

**GARFIELD HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes – Special Board Meeting  
July 20, 2011**

The Board of Education of the Garfield Heights City School District met in Special session on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 , at the Garfield Heights Board of Education Offices at 8:00 a.m. with Mr. Joseph M. Juby, President of the Board, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present : Mr. Juby, Mr. Wolske, Mr. Dobies, Mrs. Kitson, Mrs. Geraci,  
Absent: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Dobies, Geraci, Kitson, Wolske, Juby  
Nays: None

Discussion took place on the proposed CRA Agreement with the Mayor and Economic Development Director of the City of Garfield Heights.

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Dobies to approve Resolution No. 2011-027, a resolution supporting a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) and Ten Year Tax Exemption Agreement between the City of Garfield Heights, Blue Sky Campus, Inc. and Overdrive, Inc. and waiving the statutory notice requirements under Ohio Revised Code 3735.671 and 5709.83 as amended in Exhibit "A".

Ayes: Geraci, Dobies, Kitson, Wolske, Juby  
Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 a.m.

Ayes: Dobies, Geraci, Kitson, Wolske, Juby  
Nays: None

  
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President

  
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Treasurer

**Resolution No. 2011-027**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AND TEN YEAR TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, BLUE SKY CAMPUS, INC AND OVERDRIVE, INC. AND WAIVING THE STATUTORY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE 3735.671 AND 5709.83.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has consistently supported economic development within the City of Garfield Heights (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, the City has previously created a community reinvestment area, known at the "Garfield Mall CRA", to encourage the development of real property investment within that area; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Mall CRA is located in the Garfield Heights City School District; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided notice to this District of its intention to enter into a CRA Agreement with Blue Sky Campus Inc. and OverDrive, Inc. (the "Developers") in connection with the development of a new office campus (the "Project") to be located at 9501 Granger Road within the boundaries of the Garfield Mall CRA; and

WHEREAS, the proposed CRA Agreement provides that the Developers will receive a 100% tax exemption for seven (7) years and a 75% tax exemption for three (3) years for real property improvements made to the Project site; and

WHEREAS, the City does not need this Board's approval to grant the tax exemptions and execute the CRA Agreement; and

WHEREAS, this Board wants to express its support of the CRA Agreement and this Project; and

WHEREAS, Ohio law requires the City to provide notice to the District prior to granting any tax exemption and entering into a proposed CRA Agreement, and the Board of Education is willing to waive the statutory notice requirements for this tax exemption and CRA Agreement only; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Garfield City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that after careful consideration and evaluation of the information before it:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby expresses its support of the CRA Agreement and tax exemption for the Developers and the Project located at 9501 Granger Road, and should the City request, the Superintendent of Schools and the Treasurer are each authorized to sign any documents relating to the CRA Agreement and tax exemption.

Section 2. The Board of Education hereby waives the notice requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671 and 5709.83 for this CRA Agreement and tax exemptions of this Project only.

Section 3. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the City as required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671.

Section 4. The Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions related to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable law.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.