

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

Special Meeting of January 18, 2011

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 building at 2155 Miramar Boulevard, University Heights, Ohio, on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Eric Coble, President, called the special meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

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)(3) to discuss disputes involving the Board and/or School District that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

The following members were present at the Executive Session:

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

Also Present: Mr. Douglas Heuer, Superintendent
Mr. Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. David Seed, Board Legal Counsel

No. 11-01-018 It was moved by Ms. Pepler, seconded by Mr. Zucker, 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 6:06 p.m.

Board Member Karen Jones arrived at 6:10 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 7:05 p.m. and the Board reconvened in public session at 7:10 p.m. with all members present.

WORK SESSION – CHHS Schedule Recommendations for 2011-2012

Assistant Superintendent Jeff Talbert and his team members led a PowerPoint presentation discussing the Cleveland Heights High School Reconfiguration Plan. CHHS Administrators highlighted the mission, vision, and philosophy of each of the small schools (Legacy, MOSAIC, REAL, and Renaissance), discussing the challenges and strengths of each school.

Joseph Nohra, PRIDE Principal, discussed the new design for the Freshman Experience, intended to build a stronger foundation for 9th graders to maximize student learning. Mr. Nohra also discussed plans for assisting PRIDE students and families with the closing of PRIDE and the transition to other small schools.

Coordinator of Secondary Curriculum Allison Byrd discussed the focus on transition of middle school students to high school. Learning opportunities for both students and staff members would be available during the summer.

Dr. Jeffrey Johnston, Director of Student Services, discussed increased alignment of services to students with special needs. This will increase the ability to target resources moving forward.

The current eight-period day schedule will be reorganized (with block scheduling) to maximize flexible learning opportunities in order to meet new graduation standards.

The next steps in this reorganization process include meetings of the Scheduling Committee and the Small School Review Team, sessions with staff about the freshman experience, and beginning the scheduling process for secondary students.

Discussion was held regarding these recommendations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 11-01-019

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

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Eric Coble, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer