

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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes – Regular Board Meeting
December 20, 2010**

The Board of Education of the Garfield Heights City School District met in Regular session on Monday, December 20, 2010, at Maple Leaf Intermediate School at 6:30 p.m. with Mr. Robert A. Dobies, Sr., President of the Board, presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Juby to approve the minutes of:
Regular Board meeting of November 15, 2010
Special Board meeting of December 1, 2010

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, Seconded by Mr. Wolske to move the recognition of Mrs. Jo Lea to the beginning of the agenda.

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

Mr. Dobies read a proclamation honoring Mrs. Jo Lea for her past service to the Garfield Heights High School Athletic Booster Club and for her years of service to the District and the Community and also recognized her family in attendance.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Dobies welcomed all in attendance to Maple Leaf Intermediate School

I would like to remind those in attendance you must sign in if you wish to speak in front of the Board. You have the opportunity to speak on agenda items prior to the Board taking action on the matters at hand. You also have the opportunity to make remarks on non-agenda items at the end of business matters. In both cases you will be allotted three minutes to make your presentation. Thank you.

I hope all enjoyed our meeting at the Middle School. Our thanks go out to Mr. Nicklos for his presentation and to our students who presented us with their views and aspirations. It is truly rewarding when you see the fruits of our labor come to be.

During this evening we will hear updates from:

- Mr. Bob Fiala from TDA (ThenDesign) and Mr. Pete Devine from PCS on our building projects.
- We will have a presentation from Don Graves from AT & T on a cell phone tower.
- We will have an update from Mrs. Abraham on Maple Leaf Intermediate School.

As we move to 2011 and as I stated at the two previous meetings, we will be pursuing the levy campaign full speed ahead. It was asked of this Board, "Why?" My response remains it is an investment. One of the best investments we can make in our children's and community's future. It is an obligation and a duty that we maintain the best possible educational standards that we can to benefit the children, our future leaders.

On behalf of my fellow Board members and the administration, you can be assured with the passage of the levy in February that we will remain committed to business with a proper, common sense approach to remain fiscally responsible to our district while providing opportunities to our students. We understand what our citizens have and are experiencing from the financial impact of our economy today. We experience the same. We hear the concerns of our community and continue to deal and rectify matters of concern in a timely manner. We continue to pursue excellence in all we give our children and district while maintaining the expectations of students, parents, staff, and community.

I cannot explain the need any simpler than the need is now. I appeal to you to get involved so we may bring this to fruition. If you need any information on the levy or are interested in helping the effort, please contact the Board Office and they will help direct you. We remain committed and optimistic that as a team we will succeed.

With the holiday season upon us and on behalf of the Board of Education and our district, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you, and that concludes my report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center – Mrs. Geraci – No report.

Curriculum & Instruction – Christine Kitson – No report.

Student Activities – Mr. Juby – Recognized the Booster Club Athlete of the Week, bowler Steven Shavel.

Legislative Liaison – Mr. Wolske – No Report

City Liaison – Mr. Dobies – This past week the annual Garfield Heights Holiday Tournament took place and ended on Saturday. It provided an exciting week of Hockey. Visiting Canfield took the championship. Garfield Heights Varsity Hockey will have their next game Wednesday, December 22 here at home. Game time is 8:30 p.m. This past weekend the recreation center hosted the sixteenth annual Holiday Skating Recital. It showcased seventy of our many skaters and figure skating club members who performed to songs of the holiday season. Approximately two hundred people came out to enjoy our skaters' performances. Sunday afternoon offered a community only public skate session at reduced rates for patrons bringing a canned or dry food item to help the needy of our community. Thank you to all who donated and made this a successful event. The donations will be going to the Garfield Heights Food Bank and will be ear-marked for need Garfield Heights residents. We will have another exciting tournament weekend. Trinity High School will be hosting their Christmas Holiday Hockey Tournament on Sunday, December 26th through Tuesday, December 28th. Come out and enjoy the excitement.

Parent Involvement – Mrs. Kitson – Scholastic Book fairs were held at the schools with proceeds going to their libraries. Middle School staff members made dinner for Middle School parents. All PTAs will now be involved with Market Day to benefit their students of their school.

Community Liaison to Faith Based Initiatives – Mr. Wolske – No Report

PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Devine of PCS gave the Board and public an update on the status of the Elmwood and Maple Leaf OSFC projects using a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Don Graves gave a presentation on a proposed cell phone tower at the High School football field.

RECOGNITIONS/COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Wolske recognized and displayed a t-shirt designed by Damill May, winner of the t-shirt design program at Elmwood Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Gwen Abraham, principal of Maple Leaf Intermediate School, gave the Board an update on Maple Leaf and the affects of PBIS program at her school.

