

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

Special Meeting of September 20, 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 of Education building at 2155 Miramar Boulevard, University Heights, Ohio, on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Mr. Eric Coble, Board President
Mr. Ron Register, Board Vice President
Ms. Karen Jones, Board Member
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

FINANCE

Chief Financial Officer Scott Gainer announced that the Board received another request for an extension from the City of South Euclid on the Cedar Center property. The city has asked the District to continue the extension for the tax abatement through the end of December 2011.

Permanent Appropriations

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Permanent Appropriations for fiscal year 2011-2012, as presented (see official minutes).

No. 11-09-141 It was moved by Ms. Pepler, seconded by Ms. Jones, that the above Permanent Appropriations be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

WORK SESSION: DISTRICT GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR 2011-2012

Superintendent Doug Heuer introduced several departments to present to the Board the District's goals and priorities for 2011-2012. Jeff Talbert-Assistant Superintendent, Jeff Johnston-Director of Student Services, and Joseph Micheller-Director of Special Programs/Compliance reviewed the results of last school year's academic program, discussed the target for the current school year, and outlined the strategies that will be put in place to accomplish those goals.

Assistant Superintendent Jeff Talbert provided an overview of the state report card data from Spring 2011. Mr. Talbert reviewed the goals to increase student achievement 15% in math and reading by 2013 and to decrease instructional days lost to discipline 20% by 2013.

Dr. Joseph Micheller acknowledged that each of the Educational Services strategies to achieve its goals is aligned with the District's educational pathways of society, discovery and creativity.

Educational Services and Student Services staff members Kevin Harrell, Kelly Stukus, Jane Simeri, Allison Byrd, Dr. Jeff Johnston, and Denice Leddy reported on concerns and goals for elementary, secondary, gifted, literacy instruction, school culture and climate, and data assessment management.

Assistant Superintendent Jeff Talbert summarized the presentation with the following points:

- Plans to close educational gaps;
- Use of research-based practices, literacy practices and performance grouping to improve reading proficiency at elementary level;
- Use of technology to blend instruction and make curriculum available to students 24/7 and to give teachers reliable and actionable data to make instructional decisions

Along with this work comes the need for policy changes in the areas of intra-district transfers, transportation, and technology. As we move toward adopting the common core associated with Race to the Top, curriculum and courses of study will change. Financial support will be required for the 1 to 1 program, to improve elementary technology, and for transportation related to the Pathways of Choice. In order to stay on the path of ensuring every student's success, Mr. Talbert said we will invite the community to provide feedback on all of the work in which we are engaged.

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 appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of an employee or official of the School District.

The following members were present at the Executive Session:

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

No. 11-09-142 It was moved by Mr. Zucker, seconded by Ms. Jones, that the Board move into Executive Session.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 9:23 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 4, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 – Special Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 11-09-143 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 9:24 p.m.

Eric Coble, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer