

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

Special Meeting of January 17, 2017

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 January 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Board President Ron Register called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Mr. Ron Register, President
Mr. Kal Zucker, Vice President
Mr. James Posch, Board Member
Mr. Eric Silverman, Board Member
Ms. Beverly Wright, Board Member

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

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was recommended that the Board move into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4) to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation and other terms and conditions of employment and 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.

No. 17-01-011 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Zucker, that the Board move into Executive Session.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Posch, Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman,
Ms. Wright, Mr. Zucker

Nays: None

Present at Executive Session: Mr. Kal Zucker, President
Mr. Ron Register, Vice President
Mr. James Posch, Board Member
Mr. Eric Silverman, Board Member
Dr. Talisa L. Dixon, Superintendent
Mr. Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Scott Wortman, Supervisor of Communications
Atty. Sue Hastings, Squire Patton Boggs

The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 7:15 p.m., and the Board reconvened in public session at 7:16 p.m.

WORK SESSION

CTE & Gifted Programs Presentation

Brad Callender, Director of Career & Technical Education, presented an update to the Board on Career and Technical Education and how our CTE program aligns with the District Strategic Plan. Robert Swaggard, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Jeff Porter, Automotive Instructor, provided input on the presentation. The Tri-Heights Consortium consists of fourteen programs among three high schools: Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, and Warrensville Heights. Mr. Callender pointed out that the CTE plan not only aligns with the District Strategic Plan but with State of Ohio compliance requirements. The District Mission Statement supports the fact that career readiness and success is just as important as college readiness and success for our students.

Toia Robinson, Coordinator of Gifted & Fine Arts, presented an update to the Board on programming options for gifted and fine arts students in the District. She also presented information from Hanover Research, a firm used to conduct a study on our current gifted program model. Hanover Research provided the District with a summary of best practices and recommended next steps for gifted education in the mainstream classroom that align with our Strategic Plan. Ms. Robinson shared that our gifted program focuses on the “whole” child (including social and emotional functions); not just academics. It is designed to help students think critically and creatively and to function with 21st century skills. Our current gifted program model is being reviewed and will be improved so that we can provide an excellent education for all our students.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, January 26, 2017 – FAC and Board Joint Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 17-01-012

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Posch, Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman,
Ms. Wright, Mr. Zucker

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Ron Register, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer