

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting November 11, 2008

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 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
Bob Baeslack, EIMS Principal
Kathy Binau, Director of Pupil Services
Stephanie Brett, Parent
Cathryn Chellis, District Technology Director
Carol Hamilton, Food Service Director
Thomas Hayes, Visitor
Steve Hedge, High School Teacher
John Kessler, Parent
Jeff Lamb, Director of Services/Facilities
Mitch Levitt, Parent
Fred Muccio, Parent
Mark Snider, Parent
Melissa Barr Snider, Parent
Jesse Truett, High School Principal
Diane Turner, Child Care Director
Alan Froman, Grandview This Week
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): There was no recognition at this time.

Recognition of Guests and Hearing of Public (IV-B): President McLeod asked if anyone wanted to address the

Board at this time. There was no one.

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

MOTION 08-115: Ms. Peters moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2008, regular meeting as presented by the treasurer.

Ms. Lithgow 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.

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

MOTION 08-116: Dr. Heydinger moved to approve the following financial items.

1. October financial reports at they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.
2. Payment of October bills. (Motion 08-003 authorized the payment of all bills as they are due).
3. Investments for the month of October, 2008. (Motion 08-003 authorized the investment of funds).
4. Appropriation modifications dated October 31, 2008, as they appear on the addendum items to these minutes.

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Reports (VI-B):

Joanne Peters - Legislative Liaison: Ms. Peters reported that the new State School Board member will be invited to the next legislative committee meeting.

Anita Keller - Student Liaison: Mrs. Keller attended the annual Ohio School Board Association Capital Conference. Governor Strickland spoke and she said he sounded hopeful in the midst of the current economic chaos. Flexibility and funding for school calendar and the length of day was discussed at the conference. Mr. O'Reilly said he is encouraging the maintenance of the performance index score on the state report cards.

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

Buildings & Grounds Report (VI-D): Mr. Lamb reported that the District is eligible to receive FEMA reimbursement for damage associated with the dry wind storm in September. He reported on additional repairs to the storm sewer lines. He also noted extra cleaning performed if particular student illnesses are reported. Mr. Lamb fielded questions from members of the Board.

Food Service Report (VI-E): Mrs. Hamilton noted her report that is contained as an addendum item to the agenda.

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

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

1. Community Auditorium Committee: Mitch Levitt reviewed his written report on updating the high school auditorium as it is contained as an addendum item to the agenda. Phase I covering A/V, electrical and acoustic enhancements are estimated to cost \$88,600. Phase II including seat restoration and carpet replacement is estimated to cost \$140,000. Phase III for lighting is estimated to cost \$70,000. The Alumni Association has agreed to pay up to \$35,000 toward phase I and act as the fiscal clearinghouse for the project. Although the intent is to pay for the improvements with private resources, the District may be asked to fund some portions. Mr. Levitt fielded questions from members of the Board. He requested that the Board consider endorsing the project and consider some funding. It would take about 6 to 8 weeks to order, install, and complete phase I before the spring musical. Although an outside organization would be funding and performing the work, some right of entry would need to be granted to them until the completion of various phases of the project overall. Members of the Board discussed endorsing but not currently funding the project.

MOTION 08-117: Mrs. Keller moved to endorse the following improvement project.

Endorse the District auditorium improvement project with fiscal management to be overseen by the GH Alumni Association.

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.

2. SOAR Update: Mr. O'Reilly provided the Board with information regarding project SOAR (Schools' Online Assessment Reports). Project SOAR uses information from a variety of tests to determine students' expected scores. The district's executive summary report shows eleven areas where Grandview Heights School District students scored above expectations and three areas that are below. Mr. O'Reilly fielded questions from members of the Board and from visitors.

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

MOTION 08-118: Ms. Peters moved to approve the following items of curriculum and instruction.

1. Independent Study Request: Approve the following independent study request for the 2008-2009 school year:
 - a. Jessica Frank French Lit. Translation Steve Hedge
2. Field Trip: Approve a field trip for high school students to travel to England and Scotland. Students will be traveling through EF Tours and accompanied by Valerie Acton. The trip is scheduled for March 20 through March 28, 2009 with an approximate cost of \$2,200.00

Dr. Heydinger 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.

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

Business and Finance (VII-C): The superintendent recommended the approval of three items of business and finance at this time.

MOTION 08-119: Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Disposal of Equipment/Furniture: Approve disposal of the following:
 - a. Technology - High School
6765 battery backup broken
 - b. Technology - EIMS
6224 iMac broken
5838 AlphaSmart broken
6226 iMac broken
6278 iMac broken
6228 iMac broken
6326 iMac broken
6803 HP 2300 printer broken
 - c. Technology – Stevenson
6764 HP 3500 laser printer broken
 - d. Library – Stevenson
As contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
2. Transfer of Funds: Approve the transfer of \$187,725.00 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 \$20,846.88 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.
3. Transfer of Funds: Approve the following transfers of federal grant funds to facilitate the closure of FY-08 grants and the carryover of the remaining money to the FY-09 grant funds:
 - a. \$1,352.50 from Targeted Assistance Title I FY-08 to FY-09
 - b. \$2,096.10 from Improving Teacher Quality Title II-A FY-08 to FY-09

Ms. Lithgow 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.

Buildings & Grounds Report (VII-D): There was one item of buildings & grounds to be considered at this

MOTION 08-120: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following item of buildings & grounds.

1. Permanent Improvement Projects: Approve the following permanent improvement projects:
 - a. Moore Roofing \$2,000.00
Replace the roofing around the makeup air intake at Stevenson.
 - b. Mid City Electric \$6,500.00

Install additional lighting on Edison/Intermediate playground and modify existing light fixtures to metal halide to increase lighting levels.

- c. Waterworks Inc. \$10,600.00
Repairs to storm drain system on east side of high school.

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.

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

MOTION 08-121: Ms. Peters moved to approve the following items of personnel.

1. Contract Correction: Approve the following contract correction for the 2008-2009 school year:
 - a. David Kauffman, Football Asst. Coach, from 1.00 FTE to .67 FTE
2. Home Instruction Tutor: Approve Carolyn Williams as a home instruction tutor on an as needed basis for the 2008-2009 school year, salary will be \$25.48 per hour.
3. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Approve a request for a FMLA leave for Shellie Self. The dates for the unpaid leave are beginning September 30 through October 31, 2008.
4. Supplemental Duty Contracts: Approve the following supplemental duty contracts for the 2008-2009 school year:
 - a. John Vogel, Wrestling Asst. Varsity Coach, Class IV-1-2 (.75FTE), \$1,929.48
 - b. Erik Nell, Wrestling Asst. Varsity Coach, Class IV-1-2 (.25FTE), \$643.16
 - c. Dana Ullmann, Gymnastics Head Coach, Class II-1-3, \$3,491.44
5. Substitute Employees: Approve the employment of the substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year as it is contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Approve employment of the following classified substitute for the 2008-2009 school year:

- a. Rita Miller Teacher Assistant
6. Child Care Program: Approve the following employment for the 2008-2009 school year:
 - a. Constance Carter, Recreation Leader substitute, effective November 11, 2008

Mrs. Keller seconded the motion.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities (VII-F): There was one item of cocurricular and extracurricular activities to be considered at this time.

MOTION 08-122: Ms. Lithgow moved to approve the following item of cocurricular and extracurricular activities:

1. Extra-Curricular Volunteers: Approve the following as a volunteer for the 2008-2009 school

year:

- a. Deborah Brannan, Math Counts
- b. James Hamburg, Lego League
- c. Mark Woodhouse, Lego League
- d. Leah Houser, Lego League
- e. Stephanie Brett, Math Counts
- f. Melinda Stoltz, Science Olympiad
- g. John Leutz, Science Olympiad
- h. Richard Murray, Science Olympiad
- i. Craig McMurry, Science Olympiad
- j. James Hoerath, Science Olympiad
- k. Nicholas Roberts, Science Olympiad
- l. Andrea Roberts, Science Olympiad
- m. Beth Connell, Lego League
- n. Maureen O'Brien, Science Olympiad
- o. Laura McDermott, Lego League

Dr. Heydinger 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.

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

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

MOTION 08-123: Ms. Lithgow moved to enter into executive session at this time for the purpose of preparing for negotiations.

Dr. Heydinger 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 and the meeting entered into executive session at 8:41 p.m.

At this time, members of the Board, the superintendent and the treasurer met in executive session in the middle school principal's conference room to conduct the executive session. Preparations for negotiations to begin in the winter and spring of 2009 were discussed.

The Board resumed regular session at 9:28 p.m.

Items for Discussion (X): The Board considered the following item for discussion at this time.

- A. Work Session: Members of the Board discussed possible dates to hold a special meeting for the purpose of conducting a work session.

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

MOTION 08-124: Mrs. Keller moved to adjourn.

Ms. Lithgow 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 and the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

