GARFIELD HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Minutes – Special Board Meeting November 4, 2010

The Board of Education of the Garfield Heights City School District met in Special session on Thursday, November 4, 2010, at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, 8001 Brecksville Road, Brecksville Ohio at 5:30 p.m. with Mr. Robert A. Dobies, Sr., President of the Board, presiding.

Also present Superintendent Linda Reid and Treasurer Allen Sluka

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mr. Dobies, Mrs. Kitson, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Wolske

Absent:

Mr. Juby excused due to family matters

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Ayes: Kitson, Wolske, Geraci, Dobies

Nays: None

Discussion ensued whether to place a levy on the February 2011 special election ballot. Mr. Sluka provided the Board with an analysis that showed that since the levy did not pass in November and lost a year of collection, if the Board approves the same levy amount and millage, then what would have sustained the district for five years in November will now only sustain it for three. Mr. Sluka's analysis also showed that the district would need to significantly up the dollar amount and millage if the Board wanted the levy to last more than three years. Mrs. Reid recommended to approve going back on the ballot in February for the same dollar amount and millage because the need is still there and the community will not be surprised at what we are asking. We just need to tell them that it will now sustain us for only three years instead of five. She also pointed out that we owe it to the students of our district to take advantage of every opportunity to get a levy passed. A question came up about the cost of a special election that the district might expect to pay. Mr. Sluka estimated the cost to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000. However, it was pointed out that this is a small price to pay for trying to secure adequate funding for the education of our students.

Knowing that further discussion on this would take place at the next meeting and due to time constraints, Mr. Dobies moved on to the next item on the agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Moved by Mr. Wolske, seconded by Mrs. Kitson to approve Resolution No. 2010-045 a resolution determining to submit to the electors of the Garfield Heights City School District the question of an additional tax levy, pursuant to sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the Ohio Revised Code, as presented in Exhibit "A".

Ayes: Wolske, Kitson, Geraci, Dobies

Nays: None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Board of Education Special Meeting – 7:30 a.m. Friday, November 5, 2010 Garfield Heights Board of Education Offices 5640 Briarcliff Drive Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Board of Education Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 15, 2010 Garfield Heights Middle School 12000 Maple Leaf Drive Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Moved by Mrs. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wolske to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Ayes: Geraci, Wolske, Kitson, Dobies

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Nays: None

President

Treasurer