

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

Special Meeting of August 18, 2009

The Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, held its Special Meeting in the public meeting room of the Board of Education building at 2155 Miramar Boulevard, University Heights, Ohio, on Tuesday, August 18, 2009. Preceding the Special Meeting, the Board met in Executive Session.

Mr. Kal Zucker, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Mr. Kal Zucker, President
Mr. Ron Register, Vice President
Mr. Eric Coble, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Pepler, Board Member

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was recommended that the Board move into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee or official of the School District.

No. 09-08-113 It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Ms. Pepler, that the Board move into Executive Session.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. with the following members present:

Present: Mr. Kal Zucker, President
Mr. Ron Register, Vice President
Mr. Eric Coble, Board Member

Ms. Nancy Pepler, Board Member

Also Present: Douglas Heuer, Superintendent
A. Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer
Christine Fowler-Mack, Associate Superintendent
Nylajeon McDaniel, Director of Human Resources
John Britton, Legal Counsel – Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail

Board Member Michael Cicero arrived at 6:07 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 7:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:18 p.m. with all members present.

Present at Roll Call: Mr. Kal Zucker, President
Mr. Ron Register, Vice 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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Graduation Class of 2009

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Cleveland Heights High School Graduation Class of 2009 (see official minutes for list of graduates).

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Summer 2009 Graduation Class

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Cleveland Heights High School Summer 2009 Graduation Class (see official minutes for list of graduates).

No. 09-08-114 It was moved by Mr. Cicero, seconded by Mr. Coble, that the above Graduation Class of 2009 and the Summer 2009

Graduation Class be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

WORK SESSION: TOPIC – STUDENT SUPPORT

Superintendent Doug Heuer stated the Board of Education is currently engaging in the adoption of new policies put forth by NEOLA. The series of policies that will be coming up soon are what Mr. Heuer considers the heart and core of the business of the school district:

2000 – Education Program Policies
5000 – Student Rights and Responsibilities

In total, policies are what create the enactment of the district vision. The primary focus of the Board’s work is to enact the vision of a high quality educational program of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights District, and policies are the way this is accomplished.

Superintendent Heuer asked the Board when reviewing and adopting policies to consider the question, “Do they result in the vision the Board has for the educational program of the students of the District?” Complicating this process is the fact that included in the Teachers’ contractual agreement is Policy 5133 – a student handbook of rights and responsibilities. As such, it creates a situation that is unique to our District, at least in this area of the State. This means in order to be compliant with our contract with the teachers, there has to be an alignment between the policies adopted by the Board of Education in the 5000 series and the statements made in the 5133 handbook.

The purpose of this work session, Superintendent Heuer stated, is for the Board to develop a common vision of what the students rights and responsibilities are. With the common vision in mind, the Board needs to move ahead as policies are provided for review and then make them consistent with the contractual 5133 document.

Administrative team members (Christine Fowler-Mack, Joseph Micheller, and Jeffrey Johnston) gave the Board an overview of current policy benchmarks and discussed the 5133 document as it relates to current policy. Mr. Heuer directed the Board’s attention in particular to Page 7 of the 5133 handbook relating to jurisdiction/supervision. School counsel, Attorney John Britton, spoke to the Board about how far the actual legal reach of the Board can be in situations mainly involving electronic devices, media, publications and internet usage.

Attorney Britton encouraged the Board to give careful review and consideration of policies to coordinate with the 5133 handbook to ensure consistency in language, definition and interpretation.

Next steps include the Administrative team providing the Board with a tool showing the language of the proposed policy, language of current policy (if it exists), and the correlation to the 5133 document. The Board will then determine a timeline for reading and adopting policies.

The Board is hopeful to complete the 5000 policy series before January 2010.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2009 – Special Board Meeting – TOPIC: Budget

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 09-08-115 It was moved by Ms. Pepler, seconded by Mr. Cicero, 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 8:43 p.m.

Kal Zucker, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer