

**MINUTES OF THE CLEVELAND HEIGHTS-UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting of November 2, 2009

The Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, held its Regular Meeting in the public meeting room of the Board of Education building at 2155 Miramar Boulevard, University Heights, Ohio, on Monday, November 2, 2009.

Mr. Kal Zucker, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Mr. Kal Zucker, President
Mr. Michael Cicero, Board Member
Mr. Eric Coble, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Pepler, Board Member

Also Present: Mr. Douglas Heuer, Superintendent
Mr. Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer
Members of the Central Office Staff
Patrons of the School District
Representatives of the News Media

Mr. Ron Register, Board Vice President, arrived at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was recommended that the Board approve the following minutes:

- Special Meeting – September 22, 2009
- Regular Meeting – October 6, 2009

No. 09-11-139 It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Ms. Pepler, that the above Minutes be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Cicero, Ms. Pepler, Mr. Zucker,
Mr. Coble

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Register

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Monticello Middle School Guest: Argentine Principal

Superintendent Doug Heuer recognized Monticello Middle School Assistant Principal Brian Williams who participated in a principal exchange program. Brian Williams hosted a guest principal from Argentina, Cecilia Abellan.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Doug Heuer announced that Assistant Superintendent Christine Fowler-Mack has submitted her resignation in order to accept a position with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District as its Interim Senior Executive Director for New and Innovative Schools. Ms. Fowler-Mack's last day with our District was Friday, October 30, 2009. Superintendent Heuer acknowledged the incredible impact that Ms. Fowler-Mack has had on the students and staff in this school district. She deserves a great deal of credit for the significant strides the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Schools have made, Mr. Heuer stated. While saddened to see Ms. Fowler-Mack leave, the District wishes her the very best in her new educational endeavors.

Dr. Joseph Micheller, Director of Educational Services, will serve as the Interim Assistant Superintendent until a permanent replacement can be found. The Assistant Superintendent position has been posted and the search to find the right person for this crucial position has begun.

Superintendent Heuer announced that the Ohio High School Athletic Association determined a student was ineligible to participate in football games because required paperwork was not complete. The District was penalized by having to forfeit each of the games this student played. It was the superintendent's recommendation to the Board to discontinue the legal process in this case.

Second Reading of NEOLA Board Policy 5000 Series – Students Rights and Responsibilities

Douglas Heuer, Superintendent, acknowledged the Second Reading of the following Board policy:

- 5000 Series – Students Rights and Responsibilities

More time will be devoted to the Policy 5000 Series at the November work session.

Second Reading of the Revised K-12 Vocal Music Course of Study

Douglas Heuer, Superintendent, acknowledged the Second Reading of the following:

- Revised K-12 Vocal Music Course of Study

Third Reading and Approval of the Model Policies and Procedures for Special Education

Douglas Heuer, Superintendent, acknowledged the Third Reading of the following:

- Model Policies and Procedures for Special Education

No. 09-11-140

It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Mr. Cicero, that the above Superintendent's Item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Register, Mr. Coble, Ms. Peppler,
Mr. Zucker, Mr. Cicero

Nays: None

Approval of Wiley Middle School's Grades 6 and 7 Field Trip to Camp Nuhop, Ashland, Ohio

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve Wiley Middle School's Grades 6 and 7 Field Trip to Camp Nuhop, Ashland, Ohio, scheduled for June 1-4, 2010.

Approval of Cleveland Heights High School Gospel Choir Spring Performance Tour Field Trip to Orlando, Florida

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Cleveland Heights High School Gospel Choir Spring Performance Tour Field Trip to Orlando, Florida, scheduled for March 27 – April 2, 2010.

No. 09-11-141

It was moved by Mr. Cicero, seconded by Mr. Coble, that the above Field Trips be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Coble, Ms. Peppler, Mr. Zucker,
Mr. Cicero, Mr. Register

Nays: None

Approval of Grant

It was recommended that the Board approve the following grant:

- *Gearity Professional Development School*, to the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation - **\$15,200.00**

No. 09-11-142

It was moved by Mr. Cicero, seconded by Ms. Peppler, that the above Grant be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Peppler, Mr. Zucker, Mr. Cicero, Mr. Register, Mr. Coble

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Approval of Resignation

It was recommended that the resignation of the following named personnel be accepted, effective on the date indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Administrative Staff:</u>		
Fowler-Mack, Christine	Assistant Superintendent	11/1/2009
<u>Classified Staff:</u>		
Sickbert, Mary	Voc. Ed Paraprofessional Job Coach	10/29/2009
Smith, Alice	Lunchroom Nonparapro	12/18/2009

Approval of Appointments

It was recommended that the Board of Education offer employment pursuant to ORC Section 3319.02 to the following individuals, for the positions listed, for the period of time identified, and at the rate of pay specified. It was recommended that the following appointments to the staff of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools be approved, pending successful completion of the pre-employment procedures including criminal history checks, effective on the dates indicated, with limited contracts and with the understanding that such personnel are subject to all the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and to all of the provisions of law pertaining to their employment.

If the pre-employment procedures are not successfully completed, it was understood that, pursuant to Board policy, the Board of Education may immediately release the employee from employment and rescind a conditional offer of employment.

Key: N=New R=Replacement T=Transfer

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>Administrative Staff</u>		
Micheller, Joseph S. Effective 11/1/2009 Assignment: District	Interim Assistant Superintendent 260 Day	\$113,520 Step 3+DOCT
<u>Classified Staff</u>		
Cifelli, Danielle Effective 9/29/2009 Assignment: Noble 90 Day Probation Ends 2/23/2010	Educational Parapro-CHAMPS-R 195 Day	\$14.89/hr. Degreed
Horton, Terry Effective 10/9/2009 Additional Assignment: Oxford 90 Day Probation Ends 3/4/2010	Lunchroom Nonparapro-R 195 Day	\$11.70/hr. Step 1
Jackson, Aaron D. Effective 10/1/2009 Assignment: Cleveland Heights High School-Renaissance 90 Day Probation Ends 2/25/2010	Special Ed Parapro-ED-R 195 Day	\$13.18/hr. Step 1
Wherry, Samirra Effective 9/30/2009 Assignment: Roxboro Middle 90 Day Probation Ends 2/24/2010	Educational Parapro-CHAMPS-R 195 Day	\$14.89/hr. Degreed
<u>Supplemental Assignments – Advisors</u>		
<u>Heights High</u>		
Kilbane, Brendan	Mock Trial Advisor (eff. 9/25)	\$ 948
<u>Roxboro Middle</u>		
Adams, Jonathan	Ski Club	632
McGrath, Caitlyn	Power of the Pen-Grade 7	632
McGrath, Caitlyn	Power of the Pen-Grade 8	632
McGrath, Caitlyn	Ski Club	632
<u>Fairfax</u>		
Gee, George	Student Council Co-Adv.	632
Holdeman, John	Student Council Co-Adv.	632
<u>Boulevard</u>		
Diehl, Judy	Conflict Management	1,896

Canterbury

Adamson, Pamela	Instrumental Concert	632
Dooner, Patrick	School Crossing Guard Co-Adv.	632
Kroger, Stacey	Student Council Co-Adv.	632
Lipowski, Joe	School Crossing Guard Co-Adv.	632
Vegel, Betsy	Student Council Co-Adv.	632

Cancellation of Supplemental Assignment

Pollock, Cara	Department Liaison (eff. 10/5/09)
White, Veronica	Tennis Girls Head Coach-Wiley

Substitutes - Classified

Curtis, Denicka

Teacher/Administrator Partnership (TAP)-\$500/Year

Gearity

Banas, Aimee
 Connor-Kuntz, Fiona
 Evans, Lisa
 Lausche, Darrell

Roxboro Elementary

Bacon, Barbara (replaces Monica Rogers)

Approval of Additional Compensation

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve to compensate the following personnel at the following rate:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Horton, Patricia A.	Assistant Director of Human Resources	8/31/09- 10/16/09	\$1,650.00

No. 09-11-143

It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Ms. Pepler, that above Personnel items be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Zucker, Mr. Cicero, Mr. Register,
Mr. Coble, Ms. Pepler

Nays: None

BUSINESS SERVICES

Resolution of Intent to Participate in the School Building Assistance Expedited Local Partnership Program

It was recommended that the Board approve the following Resolution of Intent to Participate in the School Building Assistance Expedited Local Partnership Program:

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District is not currently served by the State of Ohio's Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP), does not reasonably expect to receive assistance under CFAP within two fiscal years of the adoption of this resolution, and intends to participate in the School Building Assistance Expedited Local Partnership Program established under Ohio Revised Code Section 3318.36; and

WHEREAS, this Board is planning to expend local resources to achieve a separate and distinct part of an overall master plan of the facility needs of the School District, as prepared in conjunction with the Ohio School Facilities Commission, that is either new construction or major repairs; and

WHEREAS, the approximate date by which this Board intends to apply local resources to the aforesaid purposes is November 2011, which is not sooner than twelve (12) months following the date of adoption of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board declares its intention to participate in the School Building Assistance Expedited Local Partnership Program.

Section 2. The Director of Business Services is directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Ohio School Facilities Commission within ten days of its adoption.

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 action 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 upon its adoption.

No. 09-11-144 It was moved by Ms. Peppler, seconded by Mr. Cicero, that the above Resolution of Intent to Participate (ELPP) be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Cicero, Mr. Register, Mr. Coble,
Ms. Peppler, Mr. Zucker

Nays: None

Recommendation to Approve Payment in Lieu for 2009-2010 School Year

It was recommended that the Board approve the list of students eligible for school transportation based on the Board transportation policy #3545 and place these students on Type IV payment to parent, in lieu of transportation, due to the fact that transportation for these students has been deemed impractical in accordance with Section 3327.01 of the Ohio Revised Code (see official minutes).

Recommendation to Approve School Bus Routes for the 2009-2010 School Year

It was recommended that the Board approve all school bus routes, including the Special Education routes, for transportation of students for the 2009-2010 school year (see official minutes). Routes may be changed at any time by the Superintendent or his designee.

Recommendation to Accept the Following Donation

It was recommended that the Board accept the following donation:

- A Violin to Roxboro Middle School from Dr. Carolyn Cacho-Bowman, 2236 Fenwick Road, University Heights, Ohio 44118.

No. 09-11-145

It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Ms. Peppler, that the above Business items be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Register, Mr. Coble, Ms. Peppler,
Mr. Zucker, Mr. Cicero

Nays: None

FINANCE

Financial Reports

It was recommended that the Board of Education confirm the Cash Position Reports and Budget Transfers for September 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 (see official minutes).

No. 09-11-146

It was moved by Mr. Cicero, seconded by Mr. Coble, that the above Finance item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Coble, Ms. Pepler, Mr. Zucker,
Mr. Cicero, Mr. Register

Nays: None

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Kal Zucker acknowledged the key contributions made to this District by Ms. Christine Fowler-Mack and wished her success in the future.

Board President Kal Zucker and Board Member Nancy Pepler attended the OSBA Capital Conference in Columbus November 8-11, 2009.

Superintendent Doug Heuer, Board President Kal Zucker, Board Vice President Ron Register, and CFO Scott Gainer attended a dinner on Thursday, October 27, 2009, honoring University Heights Mayor Rothschild and Vice Mayor Zucker for their years of public service with the City.

Mr. Zucker invited everyone to attend the Cleveland Heights High School musical production of "The King and I" on Thursday, November 5 through Sunday, November 8, 2009.

Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools are closed on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, Election Day.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Member Michael Cicero, Safety & Security Committee, bemoaned the negative media perception often given about or connected to the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District. Mr. Cicero challenged the students of the District to rise above the cloak that certain agencies in the community would put upon them.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – Special Board Meeting – TOPIC: Continued Discussion of Board Policy (Students)

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 – Special Board Meeting – Library Board Interviews Only

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 09-11-147

It was moved by Mr. Cicero, seconded by Ms. Pepler, that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Register, Mr. Coble, Ms. Pepler,
Mr. Zucker, Mr. Cicero

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Kal Zucker, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer