

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting December 12, 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  
Ron Cameron, Member  
Gary Heydinger, Member  
Anita Keller, Member  
Kathy Lithgow, Member (5)

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  
Bill Childs, Parent  
Marshal Cohen, Parent  
Grant Douglass, Parent  
Rick Garrison, Middle School Teacher  
Carol Hamilton, Food Service Director  
Ted Kuplinski, Visitor  
Jeff Lamb, Director Service/Facilities  
Dave Mancini, Interim Superintendent  
Katie Maxfield, Principal, Curriculum Director  
Michael Small, Parent/Grandview Heights Police Dept.  
Jane Swinford, Parent  
Dee Turner, Child Care Director  
Julie Whitley, Parent  
Gregory Jones, Tri-Village News  
David Knisley, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Meditation (III): President McLeod led the pledge of allegiance and silent meditation.

Student Presentation (IV-A):

1. The Stevenson Singers: President McLeod presented a gift to Dr. Mancini for his service as interim superintendent for the School District during the past few months. Dr. Mancini introduced director, Jim Shaw and the Stevenson Singers who performed several Holiday selections.

Minutes (V): President McLeod asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the previous meetings. There was one. The date of the special meeting was December 6, not December 12 as it originally indicated on page 8.

**MOTION 06-144:** Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2006, regular meeting, and the December 6, 2006 special meeting as presented by the treasurer and amended.

Ms. Lithgow 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.

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

There was one item of academic achievement and outstanding contributions to be recognized at this time.

1. Lily Picon, for competing at the State Cross Country Tournament: Mr. Andersson described the cross country event.

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

1. Rick Garrison, GHEA President, read the statement that is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. The statement discusses the consideration of reinstating previous cuts made during the past few years before adding any additional extracurricular activities.
2. Jane Swinford described that academic departments are more important than extracurricular departments.
3. Marshall Cohen discussed various expenditures considered during recent Board of Education meetings including synthetic playing field, extracurricular activities, security plans, etc.
4. Bill Childs noted that there is an academic component to sports. He said a balance needs to be maintained.

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

**MOTION 06-145:** Ms. Lithgow moved to enter into executive session at this time to discuss the employment of the treasurer.

Mrs. Keller 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 and the meeting entered into executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Board, the superintendent, and treasurer discussed the evaluation of the treasurer in the Middle School principal's conference room. The Board resumed regular session at 8:17 p.m.

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

**MOTION 06-146:** Mr. Cameron moved to approve the following:

1. November financial reports as they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.
2. Payment of November bills. (Motion 06-003 authorized the payment of all bills as they are due).
3. Investments for the month of November, 2006. (Motion 06-003 authorized the investment of district funds).
4. Appropriation modifications for the month of November, 2006, 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; Cameron, yes; Heydinger, yes; Keller, yes. 5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Reports (VIII-B):

G. Heydinger - Legislative Liaison: Dr. Heydinger described the recent community legislative committee meeting with newly elected state representative, Ted Celeste. He also reported on possible legislation regarding minimum curricular standards and vouchers. Dr. Heydinger reported on the recent meeting of the facility committee. There may be some modifications to the P.I. expenditure plan including delaying a boiler purchase.

Anita Keller, Student Achievement Liaison: Mrs. Keller noted the student leadership and achievement information that she presented to members of the Board.

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

Buildings and Grounds Report (VIII-D): Mr. Lamb reported that there is about 74% damage to the high school slate roof due to a summertime hail storm. The facility committee considered water coming into the high school around an 85 foot nonfunctioning chimney. Mr. Lamb described activities to provide documentation to the fire chief regarding carpet in the school buildings. The inspection and tests of the fire alarm system in the Edison/Middle School buildings are ongoing. Mr. Lamb provided information regarding a variety of security measures. He also described two security incidents that occurred during the past month. Officer Mike Small provided additional information. Mr. O'Reilly noted that school safety is in the forefront of our mind.

Food Service Report (VIII-E): Refreshments were provided for tonight's meeting by the food service department.

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

Curriculum Report (VIII-G): No report was provided.

Superintendent's Report (VIII-H): The following item was reported on at this time.

1. Staffing Report: Mr. O'Reilly reviewed his written report on 2004-05 school year cuts as it is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. Facility needs, safety needs, curricular needs and athletic activity needs are among the many items being considered by the Board. Mr. O'Reilly said he would like to have some time to consider all of these issues and provide a more comprehensive report back to the Board in March. Dr. Heydinger said that he believes waiting to take any action on extracurricular activities as part of an overall recommendation from the superintendent would be a good idea. Dr. Heydinger said he would like to see some financial support from the School District for a school swim team. President McLeod and Ms. Lithgow said that they are reluctant to provide partial financial assistance for a club sport that is not entirely a School District student activity. They said they are not favorable toward funding for any additional student activity. Mr. O'Reilly said that extracurricular activities would be part of any report that he would prepare.
2. "First Impressions": Mr. O'Reilly reported on his association with the District during his first month as superintendent. The schools really are the foundation for this community.

