

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION
GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes – Regular Board Meeting
March 16, 2020

The Board of Education of the Garfield Heights City School District met special session on Monday, March 16, 2020 at the Garfield Heights Board of Education, 5640 Briarcliff D., Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125 at 6:00 p.m. with Mr. Joseph M. Juby, President of the Board, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Juby, Mrs. Daniels, Ms. Thomas
Absent: Mrs. Kitson

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to approve the following Resolution No. 2020-06:

Whereas a vacancy has been caused on the board of education by reason of death; 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 Millette Tucker be and hereby is, appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Education of this school district for the unexpired term of Robert Dobies, Sr., ending on December 31, 2021.

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Juby
Nays: None

Garfield Heights City Councilwoman, Shayla Davis administered the oath of office to Millette Tucker.

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Ms. Thomas to approve Christine Kitson to fill the unexpired term of Vice-President of the Garfield Heights Board of Education.

Ayes: Juby, Thomas, Daniels, Tucker
Nays: None

RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Moved by Mrs. Daniels, seconded by Mr. Juby to approve the agenda as adopted.

Ayes: Daniels, Juby, Thomas, Tucker
Nays: None

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Ms. Thomas to approve the following minutes:

Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of February 3, 2020 as presented.
 Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of February 4, 2020 as presented.
 Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of February 8, 2020 as presented.
 Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2020 as presented.

Ayes: Juby, Thomas, Daniels, Tucker

Nays: None

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good evening & welcome to our Board meeting.

We welcome Millette Tucker to our Board, Ms. Tucker was the successful candidate from a pool of 8 citizens who applied and were interviewed.

A resolution for Bob Dobies, our Board member who recently passed away after 15 years of Service to our District was pulled from the agenda tonight. We will have the resolution at a future Board Meeting when Bob's family can attend.

I would like to thank Mr. Hanke and his entire staff for being proactive & informative during these unprecedented times.

As Superintendent, Mr. Hanke is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the District. Mr. Hanke's first 7 months have been very challenging and I feel he has done an extraordinary job.

Thank you Mr. Hanke.

Keep safe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center – Christine A. Kitson
Student Activities - Ashley M. Thomas, M. Ed.

The winter sports season has concluded for all of our teams and athletes.

Unfortunately, we are now living in a sport free world. Based on the recommendations of the Ohio Governor in conjunction with the OHSAA all high school sports, sporting events, practices and workouts are cancelled through April 6th. This also includes the use of any school related gym, field or sporting site.

You should have received census information in the mail, please make sure you fill out that information, as it is very important! You can even fill it out online!

I also would like to welcome Ms. Millette Tucker to our Board of Education, we are so happy to have you.

Legislative Liaison – Joseph M. Juby

President, Joseph M. Juby, appointed Ms. Tucker as City Liaison

City Liaison – Millette Tucker, M. Ed, L.S.W

Policy Liaison – Joseph M. Juby & Nichelle N. Daniels

PRESENTATION

RECOGNITIONS/COMMENDATIONS

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Thank you Mr. President,

Ahead of Governor DeWine’s mandate that all schools close by 3:30 pm today, I dismissed all non-essential staff at noon today. As of tomorrow, the only event that will be taking place will be the district’s grab and go initiative at the middle school. From tomorrow through Friday, grab and go meals will be available at the middle school from 9 am to noon. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to sign out a Chromebook for students in grades 4-12. This check out will need to be done by a parent / guardian during the grab and go. The district is working on a plan to have one evening Chromebook check out time this week. We will communicate this time and date as we finalize plans.

We have been communicating via website, social media, and blackboard calls to ensure parents are fully aware of our meal, educational, and technology initiatives. I urge all parents, students, community members, and staff to check our website and social media outlets daily for updated information during this unprecedented health emergency. As of today, schools are to remain closed through April 3, with tentative re-opening April 6. However, the Governor has indicated that schools may remain closed for the balance of this school year. Our district remains committed to offering educational opportunities through packets, and technology however long we may be ordered to have schools closed.

