

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting February 12, 2008

The Grandview Heights City School Board met in organization session pursuant to the rules section 3313.14 of the Ohio Revised Code at the John Glenn Community Center with Mrs. 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
Gary Heydinger, Member
Anita Keller, Member
Kathy Lithgow, Member
Joanne Peters, Member (5)

Others Present:

Edward O'Reilly, Superintendent of Schools
Valerie Acton, High School Teacher
Steve Andersson, High School Principal
Bob Baeslack, Middle School Principal
Jeff Bauer, Visitor
Lue Bauer, Stevenson Elementary Secretary
Brian Bowser, Stevenson Elementary Principal
Kathy Binau, Director of Pupil Services
Laura Carter, Parent
Harkness Connell, Visitor
Hugh Downer, Visitor
Lori Downer, Edison Intermediate Teacher
Susan Douglass, Parent
Joe Elliott, Parent
Ken Ellis, Parent
Susan Falk, Parent/Stevenson Elementary Teacher
Stephen Gleeson, Student
Sue Godez, High School Teacher
Steve Hall, High School Teacher
Carol Hamilton, Food Service Director
Steve Hedge, High School Teacher
Jerry Hess, Visitor
Leah Houser, Parent
Katie Maxfield, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director
Barbara McCauley, Parent/Stevenson Elementary Teacher
Jim McCauley, Parent
Megan McCauley, Student

Tina Menke, Parent
Rachel Metzler, Student
Sandra Metzler, Parent
Jacqueline Milsom, Parent
Pam Patterson, Edison/Stevenson Teacher
Connor Phillips, Student
Karen Riggs, Parent
John Schleich, Parent
Theresa Schleich, Parent
Mark Snider, Parent
Melissa Barr Snider, Parent
John Wear, Parent
Teri Williams, Visitor
Alan Froman, Grandview ThisWeek
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):

- b. Tri-Village Rotary Bobcat Awards – Lue Bauer and Lori Downer: Brian Bowser recognized Lue Bauer as the Bobcat Award winner by reading portions of her nomination forms. Bob Baeslack recognized Lori Downer as the second Bobcat Award winner also by reading portions of her nomination forms.
- a. Grades 4-8 Lego League. Both 7th and 8th grade teams went to the state finals with the 7th grade team placing second: Mr. Baeslack reported that about 45 students participate in 5 teams at the Middle School. Leah Houser, one of the Lego League volunteer leaders, reported on the year of accomplishments. Recognition was awarded to GHMS Lego League teams at the regional and state levels. Lego League emphasizes engineering.

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

1. Theresa Schleich spoke on behalf of “Mat Parents” who support the wrestling team. She read a prepared statement about serving food at the high school. After years of serving through the kitchen, this year they served through the old home economics room in an effort to minimize facility rental fees. She asked about arrangements regarding facility rental fees. Mr. O’Reilly described the Board of Education Policy that requires that a staff member be on site when the kitchen is used due to the investment in that area. He will be working with the head wrestling coach to help ensure that any misunderstandings are kept to a minimum. Some discussion continued. Mr. O’Reilly invited the parents to meet with him this coming week to address the matter further.

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

MOTION 08-018: Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008, regular meeting, and the January 26, 2008, special meeting as presented by the treasurer.

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Heydinger, yes; Peters, 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 08-019: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following financial items.

1. January financial reports at they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.
2. Payment of January bills. (Motion 07-005 authorized the payment of all bills as they are due).
3. Investments for the month of January, 2008. (Motion 07-005 authorized the investment of funds).
4. Appropriation modifications dated January 31, 2008, as they appear on the addendum items to these minutes.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Reports (VI-B):

Joanne Peters - Legislative Liaison: The first Thursday of every month is the regular meeting time for the Legislative Committee as reported by Ms. Peters. TIF's were discussed at their last meeting. They are seeking new members. She said they intend to discuss more with the local state senator and representative about school funding issues.

Anita Keller - Student Liaison: Ms. Keller reported that the Grandview Heights students achieve at such a high level due in large part to the extra opportunities provided by staff members and volunteers like the Lego League as discussed earlier this evening.

Child Care Report (VI-C): The Child Care report is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. Mrs. McLeod and Mr. O'Reilly said the Child Care Handbook will be considered by OSBA policy services as part of their whole-district review.

Buildings and Grounds (VI-D): Mr. O'Reilly reported that Mr. Lamb is addressing Jarod's Law. He also reported on security matters as they relate to upcoming election day.

Food Service Report (VI-E): See addendum item to the agenda.

Technology Report (VI-F): See addendum item to the agenda.

Curriculum Report (VI-G): Ms. Maxfield reviewed her report as it is contained as an addendum item to the agenda.

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

1. Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Education Foundation grant reports: Mr. O'Reilly presented a number of people who described their grants received from the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Education Foundation. Included were reports from 1) Lego League; 2) First Team; 3) High

School Language Arts; 4) High School Foreign Language; 5) High School Math; 6) Special Education Summer Program for Life Skills; and 7) High School Vocal Music. These represent about \$17,500 worth of grants from the Foundation.

2. State Funding issues: Mr. O'Reilly reported on the flat-funding situation from the State of Ohio and the increasing dependence upon local taxpayers here in Grandview Heights School District. He noted that the effort to promote a state-wide amendment to enhance school funding is on hold, at least temporarily. The governor has indicated that he would like to craft a solution of his own. A proposed constitutional amendment has no chance to proceed with no support from the governor and even less support from state legislators. More and more decisions regarding our students are being taken from local hands and being determined at the state level.