Recommendations for Action from the Board of Education (IX):

**MOTION 06-147:** Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following item of action from the Board of Education.

- A. Treasurer's Evaluation and Employment:
  1. Treasurer's Evaluation and Employment: Approve the treasurer's evaluation and employ David Knisley as the treasurer of the Board of Education for a four-year period at a salary of \$94,917 effective January 1, 2007 according to the terms and conditions of the employment contract.

Ms. Lithgow 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.

President McLeod described the evaluation process that the Board utilized. Mr. Knisley said that it is an honor that the Board of Education has given him in his evaluation and his continued employment opportunity with the School District. At this time, he presented Mrs. Keller with a check for \$5,000 to the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Education Foundation from his wife, Linda, and him in honor of the Board of Education members.

- B. Touchdown Club/Turf committee: Mr. Douglass recommended the Mondo USA turf bid. The following qualifications were noted:
  1. Meet criteria
  2. Highly qualified and experienced installers
  3. Represented locally by Kiefer Specialty Flooring
  4. Large European company that has provided Olympic tracks.

**MOTION 06-148:** Mr. Cameron moved to approve the following item for action from the Board of Education:

Enter into a contract with Mondo USA upon the acceptance of their base bid of \$299,147 and alternate #1 for \$5,410 for the furnishing of materials and performance of labor necessary to install a synthetic grass playing field at Bobcat Stadium.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

**MOTION 06-149:** Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following item for action from the Board of Education:

Accept a donation of \$129,658 from the Touchdown Club and invest the funds with proceeds to go to the turf project or the retirement of debt associated with the project.

Ms. Lithgow 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.

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

Curriculum and Instruction (X-A): There was one item of curriculum and instruction to be considered at this time.

**MOTION 06-150:** MS. Lithgow moved to approve the following item of curriculum and instruction.

1. Independent Study Request: Approve the following request for an Independent Study program at the high school for the 2006-2007 school year:

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| a. | Liz Kane       | Art            | Katherine Kelsey |
| b. | Jessica Nelson | GWP English II | Tony Thivener    |

Mrs. Keller 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.

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

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

**MOTION 06-151:** Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Elect President Pro Tempore for Organizational Meeting: Elect a

president pro tempore to open and preside over the organizational meeting until the new President of the Board has been duly elected.

President Pro Tempore Suzanne McLeod.

2. Disposal of Equipment/Furniture: Approve the disposal of the following:
  - a. High School Technology  
6503                      G4Mac                                      Broken
3. Certificated Records Disposal: Approve the Certificate of Records Disposal as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Mrs. Keller 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.

Buildings and Grounds (X-D): There were no items of buildings and grounds to be considered at this time.

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

**MOTION 06-152:** Mr. Cameron moved to approve the following items of personnel

1. Supplemental Duty Contracts: Approve the following supplemental duty contract for the 2006-2007 school year:

Kathleen Swary, Faculty Manager/Winter, Class VI-2-7,  
\$1,732.15
2. Advancement on Teachers' Salary Schedule: Approve the following teacher, having completed the required course work; be granted advancement on the salary schedule for the 2006-2007 school year:
  - a. Jill Swary, eligible for Class V, Step 5
3. Peer Buddy Coordinator: Approve a stipend for Peer Buddy Coordinator for the 2006-2007 school year:
  - a. Elizabeth Stonebraker, a \$200.00 stipend as Peer Buddy Coordinator, whose duties include training, follow-up meetings, providing recognition for the students who participate and meeting with the FCS teacher to coordinate community service hours for students. This stipend will be paid from Special Education Grant, IDEA, Part B.
4. 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.
  - a. Nieves G. Killefer                                      General Education

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

- a. Stacey Bergmann                      Teacher Aide
- b. Stacey Bergmann                      Secretary
- c. Roger Reisinger, Jr.                  Custodian

- 5. Medical Leave of Absence of Gwen Haid for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

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.

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

**MOTION 06-153**: Mr. Cameron moved to approve the following item of co/extracurricular activities at this time.

- 1. Extra-Curricular Volunteers: Approve the following as volunteers for the 2006-2007 school year:
  - a. Jack Low, High School wrestling
  - b. John Vogel, High School wrestling
  - c. Barb Garrison, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, D.C. trip

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.

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

Items for Discussion (XI): The following was discussed at this time.

**MOTION 06-154**: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following item for discussion:

- 1. Work Session: It was determined that the work session will be held on January 20, 2007, 8:00 a.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

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

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

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

**MOTION 06-155**: Mr. Cameron moved to adjourn.

Dr. Heydinger seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Keller, yes; Lithgow, yes;