In summary, the Garfield Heights City Schools is dedicated to maintaining the continuity of education during the state-ordered school closure period. Buildings will be thoroughly disinfected and rigorously cleansed during this time as well. Ultimately, our hope is for everyone to remain safe and healthy. The District will continue to communicate with timely updates as soon as information is available. Thank you for your continued flexibility during this unprecedented time and evolving matter.

Please stay safe, stay healthy, take care of yourself and take care of each other.

As part of my report, I have invited Eric Johnson, legal counsel to brief the board and answer any questions, and Jim Crooks to explain our communication initiatives. Thank you. That concludes my report.

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER:

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Tucker to approve the financials for February 2020, as presented in Exhibit "A".

Ayes: Thomas, Tucker, Daniels, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to approve Resolution No. 2020-07, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer, as presented in Exhibit "B".

Ayes: Juby, Daniels, Thomas, Tucker
Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to approve Resolution No 2020-08, a resolution amending the appropriation of the OneNet (451) Fund from \$5,150 to \$17,000.

Ayes: Juby, Daniels, Thomas, Tucker
Nays: None

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD:****PERSONNEL:**

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels approve the Employee Leaves as presented in Exhibit "C".

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Tucker, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to accept the disability retirement of Lisa Skerl, Physical Education Teacher at the Middle School, effective February 1, 2020 after 25 years with Garfield Heights City Schools.

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Tucker, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to accept the retirement resignation of Kristen Porter, English Teacher at the Middle School, effective June 30, 2020 after 20 years of service with Garfield Heights City Schools.

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Tucker, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to accept the resignation of Timothy Perry, Housekeeper at the Middle School, effective February 25, 2020.

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Tucker, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to amend the contract for Kelsey McConnell, Fourth Grade Teacher at William Foster, from M+0 step 1, to M+0 step 2 based on verification of employment, retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Tucker, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to approve the classified contract(s) for the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Exp.</u>
Brianne Gardner (eff: 3/3/20)	Bus Aide (1E)	4	0
Ashley Fuller (eff: 3/9/20)	General Cafeteria (1C) - MS	6	0
Jeffrey Cooke (eff: 3/11/20)	Assistant Custodian (3D) - HS	8	5

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Tucker, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to approve the Athletic Supplemental Position(s) for the 2019-2020 school year as listed below:

Demetrius Johnson - Winter Weight Lifting – HS

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Tucker, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to approve the Academic Supplemental Position(s) for the 2019-2020 school year on a prorated basis for hours already worked as listed below:

Spring Musical

John Krol - Vocal Music Director - HS
Jennifer Justice - Choreographer - HS
Sue Ciccarella - Set Design & Construction - HS
Gary Samarin - Costumer -HS
Chris Satola - Technology Director – HS

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Tucker, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to approve Middle School teachers providing lunch time tutoring for students at risk of not meeting core learning standards be paid at the hourly rate of \$26.02, funded out of Title I.

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Tucker, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to approve Elmwood Elementary staff that participated in the Third Grade Reading Guarantee (TGRG) Night on February 19, 2020 be paid a stipend of \$50 out of Title I funds.

Ayes: Thomas, Daniels, Tucker, Juby
Nays: None

POLICY:

Moved by Mrs. Daniels, seconded by Mrs. Tucker to approve the second reading of the proposed board policies as presented in Exhibit "D".

Ayes: Daniels, Tucker, Thomas, Juby
Nays: None

CONTRACTS:

RENTALS & FACILITY USAGES:

MISCELLANEOUS:

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

**Board of Education Regular Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
April 20, 2020
Board of Education Offices
5640 Briarcliff Dr.
Garfield Heights, OH 44125**

Moved by Mrs. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Daniels to adjourn at 6:23 P.M.

Ayes: Tucker, Daniels, Thomas, Juby
Nays: None



President



Treasurer