

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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes – Regular Board Meeting  
March 21, 2011**

The Board of Education of the Garfield Heights City School District met in Regular session on Monday, March 21, 2011 at the Garfield Heights Board of Education Offices 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 Mrs. Geraci to adopt agenda as presented.

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

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to approve the minutes of:

Regular Board meeting of February 23, 2011

Ayes: Geraci, Kitson, 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.

Over the past few weeks, I have heard that the Board is not being transparent to our citizens. I would beg to differ. The Board has been very open and honest with the citizens. We post our Board meeting agendas and minutes online. We have our five-year forecast online. We try to answer any and all questions when receive a call. If we do not know the answer, we will research the question and get back to you in a timely fashion.

There also have been rumors that we know what cuts will be made if the levy fails. What I can tell you is that eighty to eighty-five percent of the District's expenses are in personnel. Therefore, logic would tell you that most of the cuts would be in that area. Mrs. Reid and her team are exploring what options the District has if the levy fails. Nothing has been cast in stone at this time. As I stated previously, whatever cuts have to be made will be known to the public prior to the election. The solution is to vote "yes" on Issues 3 and 4.

On a brighter side, the Board would like to congratulate Coach Johnson and the Boys' Basketball team for winning the Regional Championship this past Saturday and advancing to the Final Four in Division 1. The last time Garfield Heights was represented in Columbus for basketball was 1950, sixty-one years ago. Congratulations and good luck at the State Tournament. That concludes my report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center – Mrs. Geraci – Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is in the process of conducting the first round of interviews of candidates for Superintendent. April 30<sup>th</sup> is the goal for naming the new Superintendent

Curriculum & Instruction – Christine Kitson – No Report

Student Activities – Mr. Juby – No Report

Legislative Liaison – Mr. Wolske – Reported on Senate Bill 5 and the passage of the increase of calamity days from three to five.

City Liaison – Mr. Dobies – Registrations are being taken for the following programs:

Garfield Heights Fitness Program – The spring session will begin March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a ten week session where you can cardio, weight train, and step your way to a new you. Come once a week or customize your program to fit your busy schedule. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturday mornings for step aerobics. All classes are held at the Fire Station.

Girls' Softball – Ended this past weekend, but there will be another sign-up for those who missed on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, fro 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For girls ages eight to seventeen, their age on August 1, 2011 will determine the division. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required at the time of registration. If additional information is needed, please call the Recreation Center or Mr. Gary Hall at (216) 557-2732.

Garfield Heights T-Ball – Registration continues through the end of this month. For girls and boys five to seven years of age, their age on July 1, 2011 will determine if the child is eligible. A copy of the birth certificate is required at the time of registration. Coaches are always needed for T-Ball. If you are interested in coaching, please call us or let us know at the time of registration. There are two different leagues. National League plays on Mondays and Wednesdays. American League plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Garfield Heights Little League Baseball – Sign-ups will be held at the Garfield Heights High School Gymnasium as follows:

Saturdays – March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays – March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call Bob Marek at (216) 990-8386 or Doug Plascik at (216) 332-0408.

These programs are listed on the cable TV channel and posted on the new website. If you need any more information, please call the Recreation Department during business hours.

Futsal (indoor soccer) will be winding up this week. All divisions are in a neck and neck race for first.

The City of Garfield Heights is now on Facebook.

Mr. Dobies thanked Councilman Mike Dudley for publicly supporting the upcoming school levies at last Monday's council meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, Mr. Dobies added his congratulations for the Varsity Boys' Basketball team. They are definitely a force to deal with and are making all of us proud of their accomplishments their representation of our District and Community.

Parent Involvement – Mrs. Kitson – PTA will be hosting a number of activities. William Foster PTA is planning a talent show and teacher appreciation week. Maple Leaf PTA will be meeting to discuss plans for the fifth grade party. Middle School PTA will be planning a "Meet and Greet" for April 7<sup>th</sup>. Plans are being made for the eighth grade dance to be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. High School PTA will be holding an Applebee's Fundraiser. High School PTA also served refreshments to students at the Winter Formal, which was well attended and with well behaved students.

The Family Engagement Team at CVCC will be making programs available to all member Districts. The Chemical Abuse Prevention Association will be presenting the program "Hypnotic Intoxication" on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This program will be presented by Keith Karkut. Participants will be hypnotized and will then be given water which they will believe is alcohol. Please contact CVCC at (440) 746-8127 for more information.

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

#### PRESENTATION

Mr. Bob Fiala of TDA, Inc. updated the Board on the Elmwood/Maple Leaf OSFC project.

#### RECOGNITIONS/COMMENDATIONS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Reid addressed the Board regarding the Jazz Band's performance at the Civic Center, the Ohio Graduation Test being given at the High School and the successful Boys Basketball team.

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, as presented in Exhibit "A".

Ayes: Dobies, Wolske, Geraci, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve Resolution No. 2011-006, 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 Auditor, as presented in Exhibit "B".

Ayes: Dobies, Wolske, Geraci, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

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

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 following classified staff for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Exp.</u>
David Coughlin	Housekeeping – MS	6	0
Melanie Hadden	Housekeeping – HS	6	1

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the classified substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>
Patricia Nash	General Cafeteria
Denise Russo	Instructional Assistant (2B); Special Ed. Attendant (3B)
Marilyn Irby	Housekeeping (1D); Part-Time Bus Driver (4E)

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to accept the retirement resignations from the following certified staff at the end of the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Hollis Holz	EW/St. Monica – Title I	23
Marie Klein	HS – Math	23
Betsy Joliet	HS – Intervention Specialist	25
Erin Mohat	EW – Psychologist	1

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to accept the supplemental resignation of Scott Terranova, Assistant Boys’ Baseball Coach, effective March 3, 2011.

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Supplemental</u>
Dave Besoiu	Assistant Boys Baseball Coach – High School
Allen Jarzembak	Assistant Boys Track Coach – High School
Edward Hewitt	Assistant Girls Track Coach – High School

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the following grant-funded part-time elementary tutors, effective March 7, 2011 as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>
Karen Schilthorn	William Foster
Jennifer Golon	William Foster
Ronee Tucholski	William Foster
Megan Shulte	Elmwood

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to accept the resignation of Tina Shelton, Bus Driver, effective at the end of the day on March 18, 2011.

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to accept the agreement for Ramona Cuisca-Rule, Special Education Attendant at the Middle School, effective at the end of the day on March 11, 2011

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to accept the retirement resignation for Theresa Baisden, Housekeeper at Maple Leaf, effective March 10, 2011 after 24 years.

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the termination of probationary employee Shamar Freney, Maple Leaf Housekeeper, as of March 16, 2011 due to job abandonment and other performance issues.

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

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve Resolution No. 2011-008 to renew the following administrative contract:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Contract Effective</u>
Terry Kowalski	MS – Assistant Principal	210	8/1/11 – 7/31/12

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Dobies, Kitson, Juby

Nays: None

#### POLICY

None

#### CONTRACTS:

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Dobies to approve the agreement with LNOCA to provide internet services for the Garfield Heights City Schools for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 with the option of two annual renewals terminating June 30, 2014.

Ayes: Geraci, Dobies, Kitson, Wolske, Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Dobies to approve the contact between the Garfield Heights City Schools and the Educational Service Center for county services as needed for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes: Geraci, Dobies, Kitson, Wolske, Juby

Nays: None

#### RENTALS & FACILITY USAGES

None

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Moved by Mrs. Kitson, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve the out of district field trip for Music Express to perform at the OASBO Workshop.

Ayes: Kitson; Wolske; Dobies; Geraci; Juby

Nays: None

Moved by Mrs. Kitson, seconded by Mr. Wolske to reduce the number of graduation requirements from twenty-one (21) credits to twenty (20) credits to align our graduation requirements with the Ohio Department of Education beginning with the graduating class of 2012. This reduction will consist of eliminating one-half credit of fine arts and one-half credit of computers which are currently required by Garfield Heights for graduation, but not required by the Ohio Department of Education.

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

Moved by Mrs. Kitson, seconded by Mr. Wolske to approve Resolution No. 2011-007 a resolution accepting the lowest responsible and responsive bids for FF& E bid item in connection with the District's Ohio School Facilities Commission Project and authorizing contracts.

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

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Dobies to enter into executive session at 6:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing legal matters and negotiations.

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

Adjourn from executive session at 7:04 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Dobies, seconded by Mrs. Geraci to table Resolution No. 2011-009, a resolution accepting the Superintendent's recommendation to invalidate groups of test scores at Maple Leaf Intermediate School for the Ohio Achievement Assessment Spring 2010 administration so the District can save the time and expense of proceeding further with this matter as presented in Exhibit "C"

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




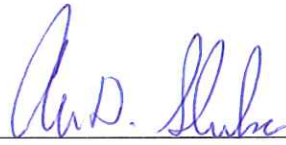
ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Board of Education Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.  
Monday, April 18, 2011  
Garfield Heights High School  
4900 Turney Road  
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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

  
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President

  
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Treasurer