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLUC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER

Moved by Mr. Juby, and seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the financials for November 2010, as presented in Exhibit "A"

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, and seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the date of January 3, 2011 to hold the 2011-2012 Budget Hearing at 6:15 p.m. at the Board of Education, 5640 Briarcliff Drive, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATIONRECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARDPERSONNEL:

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve the following classified staff for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Exp.</u>
Peter Walchanowicz	Delivery Driver - District	5	0
Pamela DiPerna	Housekeeper – WF	6	1

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve the Spring Supplemental Pay to Participate positions for the 2010-2011 school year as follows;

Boys Baseball

Assistant Coach – HS
Assistant Coach (FR) – HS
Head Coach (7/8) – MS

Track

Assistant Coach (Boys) – HS
Assistant Coach (Girls) – HS

Fast Pitch Girls Softball

Assistant Coach – HS
Assistant Coach (JV) – HS
Head Coach (7/8) - MS

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve the spring sports supplemental appointment for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Supplemental</u>
Brad Lambert	Head Baseball Coach – HS

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve the academic supplemental appointments for the 2010-2011 school year, paid with federal funds as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Supplemental</u>
Marie Klein	Mentor – Master Teacher
Sherry Buchroeder	Mentor – Master Teacher
Heather Butzer	Mentor – Master Teacher

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve the Leave of Absences.

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve suspension days without pay for employee discipline as part of the last chance agreement.

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to accept the resignation of Timothy Wright, housekeeper at William Foster, effective December 15, 2010.

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to accept the resignation of Jennifer Stroh, general cafeteria at Elmwood Elementary, effective December 21, 2010.

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to accept the resignation of Melissa Thompson, Director of Pupil Services, effective December 24, 2010.

Mr. Dobies acknowledged and thanked Melissa Thompson for her years of service to the district.

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve the resignation agreement for John Gladish, Maintenance Mechanic I (3F), as of December 10, 2010.

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve Joseph Nicklos as interim Pupil Services Director to be compensated for such services at his per diem hourly rate not to exceed an average of ten hours per week for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve the classified substitute for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

Deanna Pandolfi – Cafeteria, Housekeeper, Building Assistant (1B), Secretarial/Clerical.

Ayes: Juby, Geraci, Kitson, Wolske, Dobies

Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to approve stipends for the following certified staff members who participated in Everyday Math Night at Elmwood Elementary School on November 17, 2010. Each staff member will receive a stipend of \$50 paid through Title I grant funding:

Robin Castagnola
Michelle Geisinger
Amy Sumen

Stacey Mather
Sarah Mementowski
Heather Graham

Amy Bellino
Carrie Spelich

Ayes: Juby, Geraci, Kitson, Wolske, Dobies

Nays: None

POLICY

CONTRACTS:

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Juby to approve the addendum to the service agreement with PSI Associates for the 2010-2011 school year.

Ayes: Geraci, Juby, Kitson, Wolske, Dobies

Nays: None

RENTALS & FACILITY USAGES

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to approve Kathleen Russo, Garfield Heights resident, as a Surrogate Parent to represent Garfield Heights resident students with a disability, foster-placed out of district, as well as students with a disability foster-placed in Garfield Heights City Schools where the resident district does not provide a surrogate parent.

Ayes: Geraci, Kitson, Juby, Wolske, Dobies

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to approve the Middle School field trip to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, February 22nd – 25th, 2011 at no cost to the Board.

Ayes: Geraci, Kitson, Juby, Wolske, Dobies

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to approve a donation from Brian and Katherine Ritchie of Columbus of a 55” Mitsubishi television to the Middle School for the PBIS reward room valued at \$700.00.

Ayes: Geraci, Kitson, Juby, Wolske, Dobies

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to approve Resolution No. 2010-047, a Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools and President of this Board to sign change orders on the Ohio School Facilities Commission Project as presented Exhibit “B”.

Ayes: Geraci, Kitson, Juby, Wolske, Dobies

Nays: None

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL ITEMS

Deanna Michalek addressed the Board seeking clarity as to whether the district had a policy prohibiting religious flyers to be sent home with students. Mrs. Reid stated that we do not allow this and cannot do this through laws of separation between church and state.

Lifelong resident, JoAnn Balozy, who has two aunts who taught at Maple Leaf, addressed the Board. She has been helping neighbors with property tax revision complaints and expressed concern as to Mr. O’Malley’s representation on behalf of the district at property tax appeals given his legal issues. Mr. Sluka stated that Mr. O’Malley had been replaced prior to his legal issues coming to light. The District has new representation with a new direction on homeowner property tax appeals.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Organizational Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Garfield Heights Board of Education Offices
5640 Briarcliff Drive
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Moved by Mr. Juby, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Ayes: Juby, Geraci, Kitson, Wolske Dobies

Nays: None



President



Treasurer

For monthly financial information (Exhibit A) from this meeting, please check our website under Center for Finance.

Resolution No. 2010-047

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL AND PRESIDENT OF THIS BOARD TO SIGN CHANGE ORDERS ON THE OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the District has previously entered into an agreement with the Ohio School Facilities Commission for the funding and management of the Project; and

WHEREAS, do to careful management of District and Commission resources, the Project is considerably under budget; and

WHEREAS, renovation work has a higher incidence of change orders due to the nature of the work; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio School Facilities Commission has delegated various levels of authority to sign change orders to the Construction Manager, Project Administrator and Executive Director in order to expedite the Project and avoid delay claims; and

WHEREAS, in order to expedite the Project and avoid delay claims, the District need to grant change order authority to our administrators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education that after careful consideration and evaluation of the information before it:

Section 1. The Treasurer is authorized to sign change orders in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools may jointly sign change orders in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools and President of this Board are hereby authorized to sign change orders in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. All change orders over \$100,000 will be presented to the Board of Education for its consideration.

Section 2. The Treasurer and President of this Board and the Superintendent of Schools, as appropriate, are each authorized to sign any certificates and documents and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 3. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption