robert Michaelis, sub custodian, resignation effective November 2, 2010
2. Contract Adjustment: Approve the following correction for the 2010-2011 school year:
 - a. Maricela Dennis, from Class I Step 1 to Class III Step 2 (previous experience and credit hours verified)
3. Maternity Leave: Approve a maternity leave for Kelly Edgell beginning approximately on February 12, 2011. She is requesting 30 days of paid sick leave and 10 days of unpaid leave through FMLA for a total of 8 weeks.
4. Supplemental Duty Contracts: Approve the following supplemental duty contracts for the 2010-2011 school year:
 - a. Vince DeTillio, Student Council Advisor MS, Class VII-1-4, \$562.31 (.50 FTE)
 - b. Doug Page, Student Council Advisor MS, Class VII-2-7, \$749.74 (.50 FTE)
 - c. Walter Teeters, Basketball Asst. Coach Boys, Class IV-3-M, \$4,123.57

The president declared the motion carried.

2. GH/MC Education Foundation Auction: Members discussed ideas for silent auction items for the GH/MC Education Foundation.
3. December Meeting Location: The regular December meeting will be held at the Brotherhood of the Rooks media center at the high school.
4. RLS Traffic Pattern: Mr. O'Reilly said that the RLS traffic pattern may be discussed at the January retreat and include city officials.

Executive Session (XI): The Board did not consider entering into executive session at this time.

Adjournment (XII): President Lithgow called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION 10-137: Ms. Peters moved to adjourn.

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 and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
President

Treasurer