

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting February 27, 2007

The Grandview Heights City School Board met in regular session pursuant to the rules section 3313.14 of the Ohio Revised Code at the John Glenn Community Center with President 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. The date of this regular meeting for February had been postponed due to inclement weather conditions on February 13 (a calamity day). Due notice was sent to Members of the Board and the media. This will also serve as the regular meeting scheduled for March 13 because it is so late in February.

Call to Order (I): President McLeod called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Members Present:

Suzanne McLeod, President
Ron Cameron, Member
Gary Heydinger, Member
Anita Keller, Member
Kathy Lithgow, Member

Others Present:

Edward O'Reilly, Superintendent of Schools
Steve Andersson, High School Principal
Bob Baeslack, Middle School Principal
Kathy Binau, Director of Pupil Services
Cathryn Chellis, District Technology Coordinator
Brendan Cox, Student
Carol Davis, Parent
Vincent Detillio, EIMS Teacher
Rick Garrison, EIMS Teacher
Carol Hamilton, Food Service Director
Nancy Kirwin, Parent
Jeff Lamb, Director of District Services
Mitch Levitt, Parent
Nick Levitt, Student
Blanche Luczyk, Parent
Leila Manirochana, Student
Katie Maxfield, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director
Caitlyn Sarich, Student
Billie Sarich, Stevenson Teacher
Diane Turner, Child Care Director
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.

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

MOTION 07-018: Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2007, regular meeting, and the January 20, 2007, special work session as presented by the treasurer.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Student Presentation (V):

- A. Middle School – Snapshot of today’s classroom: Mr. Baeslack and Mr. Detillio introduced four middle school students. They reenacted a social studies class segment that answered the question “How does trade along the Silk Road work?” See agenda addendum items.

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

1. Lego League - Edison Intermediate and Middle School: Not here, did not recognize them.

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

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

MOTION 07-019: 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, 2007. (Motion 07-005 authorized the investment of funds).
4. Appropriation modifications dated January 31, 2007, as they appear on the addendum items to these minutes.

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Reports (VII-B):

G. Heydinger – Legislative Liaison: Dr. Heydinger reported that the legislative committee met last week and developed goals. This coming Thursday he will attend a meeting with newly elected state representative, Ted Celeste.

Anita Keller – Student Liaison: There was no report to be presented at this time.

Child Care Report (VII-C): See agenda addendum.

Buildings and Grounds (VII-D): No report was presented at this time.

Food Service Report (VII-E): See agenda addendum item. Severance payments will create a significant expense for the Food Service Fund this year.

Technology Report (VII-F): See agenda addendum item.

Curriculum Report (VII-G): See agenda addendum item. Mr. O'Reilly noted the importance of the professional development days. Activities that are building specific were included.

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

1. Income Tax Exploratory Committee: Mr. O'Reilly reported that he would like to work with about twenty community members and the treasurer to review the school district income tax as it could apply to the Grandview Heights School District. Fall, 2008 is the time the Board currently expects to be on the ballot for local tax dollars. Persons interested in participating on this exploratory committee should call the Board of Education office. See the agenda addendum item.
2. CORE Curriculum update: Mr. O'Reilly reviewed the agenda addendum item regarding the proposed Ohio Core Curriculum as it applies to physical education, athletics and marching band. Participation in sports, marching band or cheerleading may qualify for a certain portion of physical education credit in high school. DDC has reviewed this matter and additional consideration will occur at the next Board of Education meeting.
3. Security Report: Mr. O'Reilly said it would not be a good expenditure of money to invest \$300,000 in electronic security equipment. Many security enhancements can be implemented with existing staff members. A security committee meeting will be held later this week to develop guidelines for staff members. Electronic security items will be installed at the high school handicapped entrance door.
4. Supplemental Report: Mr. O'Reilly reviewed the agenda addendum item regarding extracurricular programs and positions. Extracurricular programs are offered with a combination of funding from the District's General Fund and Athletic Fund. Various student activity supervisor and coaching positions are covered through the collective bargaining process so formal additions and deletions should occur through that process. Modifying the compensation levels also need to be handled through the collective bargaining process. Middle School Girls Soccer and J.V. Boys Soccer should be allowed to exist as currently negotiated without requiring outside funding. Eliminate the awkward "hybrid" teams. Activities not currently a full fledged part of the school program will need to operate as club activities only and not subject to the School District participation requirements. Club activities may apply to the Superintendent's office during the month of April to become a school sponsored activity. Any activity requiring the rental of facilities would need to pay additional participation fees to cover those costs. The addition of new student activities would be subject to the collective bargaining process. Therefore, the restoration of previously reduced student activity salaries could become an issue. Mr. O'Reilly also recommended that the student activity fee be increased to \$80 with a family limit of \$400 per year. That formal recommendation will be presented at the next regular Board of Education meeting.
5. Academic Program Report: The superintendent reviewed the agenda addendum item regarding academic areas. He encouraged staff members to keep the needs of the students as the highest

priority for class offerings instead of wants. Program changes need to include deletions as well as additions. More information will be given at future Board of Education meetings.

