

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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes – Regular Board Meeting  
April 18, 2011**

The Board of Education of the Garfield Heights City School District met in Regular session on Monday, April 18, 2011 at Garfield Heights High School at 6:00 p.m. with Mr. Joseph M. Juby, President of the Board, presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to adopt agenda as presented.

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

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve the minutes:

Regular Board meeting of March 21, 2011

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

Moved by Mrs. Kitson, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to amend the minutes of Special Board Meeting of March 23, 2011 to reflect the comments of Mrs. Kitson and subsequently approve the amended minutes.

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

## BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome you to tonight's Board Meeting.

I have a very brief report, as we have a full agenda this evening. This is one board meeting we fully enjoy, honoring the top ten in this year's class. These students worked very hard throughout their academic career to achieve this high honor. We will also be honoring our Varsity Boys' Basketball team for their success, reaching the final four which has not been achieved since 1951.

Two weeks from tomorrow the residents will go to the ballot to vote on Issues 3 and 4. These two issues are very important to the future of our students and district. The residents cannot say they were not informed of these two issues. The committee has spent countless hours trying to get the people to understand the importance of these issues. The Board would like to thank the entire committee for their hard work. I have no doubt that these issues on May 3<sup>rd</sup> will pass

On behalf of the Board, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter. Thank you.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center – Mrs. Geraci – No Report

Curriculum & Instruction – Christine Kitson – No Report

Student Activities – Mr. Juby – No Report

Legislative Liaison – Mr. Wolske – No Report

City Liaison – Mr. Dobies – “I want to let everyone to know that the city along with our school district are trying in conjunction to get our children involved in after school programs. We all recognize the importance of involving our children and also know amidst the finances of what can and can't be done at times. An idea was formulated to bring awareness and to establish a start-up fund for the creation of children/teen centers in the city for arts/school work and other activities. This program would be volunteer based with fundraising efforts and with the potential match of grant funding to allow for the initial event this will be “Garfield's Got Talent”. This will be a talent event for children eight to eighteen who are Garfield Heights students or residents. It is anticipated that an advertisement will be coming shortly. Tentatively tryouts would be in mid to late July with the finals at the beginning of August. For more information, please call Ms. Becky Repasky at (216) 475-3373.

The Recreation Center office will close for the first three weeks of May, May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will reopen on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a very slow time period. Programming such as T-Ball and softball will continue uninterrupted without any inconvenience to our residents.

On behalf of the district I would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for their endorsement for our upcoming school levy.

I also wanted to add my congratulations to our basketball team. I want you to know, as I said at the council meeting, that I believe you converted me to a basketball fan. It was such an exciting season for all of you and you were a force with which to deal. I truly want you to know that your achievements brought a community together and gave us desire for your success because it made all of us winners. We thank you for that. I wish good luck on your future endeavors to those seniors moving on; and I will be looking for another exciting season from our returnees. Thank you, gentlemen.

Parent Involvement – Mrs. Kitson – No Report

Community Liaison to Faith-Based Initiatives – Gary Wolske – No Report

### PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete DeVine of PCS gave the Board an update on the progress of the projects at both Elmwood and Maple Leaf.

### RECOGNITIONS/COMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Reid acknowledged the Boys Basketball Team and their current year accomplishments. Coach Johnson talked about the season and introduced his team to the Board and audience.

Mr. Olszewski along with Mrs. Martin, Ms. Hagar, Mrs. Reisland, Mr. Ruggiero and Mr. Dunbrook gave a presentation on various activities happening at the High School.

The Top 10 students presented their roses for teachers.

Those top ten students were then acknowledged by the Board. Mr. Dobies addressed the students and teachers stating that “This is a special time because of the accomplishments of those students reaching the “Top Ten”. I can say on behalf of our district that you have reached a milestone in your academic careers which I believe is only one many to come. There is a true appreciation of your efforts because this is why we are in the business of education. Thank you and continued success.”

“I would also like to thank our teachers for having such an impact on our students. To have their efforts recognized by the students they’ve influenced not only educationally and with sensitivity and compassion. The students will hold in esteem for you and will help them become outstanding young adults in their future endeavors. All of you are to be congratulated for your significance in our young people’s lives and to our district. Thank you.”

### SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

None

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Joni Wanderstock addressed the Board regarding the Boys' Basketball team and the enthusiasm they created in the building, the community and amongst the students on the fan bus. They represented our school district with dignity.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Dobies to approve the financials for March, as presented in Exhibit "A".

Ayes: Geraci, Dobies, Kitson, Wolske, Juby

Nays: None

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD

PERSONNEL:

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve suspension days without pay for employee discipline.

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the leave of absences.

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the appointment of certificated and/or licensed teaching staff on limited contracts for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented in Exhibit "B".

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the change in position for Patricia Nash from Bus Aide (1E) to Maple Leaf Housekeeper (1D), 6 hours per day, experience level 1, due to resignation to be effective April 1, 2011.

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to accept the resignation of Erin Kalkbrenner, Intervention Specialist at the Middle School, at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to accept the retirement resignation of Teresa Durst, Speech and Language Pathologist at Maple Leaf/High School, at the end of the 2010-2011 school year after 31 years of service

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Dobies to extend a continuing contract to the following teachers effective at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year conditional upon receipt of a professional license by July 1, 2011:

High School

Brian Hasenohrl  
Ann McDevitt  
Robert Sharp

Middle School

Lauren DiFranco  
Bethany Guzoski  
Benjamin Harreld

Maple Leaf

Steven Bodnovich

Elmwood

Amy Bellino  
James Portik

William Foster

Emily Bowers

Ayes: Geraci, Dobies, Kitson, Juby  
Nays: Wolske

Mr. Wolske stated that his vote was not a reflection on the job performance of any of those individuals listed, but that he does not believe in the philosophy of giving continuing contracts more commonly known as tenure.

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to non-renew the teaching contract of the following certified staff member at the end of the 2010-11 school year, who meets one or more of the following criteria: hired as an intern; hired after retirement from a school system; hired for part-time teaching position:

James DiMarco – High School Guidance  
Peter Geiser – High School German

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to accept the retirement resignation of Steve Shubert, Middle School Custodian, effective August 1, 2011 after 15 years of service.

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to accept the resignation of Peter Walchanowicz, Deliver Driver, effective April 26, 2011.

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

#### POLICY

None

#### CONTRACTS:

None

#### RENTALS & FACILITY USAGES

None

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske, to approve a donation of binders for students to use in the classrooms from Air Compliance Testing located in Valley View valued at approximately \$500.0

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske, to approve the Preschool Peer Model tuition at \$1000.00 for the Early Education Center for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske, to approve the Middle School Social Studies textbooks as listed:

Grade 6

Name of New Book

My World Geography, Pearson, 2012

Name of Replacing Book

Holt World Geography

Grade 7

Name of New Book

My World History – Early Ages  
Pearson, 2012

Name of Replacing Book

Holt World History

Grade 8

Name of New Book

America: History of Our Nation -  
Ohio Edition, Beginnings Through  
1877, Pearson 2011

Name of Replacing Book

Holt United States History:  
Beginnings to 1877

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Board of Education Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Garfield Heights Board of Education Offices

5640 Briarcliff Drive

Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Ayes: Dobies, Kitson, Geraci, Wolske, Juby

Nays: None



President



Treasurer

For monthly financial information (Exhibit A) from this meeting, please check our website under Finance and Business Operations and the link “Financials”. Thank you