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 08-020: Mrs. Keller 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 2007-2008 school year:

a.	Molly Bolzenius	Art	Katherine Kelsey
b.	Robert Farris	HTML Programming	Denise Lutz
c.	Katrina Goering	Spanish	Carmen Mendoza
d.	April Varian	Advanced Photography	Katherine Kelsey

2. Field Trips: Approve the following field trips:

- a. FIRST Robotics Regional Competition, proposed departure date is March 12 through March 15, 2008. Fourteen students will travel to the University of Pittsburgh with Sue Godez, Honda engineers and parent chaperones. The cost per student is approximately \$200.00.
- b. FIRST Robotics Championship Event, proposed departure date is April 16 through April 20, 2008. Fourteen students will travel to the Georgia World Congress Center with Sue Godez, Honda engineers and parent chaperones. The cost per student is approximately \$456.00.
- c. High school English 11 students will travel to Moscow and St. Petersburg Russia for cultural enrichment, proposed departure date is March 21 through March 29, 2009. Approximately eleven students will travel with Steve Andersson and Joseph Hecker.

The

cost per student is \$2,500.00.

Ms. Peters seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

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

MOTION 08-021: Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Disposal of Equipment/Furniture: Approve disposal of the items listed and as contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
 - a. High School
2. RC-2 Schedule of Records Retention and Disposition: Adopt the RC-2 Schedule of Records Retention and Disposition, as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
3. Certificate of Records Disposal: Approve the Certificate of Records Disposal, as contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
4. 2008-2009 High School Workbook and Lab Fees: Approve workbook and lab fees for the 2008-2009 school year, as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
5. Gifts/Donations: Acknowledge the following donations:
 - a. Mr. Don Hussey, GHHS Class of 1941, donated \$200.00 for the refurbishing of the WWI bronze memorial at the high school.
 - b. Mr. Darold Lowen donated 800 used golf balls to the Athletic Department. The estimated value of this donation is \$200.00.
 - c. Mr. Doug Engelhart, with Doug Engelhart Communications, donated an HP Scanjet 3970 (flat bed scanner) to the district technology program. The estimated value of this donation is \$120.00.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Peters, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, 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 six items of personnel.

MOTION 08-022: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following items of personnel.

1. Termination of Classified Employee: Approve termination of the following employee for the 2007-2008 school year:
 - a. Brenda Evans, custodian, effective at the end of the day January 14, 2008
2. Home Instruction Tutor: Approve the following as a home instruction tutor for the 2007-2008 school year:
 - a. Lydia McLaughlin, 6 hours, \$24.74 per hour
3. Classified Employees: Approve employment of the following classified employees for the 2007-2008:
 - a. Matthew Coy, High School custodian, Step 5, effective January 28, 2008
 - b. Kenneth Dawson, Edison Intermediate/Middle School custodian, Step 3, effective January 28, 2008

4. Supplemental Duty Contracts: Approve employment of the following for supplemental duty contracts for the 2007-2008 school year:
 - a. Jason Comer, Baseball, Asst. Varsity, Class V-1-1, \$1,070.46 (.50 FTE)
 - b. Stephen Sherer, Cheerleading, Asst. Varsity – Winter, Class VI-1-1, \$1,427.28
 - c. Jack Low, Wrestling, JV Coach, Class IV-2-8, \$3,032.97
 - d. Hillary Billups, Musical Artistic Director, Class V-1-3, \$2,140.92
 - e. Chris Herring, Baseball MS Coach, Class V-1-4, \$2,140.92
 - f. Jon Wilhelm, Track, Asst. HS Coach, Class V-2-5, \$2,676.15
 - g. Trisha Moorehead, Track MS Coach, Class V-1-3, \$2,140.92
 - h. Julian Stanwood, Track MS Coach, Class V1-4, \$2,140.92
 - i. Andrew DiSabato, Weight Room Supervisor – Spring, Class VII-3-M, \$1,784.10
 - j. Jason Peters, Weight Room Supervisor – Summer, Class VII-2-7, \$1,427.28

5. Stipend: Approve the following stipend for the 2007-2008 school year:
 - a. Provide a stipend for Kathleen Swary, as the Network Manager for the Special EdNet Pro program for managing Child Information data and writing multi-factored evaluations and IEPs. This stipend will be paid from the Special Education Part B grant monies not to exceed \$1,000.00.

6. Substitute Employees: Approve the list of substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year, as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Approve the following classified substitutes for the 2007-2008 school year:

- a. Matthew Coy, custodian, effective January 19, 2008
- b. Amy Day, teacher assistant, effective February 4, 2008
- c. Stacey Bergmann, teacher assistant, effective January 31, 2008
- e. Linsey Anne Feils, teacher assistant
- f. Brooke Nelson, teacher assistant
- g. Calista York, teacher assistant

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

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

MOTION 08-023: Ms. Peters moved to approve the following item of co/curricular activity at this time.

1. Extra-Curricular Volunteer: Approve the following as a volunteer for the 2007-2008 school year:
 - a. Shelley Edington, PTO Afterschool Adventure
 - b. Whitney Rutherford, PTO Afterschool Adventure

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