Board of Education members indicated their acceptance of considering an increase in student activity fees from \$70 to \$80 in April.

MOTION 07-020: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following item:

Accept recommendation #8 to permit applications to become a school sponsored sport from April 1 and April 30.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Reilly noted that the April 1 and April 30 deadline could be extended this first year.

MOTION 07-021: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following item.

Postpone motion #07-020 to the regular Board of Education meeting in April.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

6. Mr. O'Reilly noted that a Policy is needed to address the possible rentals of the stadium area. A recommendation will be forthcoming.

Recommendations from the Board of Education(VIII)

- A. Goals for the Superintendent of Schools: Mrs. McLeod reported that goals for the superintendent were discussed at the January work session. See the addendum item to the minutes. She reviewed the goals at this time. These goals are to cover an 18-month period with a mid-term review.

MOTION 07-022: Mr. Cameron moved to approve the following recommendation from the Board of Education.

Adopt goals for the superintendent as they are contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

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

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

MOTION 07-023: Mr. Cameron 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 2006-2007 school year:

a.	Alec Bruner	English 9	Tony Thivener
b.	Lindsey Jump	Historical England	Susan Coffman
c.	Hajo Kallsen	Spanish/French	Rachel Smith/Steve Hedge
d.	Kelsey Kinnard	Business Principles	Mark Johnson
e.	Kirsten Polomik	Advanced Photography	Katherine Kelsey
f.	Casey Sedoris	Service Learning	Lin Bensen
g.	Charles Allen	Service Learning	Lin Bensen
h.	Ian Reynolds	Service Learning	Lin Bensen
i.	Alex Wolfe	Service Learning	Lin Bensen

2. Field Trips: Approve the following field trips:
 - a. FIRST Robotics Regional Competition, proposed departure is March 7 through March 10, 2007. Twelve 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 is April 11 through April 15, 2007. Eleven students will travel to the Georgia World Congress Center with Sue Godez 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, proposed departure date is March 16 through March 24, 2007. Eleven students will travel with Steve Andersson and Joseph Hecker. The cost per student is \$2,500.00.
 - d. High school French students will travel to Belgium, France and Switzerland, proposed departure date is March 15 through March 23, 2007. Twenty-six students will travel with Steve Hedge, Valerie Acton, Brad Gintert and Carla Lane. The cost per student is \$2,500.00.
3. Adoption of the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 School Calendars: Adopt the 2007-2008 and the 2008-2009 school calendars, as they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Policy and Procedure (IX-B): There were no items of board policy and procedure to be discussed at this time.

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

MOTION 07-024: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Child Care Program: Approve the following tuition increases for the 2007 Summer and 2007-2008 school year:
 - a. School Year Monthly Fees

After School	
4-5 days a week	\$193.00
3 days a week	\$152.00
2 days a week	\$102.00

Before School
4-5 days a week \$ 64.00

Before and After School \$257.00

b. Summer 2007 Weekly Fees
Residents
4-5 days a week \$122.00
3 days a week \$ 93.00
2 days a week \$ 62.00

Non-Residents
4-5 days a week \$127.00
3 days a week \$ 97.00
2 days a week \$ 65.00

c. Registration Fee
\$20.00 per child per session

2. Certificate of Records Disposal: Approve the Certificate of Records Disposal as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
3. Disposal of Equipment/Furniture: Approve disposal of the items listed as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
4. Gifts/Donations: Acknowledge the following donation:
 - a. Dennis Gleason donated a chest freezer to the Grandview Heights Middle School with a value of \$319.00.
5. Personal Property Tax Consultant: Approve an agreement between Robert E. Curtin Jr., and the Grandview Heights Board of Education for providing property tax consulting services, effective February 13, 2007, as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
6. Metropolitan Educational Council Contract: Approve a contract between Metropolitan Educational Council and Grandview Heights City School District to provide internet service, as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Buildings and Grounds (IX-D): There were two items of buildings and grounds to be discussed at this time.

MOTION 07-025: Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following item of buildings and grounds.

1. Request for Proposal: Approve to advertise for bids to replace the high school slate roof per a Request for Proposal (RFP).
2. Elevator Repairs: Approve the cost for repairs to the high school and Stevenson elevators by Kone Elevators Inc., at a cost of \$5,500.00.

Mr. Cameron seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Mr. Lamb reported that he has written specs prepared for the slate roof if that is approved by the Board. Elevator repairs are mandated by the state.

Personnel (IX-E): The superintendent recommended the approval of nine items of personnel.

MOTION 07-026: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following items of personnel.

1. Resignation/Retirement: approve the following resignations and retirements:
 - a. Linda Jokiniemi, 5th Grade Camp, effective February 12, 2007
 - b. Janet Liston, school psychologist, retirement resignation effective at the end of the day June 30, 2007
 - c. Elizabeth Smith, food service and teacher assistant, resignations effective at the end of the day on Tuesday, March 13, 2007
 - d. Richard Garrison, middle school teacher, retirement resignation effective at the end of the day June 30, 2007

2. Leave of absence: Approve a leave of absence for the following:
 - a. Becky Crawford will be using 6 weeks of accumulated sick leave beginning on May 2, 2007. 2007.
 - b. Leslie Ziss will be using 6 weeks of accumulated sick leave beginning approximately on March 30, 2007.
 - c. Roni Pettit will be using 6 weeks of accumulated sick leave beginning approximately April 30, 2007.

3. Contract Changes: Approve the following supplemental duty contract changes for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - a. Sean Bowers, JV Girls Basketball Coach, from .50 FTE \$1,472.33 to .45 FTE \$1,325.10
 - b. Anne Nichols, JV Girls Basketball Coach, from .50 FTE \$1,212.50 to .55 FTE \$1,333.76

Approve the following contract change for the 2006-2007 school year:

 - a. Jean Balsler, ESL tutor, from 6 hours per week to 9 hours per week

4. Supplemental Duty Contracts: Approve employment of the following supplemental duty contracts for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - a. Barbara McCauley, 5th Grade Camp Teacher, Class X, \$173.22
 - b. Chris Jensen, Track HS Asst. Coach, Class V, Step 1-4, \$2,078.58
 - c. Aaron Fenzel, Track HS Asst. Coach, Class V, Step 2-5, \$2,598.23
 - d. Julian Stanwood, Track MS Coach, Class V, Step 1-3, \$2,078.58
 - e. Trisha Baker, Track MS Coach, Class V, Step 1-2, \$2,078.58
 - f. Erin Skelton, Softball Asst. Varsity Coach, Class V, Step 1-1, \$2,078.58
 - g. Christie Stouffer, Softball MS Coach, Class V, Step 1-1, \$2,078.58
 - h. Jan Niesz, 5th Grade Camp Teacher, Class X, \$173.22
 - i. Derek Roeth, Baseball MS Coach, Class IV-1-1, \$2,078.58

- j. Ray Corbett, Tennis Boys Head Coach, Class III-3-M, \$4,503.59
- k. Andy DiSabato, Weight Room Supervisor-Spring, Class VII-3-M, \$1,732.15

5. Stipend: Approve the following stipend for the 2006-2007 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. Home Instruction Tutors: Approve the following for home instruction tutors for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - a. Joseph Hecker, \$24.02 per hour for up to 35 hours (5 hours per week), effective February 11, 2007
 - b. Stacy Butrynski, \$24.02 per hour for up to 40 hours, effective February 12, 2007
7. Classified Job Description and Work Calendar Change: Approve the Classified Job Description and Work Calendar Change for the Secretary for District Services and EMIS effective for the 2007-2008 school year as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
8. Substitute Employees: Approve the list of substitute teachers for the 2006-2007 school year as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Approve employment of the following classified substitutes for the 2006-2007 school year:

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| a. | Roberto Hidalgo | Custodian, effective January 23, 2007 |
| b. | Harriette Rice | Secretary |
| c. | Harriette Rice | Teacher Assistant |

9. Child Care Program: Approve the following workday hours changes:
 - a. Jasmine Handy, from 4 hours per day to 3.5 hours per day, effective February 13, 2007
 - b. Jessica Palka, from 5 hours per day to 4 hours per day, effective February 13, 2007
 - c. Glenda Alphin, Recreation Leader substitute, effective February 1, 2007
 - d. Shana Kmetz, Recreation Leader substitute, effective February 1, 2007

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

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

MOTION 07-027: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following item of co/curricular activity at this time.

1. Extra Curricular Volunteers: Approve the following as volunteers for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - a. Paula Frank, HS Bowling Coach
 - b. Julia Sims Haas, Yoga/After School Adventure
 - c. Thomas Stafa, Chess/After School Adventure
 - d. Stephanie Evans, Chess/After School Adventure and classroom volunteer
 - e. Brad Flere, Varsity Baseball

