

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting July 11, 2006

The Grandview Heights City School Board met in regular session pursuant to the rules section 3313.15 of the Ohio Revised Code in the John Glenn Community Center with President Suzanne 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 (4)

Member Absent: Ron Cameron, Member (1)

Others Present: D. Steven Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Jane Adkins, Teacher Assistant
Bill Albanese, Parent
Steve Andersson, High School Principal
Emmy Harris, Visitor
Patti Hoch, Visitor
Jeff Lamb, Director of Services/Facilities
Susie McGeean, Visitor
Dee Turner, Child Care Director
Alan Froman, Grandview ThisWeek
Gregory Jones,
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 06-080: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2006, regular meeting, and the June 27, 2006, special board meeting as presented by the treasurer.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Recognition of Guests and Hearing of the Public (V-A): President McLeod asked if anyone wanted to address the board at this time.

1. Bill Alabanese addressed the Board regarding the proposed field turf project. He also discussed a Grandview swim team and other sport teams noting that the swim team should be the financial responsibility of the School District. President McLeod responded that no taxpayer dollars will be spent on the turf project and that private funds are being raised by support groups.

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

MOTION 06-081: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following:

1. June financial reports as they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.
2. Payment of June bills. (Motion 06-003 authorized the payment of all bills as they are due).
3. Investments for the month of June, 2006. (Motion 06-003 authorized the investment of district funds).
4. Appropriation modifications for June, 2006, as authorized by the Board during its regular meeting of June 19, 2006, and as contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: McLeod, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Reports (VI-B):

G. Heydinger - Legislative Liaison: Dr. Heydinger reported that the legislative committee will meet tomorrow.

Anita Keller, Student Achievement Liaison: No report was presented at this time.

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

Building and Grounds Report (VI-D): Mr. Lamb reported that no boiler damage was incurred during the installation process according to initial independent inspections. Additional tests will be done. The HVAC controls have been installed at the Edison/Middle School facility. The Sprint Cell tower installation is under way.

Superintendent's Report (VI-E):

1. Club Sports: Mr. Allen began his conversation regarding club teams vs. school sponsored teams by referencing an email that is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. Essentially the athletic director is recommending the status quo except for permitting a jv boys soccer team with a privately funded coach similar to the middle school girls soccer coach. Mr. Allen

cautioned the Board against adding and subsequently cutting extracurricular activities based upon financial ability.

Patti Hoch, the swim teach coach, addressed the Board regarding the growth of the swimming program. She indicated her concern that proceeds from cell tower contracts are not being used to reinstate extracurricular activities formerly cut by the Board. President McLeod responded that the safety issues were important considerations of the Board along with the use of privately generated funds for specific purposes. It is the intention of the field turf committee to raise 100% of the fund necessary to install the artificial turf. Mr. Albanese participated in the conservation by discussing installation and maintenance costs associated with artificial turf. Discussion continued. President McLeod described various safety issues that are being addressed even prior to the installation of the artificial turf. Dr. Heydinger said that currently the natural turf field is in good shape. However, as the rainy season begins the condition may deteriorate. Mr. Albanese said that there has been literature circulated that says the current playing field surface is dangerous and asked what the Board will do to correct the situation. Mr. Allen described the inspections conducted by the School District and representatives from Scotts. The discussion continued. President McLeod encouraged Mr. Albanese to review written materials that will be presented to him by the administration.

Patti Hoch asked what the process would be to become a School District supported activity. Mr. Allen responded that initial cell tower contracts only included up-front funds for specific improvements. This month was the first payment of regular rental proceeds. He said the field is used for many more activities than just football. With artificial turf, even more activities will happen on the field. He said the swim team has been successful regardless of School District support.

Dr. Heydinger encouraged the District to review extracurricular activities that may have an interest by 20 students or so for inclusion in the School District's financial support. Mr. Allen suggested that additional criteria be developed and given to Mrs. Kinnard to conduct such a review. Ms. Lithgow encouraged having an annual review of programs but that any time an activity is added, another is subtracted. This is because of her experience having to cut extracurricular programs during times of financial difficulties. Discussion continued.

Members of the Board determined to review the percentage of extracurricular activities of the General Fund. Costs of programs and numbers of students should be researched by the athletic director. Information is to be presented to the Board.

2. DDC Annual Report: Mr. Allen reviewed the DDC annual report that is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. DDC only met twice during the last school year.

Executive Session (VII): The Board considered entering into executive session at this time.

MOTION 06-082: Ms. Lithgow moved to enter into executive session at this time to discuss administrative evaluations and the compensation of a staff member.

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes. McLeod, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried and the meeting entered in executive session at 9:08 p.m.

At this time, members of the Board, superintendent, and treasurer met in the middle school principal's conference room to conduct the executive session. Members briefly discussed the possibility of re-opening a portion of the negotiated agreement. Members also discussed the evaluations of administrative employees.

Members of the Board resumed regular session at 10:12 p.m.

Recommendations from the Board of Education (VIII):

MOTION 06-083: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following recommendation from the superintendent.

1. Interim Superintendent: Approve the temporary addendum to the Administrative employment contract of Dr. David Mancini to serve as Interim Superintendent for the school district commencing on August 1, 2006.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Heydinger, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

President McLeod described the process by which this recommendation was developed.

Recommendations from Superintendent for Action by the Board (IX):

Curriculum and Instruction (IX-A): The superintendent recommended the approval of two items of curriculum and instruction.

MOTION 06-084: 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 2005-2006 school year:

a. Erik Fischer German Level 1 Hilliard City Schools

Approve the following request for independent study programs at the high school for the 2006-2007 school year:

a. Lindsey Jones Lin Bensen Service Learning

2. Field Trip: Approve a field trip for the boys' and girls' cross country teams to Chicago on September 29 through October 1, 2006. The approximate cost of the trip is \$100.00 per student and traveling in school vans. Coach Jon Wilhelm, his wife, Angela, and Jay Stanwood will be accompanying the students.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Policy and Procedure (IX-B): The superintendent recommended the approval of six items of board policy and procedure. Five were approved in the motions below.

MOTION 06-085: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following items of board policy and procedure.

2. Adoption of Stevenson Elementary Handbook: Adopt the Stevenson Elementary handbook for the 2006-2007 school year as presented by Dr. Mancini.
3. Administrator Handbook Revision: Adopt the following revision to the Administrator Handbook for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - a. Change title of Technology Coordinator to Director of Technology
4. Board Policy Adoptions: Adopt the policy revisions as reviewed at the June Board meeting and as contained as addendum items to these minutes.
6. Memorandum of Understanding/Military Pay Adjustment: Adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the Grandview Heights Board of Education and Grandview Heights Education Support Staff Association regarding the pay scale placement of staff with military services as contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: McLeod, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Members of the Board discussed the proposed Policy adoptions.

MOTION 06-086: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following item of board policy and procedure.

1. Adoption of High School Student Handbook: Adopt the high school student handbook for the 2006-2007 school year as revised by the Board of Education including revisions associated with changing the "Valedictorian Policy" to "Honors Policy" and changing the "Grade Scale" by eliminating A+.

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Members of the Board discussed the levels at which students received academic honors. Members also discussed the achievement of highest grades in classes of differing rigor.

5. Board Policy Review: Review only the policy revision for adoption at the August Board meeting, as it is contained as an addendum item to the agenda.

Business & Finance (IX-C): The superintendent recommended the approval of six items of business and finance.

MOTION 06-087: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Adopt Appropriation Resolution for FY-07: Adopt the Appropriation Resolution for FY-07 effective July 1, 2006. The Appropriation Resolution is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
2. Disposal of Equipment/Furniture: Approve the disposal of the following items:
 - a. High School technology
5560 Iomega Zip Drive obsolete
3. MEC Delegate and Alternate: Appoint a delegate (administrator) for a one-year term, effective July 1, 2006.

Administrative Delegate: Dr. Mancini
4. Five-Year Forecast: Approve the five-year forecast including the assumptions, as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
5. Depository Agreements: Approve the "Resolution Designating Financial Institution As Public Depository" as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
6. Career-Center Service Agreement: Approve the Career-Center Services Agreement Among and Between the Suburban Boards of Education of Grandview Heights City Schools, Westerville City Schools, Upper Arlington City Schools and The Board of Education of Columbus Public City Schools as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Heydinger, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Buildings and Grounds (IX-D): The superintendent recommended the approval of one item of buildings and grounds.

MOTION 06-088: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following item of buildings and grounds.

1. Permanent Improvement Projects: Approve the following permanent improvement projects to start after July 1, 2006:
 - a. Construction Systems Inc. \$3,500.00
Cover the underside of the high school gymnasium canopies (east/west) in vinyl panels
 - b. HK Phillips Inc. \$8,500.00
Repair mortar joints, apply water sealant on north and south exterior walls of the John Glenn Community Center
 - c. Tomark Sports \$2,400.00
New player bench seating for stadium field

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Personnel (IX-E): The superintendent recommended the approval of six items of personnel at this time.

MOTION 06-089: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following items of personnel.

1. Resignations: Approve the following retirement and resignations:
 - a. Leslie James, social studies teacher, effective at the end of the day June 30, 2006
 - b. Jean Reese, intervention specialist, effective at the end of the day June 30, 2006
2. Correction: Approve the following June agenda correction for the 2005-2006 school year:
 - a. T.J. Kagey, Weight Room Supervisor - Summer, from 2006-2007 to 2005-2006
3. One-Year Limited Contracts: Approve employment for the 2006-2007 school year for the following:
 - a. Elizabeth Stonebraker, Intervention Specialist, Class I, Step 2 (.50 FTE), salary is paid from IDEIA Part B grant funds (this is in addition to Preschool Itinerant teacher, (.50 FTE)
 - b. Jennifer Berend, high school mathematics, Class IV, Step 8, .83 FTE
 - c. Leslie Ziss, Intervention Specialist, Class IV, Step 5,

.50 FTE

4. Change of Employment Status and Back Pay: Approve the following persons, for additional service credit due to military service in accordance with the recently adopted GHESSA Settlement Agreement effective July 1, 2006 as follows:
 - a. Chester Murphy, two additional years of service credit placing him on Step 16. Additionally, total back pay amount due, \$2,787.20.
 - b. Donald French, one additional year of service credit placing him on Step 9. Additionally, total back pay amount due \$1,497.60.
 - c. Thomas Tyne, three additional years of service credit placing him on Step 11. Additionally, total back pay amount due, \$4,555.20.
5. Supplemental Duty Contracts: Approve the following supplemental duty contracts for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - a. Steven Hall, Mentor (Jennifer Berend), Class VIII-1-3, \$692.86
6. Substitute Employees: Approve the following as permanent substitute teachers for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - a. Christopher Sauer
 - b. Leslie, Ziss, .50 FTE
 - c. Thomas Tate, .50 FTE

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: McLeod, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Co/curricular Activities (IX-F): There were no items of co/extracurricular activities to be considered at this time.

Other Items (IX-G): There were no other items to be considered at this time.

Items for Discussion (X): There were no items for discussion to be discussed at this time.

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

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

MOTION 06-090: Mrs. Keller moved to adjourn.

Ms. Lithgow seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes; McLeod, yes. 4 yes.

The president declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
President

Treasurer