

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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes – Regular Board Meeting
March 19, 2012**

The Board of Education of the Garfield Heights City School District met in Regular session on Monday, March 19, 2012 at the Garfield Heights Board of Education Offices, 5640 Briarcliff Drive, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125 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. Kitson
Absent: Mrs. Geraci (Excused for personal reasons)

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Dobies seconded by Mrs. Kitson to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to approve the minutes from the following:

Special Board Meeting of February 16, 2012
Regular Board Meeting of February 22, 2012

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

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good evening and welcome to tonight's Board Meeting. I have short report. The Board would like to thank the citizens of Garfield Heights for the passage of our school levy. It was greatly needed. It took a lot of hard work on the part of all those who were involved. Now we can move on and bring stability to our District.

On another note, there have been e-mails going around that this Board gave itself a raise. So there is no confusion, we did not give ourselves a raise. Our salaries are governed by the State Legislature and they are the only ones who can increase our salary.

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

That concludes my report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center – Mrs. Kitson - Cuyahoga Valley Career Center will be offering Microsoft Office Training. Mrs. Kitson also reported that the CVCC will be having summer camp programs and that they will be very worthwhile. Lastly, Dr. Roebuck, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Kitson met to discuss Dr. Roebuck's Vision 8 program with a focus on Middle School career and technology programs.

Curriculum & Instruction – Mrs. Kitson – No Report
 Student Activities – Mr. Juby – No Report
 Legislative Liaison – Mr. Wolske – No Report

City Liaison – Mr. Dobies - The Recreation Center continues T-Ball signups which will run through March 31st. Girls' softball signups began today and will run through April 20th. We are initiating a trial season this year that will introduce seven year olds to the program. Children interested must be seven by May 1st and have two years of experience in our municipal T-Ball program.

Sign-ups for the spring fitness session are taking place. The spring session will begin March 27th and continue for ten weeks on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and will offer cardio, strength training, and step aerobics

If you need any information, please call the Recreation Office during business hours or visit our website.

The City's First Residents' Appreciation Skate Day went off wonderfully. We received well over one hundred and fifty guests during the course of the day. We entertained our guests with music and skating. A "Lucky 7" raffle for each was held, with winners receiving a "Family Pass Gift Certificate" good for skating or swimming. We raffled off four bicycles donated by our police department. As the grand prize, we raffled off a picnic cooler filled with all the goodies to have a picnic which was donated by Mayor Collova and his wife, Jeannie.

I would like to acknowledge Ms. Pat Dober, whose name appears in agenda item ten, for her thirty-seven years of service to our district. I wish her well and thank her for her dedication to our children.

I would also like to add my thanks to all who voted for the levy and ALL who participated in the levy campaign. This was a true milestone of achievement through a team effort. Passage could not have been accomplished without your tireless energy. Your labors are to be respected. Our children will succeed because of those efforts and our district became stronger during difficult times. Thank you, and that concludes my report.

Parent Involvement – Mrs. Kitson – No Report

Community Liaison to Faith-Based Initiatives – Mr. Wolske

PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Devine of PCS gave the Board an update on the Elmwood/Maple Leaf OSFC project. This was Mr. Devine's last day on this project as he will be leaving PCS and heading to University School.

RECOGNITIONS/COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Mike Hopkins, Mr. James Fruits, Mr. Jim Crooks, and Mr. Pete Walchonowicz (who could not be in attendance due to coaching the baseball team) were recognized for their work on the levy campaign. Ms. Amanda Recker, on the agenda to be recommended as Assistant Principal at Maple Leaf next school year, was also recognized.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Levy Recap - Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Fruits let the Board know that the district has a great staff. They applauded the Board and administration for having to make tough decisions. They thanked everyone and look forward to a continued partnership with the district. They are proud to be part of the school's community.

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the financials for February 2012, as presented in Exhibit "A".

Ayes: Dobies, Wolske, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the school district to partner in the submission of a \$100,000 grant proposal to the Ohio Department of Development for the Local Government Innovation Fund to conduct a feasibility study on pupil transportation in Cuyahoga County. This study will build on the work already done with five school districts and EduLog in reviewing potential cost savings through the use of transportation software. Other components the LGIF study may review include shared services in maintenance, driver training, and employment, transportation purchasing or other recommendations developed by the study group.

Ayes: Dobies, Wolske, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve to participate and to authorize the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of waste and recycling services for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. It is understood there is no fee to participate in the Ohio Schools Council 2012-2015 Waste Recycling Program.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD

PERSONNEL:

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

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

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve spring athletic supplemental appointments for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Supplemental Position</u>
David Turner	Assistant Girls' Track Coach

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

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve Resolution No. 2012-014, a resolution to adopt modifications to the April 19, 2010 administrator contract with Jennifer Moles, as presented in Exhibit "C".

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

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve Resolution No. 2012-015, a resolution to renew the following administrative contracts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Contract Effective</u>
Dr. Randy Continenza	Director of Curriculum and Instruction	225	8/1/2012 – 7/31/2015
Mr. Christopher Hanke	Middle School Principal	220	8/1/2012 – 7/31-2015
Mrs. Gwen Abraham	Elmwood Principal	210	8/1/2012 – 7/31/2014
Mrs. Amanda Recker	Maple Leaf Assistant Principal	210	8/1/2012 – 7/31/2014

Ayes: Dobies, Wolske, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to non-renew the teaching contract of the following certified staff member at the end of the 2011-2012 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:

Peter Geiser – High School German

Mrs. Kitson acknowledged Mr. Geiser for his years of service and commented that he had been selected for Roses for Teachers on numerous occasions over the eight years she has been on the Board. She also stated she hopes since the levy passed, we can look at offering additional foreign language options, and perhaps keeping German. In his time with the Garfield Heights City Schools, Mr. Geiser has had a positive impact on students.

Ayes: Dobies, Wolske, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to non-renew the administrative contract of the following certified staff member at the end of the 2011-2012 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 position:

Terrence Kowalski – Assistant Principal

Ayes: Dobies, Wolske, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to accept the retirement resignations from the following certified staff at the end of the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Years of Service with GHCS</u>
Patricia Dober	High School	37

Ayes: Dobies, Wolske, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to accept the resignation from the following classified staff at the end of the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Years of Service with GHCS</u>
Michael Marincic (Effective 6/1/2012)	Bus Garage	13

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

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the classified substitute contracts for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>
Rose Kennedy	Cafeteria

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

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the following part-time Title I tutors at Maple Leaf, 5 days per week, 5 hours per day, effective March 5, 2012, to be paid out of Federal Grant Funds:

Doreen Walter
Jennifer Callahan

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

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve Resolution No. 2012-013, a resolution suspending teaching contracts pursuant to a reduction plan, as presented in Exhibit "B"

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

CONTRACTS

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to approve the agreement between Garfield Heights City Schools and DataWerks, Ltd. for the purpose of purchasing and implementing PeopleWerks.

Ayes: Dobies, Kitson Wolske, Juby
Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to approve an agreement between the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County and Garfield Heights City Schools for various services needed for the 2012-2013 school year.

Ayes: Dobies, Kitson Wolske, Juby

Nays: None

MISCELLANEOUS

None

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

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

April 16, 2012

Garfield Heights Board of Education Offices

5640 Briarcliff Drive

Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

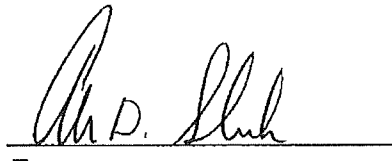
Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Ayes: Dobies, Wolske, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None



President



Treasurer