

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes - Special Board Meeting / Work Session
February 8, 2021

The Board of Education of the Garfield Heights City School District met virtually in special session on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Mrs. Nichelle Daniels, President of the Board, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Daniels, Ms. King, Ms. Thomas

Absent: Mr. Juby

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. King to approve the following Resolution No. 2021-03:

Whereas a vacancy has been caused on the board of education by reason of resignation;
and

Whereas this board of education has the legal authority to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term thereof;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by a majority vote of all the remaining members of the board of education of the Garfield Heights School District that Ms. Heather Morrison be and hereby is, appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Education of this school district for the unexpired term of Christine A. Kitson, ending on December 31, 2021.

Ayes: Ms. Thomas, Ms. King, Mrs. Daniels

Nays: None

Treasurer Sluka administered the Oath of Office to Heather Morrison.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Ms. King, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Morrison, Mrs. Daniels

Nays: None

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS – PERSONNEL:

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. King to approve the following resignation:

NAME	POSITION	BLDG.	EFFECTIVE DATE
Semall, Kyle	Maintenance Mechanic (1F)	Maintenance - CO	2/5/21

Ayes: Ms. Thomas, Ms. King, Ms. Morrison, Mrs. Daniels

Nays: None

MISCELLANEOUS

Moved by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Thomas to approve Resolution No. 2021-04 to enter into settlement agreement regarding merit incentive payments for attendance.

Ayes: Ms. King, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Morrison, Mrs. Daniels

Nays: None

DISCUSSION

GYM RENTAL

Mr. Sonny Johnson, Boys Basketball, approached the Board about holding a NEO Youth Elite Tournament in our gymnasium as all rentals have been put on hold due to COVID concerns. He presented the steps that would be taken during this tournament to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, cleaning of facilities, temperature checking and enforcement of mask wearing.

Also would provide Indemnity Waiver and proof of insurance. After further discussion with Superintendent Hanke and Treasurer/Director of Business Services, the Board was amenable to open up the district’s facilities for rentals.

SCHOOL FEES

Ms. Tammy Hager, High School Principal asked the Board to consider waiving school fees in her building for this school year except for the graduation fee. She stated, “Nothing about this year has been traditional. Teachers have had to transition into online teaching and students have had to transition into online learning. While we have made purchases for some supplies that have been necessary for our teachers and our students: American History workbooks, World History workbooks, Government workbooks, Calculators, online Foreign language workbooks as well as an online accounting workbook. We have also purchased some novels for English classes. We haven’t made purchases for science classes, art classes, and gym classes. When we have students re-enter the building we may need to order some supplies for these courses however the amount needed will be less than for a full-year in-person course. I am asking the board to consider waiving all fees for students except the \$50 graduation fee. As an example, on average a ninth-grader would have fees in the amount of \$132. A tenth grader would have fees ranging from \$105 - \$120. 11th grader would have fees ranging from \$85 - \$150. Seniors typically have fees around \$100, plus the \$50 graduation fee, which would be a total of \$ 150.

This waiver would not cover any unpaid fees from previous years. Students with unpaid fees from previous years would still need to pay those fees before they could participate in our graduation ceremony or receive their diploma.”

HYBRID LEARNING MODEL

Mrs. LeeAnn Reiland presented the hybrid framework for students returning to school by defining the Group A and Group B cohorts. She defined the concurrent learning and new concurrent learning model. She also reviewed Workshop Wednesdays, and shared how parents can sign up to stay online should they choose to do so.

CALENDAR HEARING FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Hanke shared and discussed the District calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board discussed creating the following additional Board committees/task force:

Strategic Plan Task Force with two Board members being appointed.

Legislative Committee with two Board members being appointed.

Finance Committee with two Board members being appointed.

The Board directed Treasurer Sluka have these committees and task force put on the agenda for approval at their Regular Meeting on February 16, 2021.

BOARD NORMS

The Board reviewed their current Board norm suggestions and President Daniels asked that any further suggestions be added to the Board norms Google Doc for future consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Thomas to enter into executive session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing GHFA negotiations and personnel matters.

Adjourn from executive session at 8:56 p.m.


Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. King to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Ayes: Ms. Thomas, Ms. King, Ms. Morrison, Mrs. Daniels

Nays: None



President



Treasurer