

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION
GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes – Special Board Meeting
August 6, 2019

The Board of Education of the Garfield Heights City School District met in special session on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at the Garfield Heights Board of Education Offices, 5640 Briarcliff Dr., Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125 at 6:00 p.m. with Mr. Gary Wolske, President of the Board, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Wolske, Mrs. Kitson, Mrs. Chamberlin, Mr. Dobies, Mr. Juby
Absent:

RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

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

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

Moved by Mrs. Chamberlin, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to approve the following Resolution No. 2019 – 17, a Resolution Appointing Superintendent Effective August 7, 2019 – July 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Garfield Heights City School District Board of Education (“School Board”) accepted the retirement resignation of its current Superintendent, Terrance S. Olszewski, effective at the close of business on July 31, 2019;

WHEREAS, the School Board appointed an Interim Superintendent (Resolution No. 201916) effective August 1, 2019 until the Board appointed its new Superintendent of Schools;

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined it necessary to contract for the employment of its new Superintendent of Schools pursuant to Section 3319.01, Ohio Revised Code, and has determined to appoint Christopher G. Hanke (“Mr. Hanke”) to said position; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hanke represents that he is willing and able to accept said appointment and employment as Superintendent of Schools of the Garfield Heights City Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Garfield Heights City Schools, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: Effective August 7, 2019, the School Board appoints Christopher G. Hanke as its Superintendent of Schools pursuant to the terms contained in the Contract for Superintendent of Schools attached as Exhibit A, for the term August 7, 2019 through July 31, 2022.

Section 2: The School Board acknowledges the Interim Superintendent Appointment of Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Superintendent, Bob Mengerink pursuant to Resolution No. 2019-16 has automatically terminated in accordance with that resolution. The School Board acknowledges Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Superintendent Bob Mengerink served as the School Board's Interim Superintendent from August 1, 2019 through August 6, 2019 and the School Board thanks Mr. Mengerink and the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio for Mr. Mengerink's service to Garfield City Schools.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. 121.22.

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

Mr. Hanke stated:

"President Wolske and Members of the Board of Education,

It is my honor and privilege to be named the next Superintendent of Garfield Heights City Schools. Nearly 19 years ago I walked through the doors of Garfield Heights High School as a history teacher.

While I had no idea where the journey would take me, I am proud that I continue to call Garfield Heights City Schools my professional home. I have had many opportunities to lead our fine staff and students in a variety of roles; however, this role allows me to lead our entire school community in making sure we have the best educational experience for our students and families.

To my predecessor, Mr. Olszewski, thank you for the years of mentorship, friendship, and support. We already miss your infectious brand of leadership that brought a renewed sense of Bulldog Pride to the district.

To my family, my in-laws Dee and Kris Pellissier, my parents, Mike and Marilyn Hanke, and most importantly my lovely wife Sara and our daughter Anna, there is not any way I would be standing here without all of your love, support, and help through the years.

Mr. Wolske, members of the Board, I hope to continue to make all of you proud of our school district. There will be more to come and report at the regular August Board meeting.

Once again, I am humbled and thankful to everyone for this opportunity."

Mr. Wolske read the press statement:

Garfield Heights City Schools Board of Education Selects Chris Hanke and Next Superintendent

By a unanimous vote at a Special Meeting that took place on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, The Garfield Heights City Schools Board of Education approved the hiring of Chris Hanke as the new Superintendent of the District. The approval of Mr. Hanke as the incoming Superintendent comes as a result of a thorough and exhaustive search process that led to many qualified candidates applying for the job. Mr. Hanke's longevity in the District, experience and dedication to leading the Garfield Heights City Schools into a new era ultimately prompted the Board to name him as our new leader going forward.

"On behalf of the Board of Education, I congratulate Chris Hanke on being named the new Superintendent of the Garfield Heights City Schools," said Board President Gary Wolske. "His experience, credentials and commitment to this District will serve students, staff and families well in the future."

Chris Hanke enters his 19th year in the Garfield Heights City Schools, where he has served in a variety of capacities. Most recently, Mr. Hanke was Assistant Superintendent and Director of Human Resources. Prior to that, Mr. Hanke was Principal of Garfield Heights Middle School and Principal of the Learning Center. He began his tenure with the Garfield Heights City Schools as a history teacher at the High School.

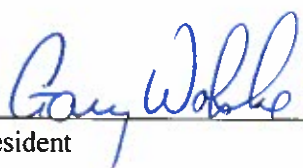
"I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to serve as the next Superintendent of the Garfield Heights City Schools," said Chris Hanke. "Beginning as a classroom teacher, and serving the District and community in a variety of leadership capacities, uniquely prepares me to continue enhancing the educational journeys of the great students of the Garfield Heights City Schools."

Mr. Hanke will begin as Superintendent of the Garfield Heights City Schools effectively on Wednesday, August 7, 2019. On behalf of the Board of Education, please join everyone in the District in welcoming Chris Hanke into the new role of Superintendent. Go Bulldogs!

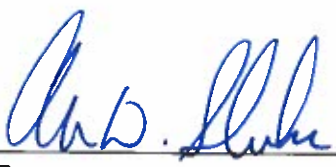
Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to adjourn at 6:07 p.m.

Ayes: Juby, Kitson, Chamberlin, Dobies, Wolske

Nays: None



President



Treasurer