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

### Regular Meeting of June 2, 2015

The Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, held its Regular meeting at Cleveland Heights High School, 13263 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on June 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Nancy Peppler, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present at Roll Call**: Ms. Nancy Peppler, President

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

Also Present: Dr. Talisa L. Dixon, Superintendent

Mr. A. Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer

Members of the Central Office Staff

Patrons of the School District

Representatives of the News Media

### AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

### **Art Award Students**

Superintendent Dr. Talisa L. Dixon and Board President Nancy Peppler recognized the following award-winning student artists from Canterbury Elementary:

**Sophie Lang,** first grade, Red Ribbon, Ohio Art Education Association's Young People's Art Exhibition **Gwendolyn Kinsella,** second grade, Ohio Art Education Association Youth Art Month Exhibit **Helena Duffy,** third grade, Best of Show, Case Western Reserve University Youth Art Month Exhibit **Emma Naypauer,** second grade, Third Place Award, Case Western Reserve University Youth Art Month Exhibit

**Josephine Naypauer**, fourth grade, Second Place Award, Case Western Reserve University Youth Art Month Exhibit

Superintendent Dixon and Board President Peppler also recognized the following Heights High student artists:

**Hannah Smith**, Gold Key Award, Cuyahoga County Scholastic Art Competition **Nih'jiel Jones**, Honorable Mention, Cuyahoga County Scholastic Art Competition

**Breeaun Canady**, Red Ribbon, Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Art Competition **Michelle Posch**, Red Ribbon, Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Art Competition

Ohio 11th District Congressional Art Contest winners:

Miles Hawkins, Third Place, Computer Generated Artwork

Kortney Lynum, First Place, Drawing

Charlotte Shumaker, Honorable Mention, Computer Generated Artwork

Simone Sollisch, Second Place, Computer Generated Artwork

Alice Janigro, Grand Prize Winner

# **Award Winning Educators**

Superintendent Talisa Dixon recognized several educators in the District for their outstanding service. Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Sandy Womack, was named a Canton Local Hero by Ali Residential Services. Honorees for this award work to bridge gaps between youth and adults, and promote healthy lifestyles by way of positive choices.

Heights High School math teacher Joyce Bukovac received the Outstanding Mathematics Professional Award by the Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Ms. Bukovac received this award for her teaching style, breadth of knowledge and fantastic attitude.

Coordinator of Special Education, Dr. Holly Munoz, was nominated for the Outstanding Educator Achievement Award, given by the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County. Dr. Munoz was nominated by our Director of Student Services, Dr. Jeff Johnston, for her inspiring leadership and dedication to our students with special needs.

### **Roxboro Middle School IB Authorization**

Superintendent Dixon recognized two IB authorized schools in our District. Roxboro Middle School was recently named an International Baccalaureate school. Roxboro Elementary was also given this certification one year ago. The program emphasizes action in the local community while understanding the larger world context in which our students live and function, and receiving IB certification is quite an accomplishment.

### **District Retirees**

Superintendent Dixon and Paul Lombardo, Director of Human Resources, honored the following retirees for their dedicated service to our District, students and families.

<u>Administrators</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Glenda Cerne-Kershner – 32 years in District	Flor Argheta-Gomes – 29 years in District
BOE – Human Resources Specialist	CHHS – Spanish
James Reed, III – 27 years in District	Sandy Axner – 25 years in District
CHHS Renaissance - Principal	Boulevard – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Classified Staff	Carol Clardy – 27 years in District
	CHHS – Career Tech Ed-Assessment
Hazel Bell – 6 years in District	Judith Diehl – 28 years in District
Boulevard – Food Service	Boulevard – Intervention Specialist
Steven Birnbaum – 30 years in District	Rena Ellis – 16 years in District
Delisle – Media/Inventory & Scheduling Specialist	Gearity – Intervention Specialist
Annette Cooper – 35 years in District	Michael Fiala – 25 years in District
District – Cleaner	CHHS – School Psychologist
Cornelia Cooper – 35 years in District	Jeffrey Glass – 24 years in District
District – Cleaner	CHHS – Media/TV Productions
Robin Davis – 24 years in District	Richard Gulick, Jr. – 34 years in District
Fairfax – Kindergarten Aide	Roxboro Middle – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Austin Dent – 29 years in District	Lynn Kittredge – 24 years in District
District – Cleaner	Monticello Middle – Intervention Specialist
Ruthie Person – 13 years in District	Kim Lash – 24 years in District
CHHS – Food Service	CHHS – Guidance Counselor
Barbara Pletnewski – 26 years in District	Denise Lewis – 23 years in District
Oxford – Administrative Assistant	Roxboro Middle – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Hazel Pugh – 25 years in District	Ellen Liss – 29 years in District
District – Bus Driver	Canterbury – ELA Support
Tamara Savy – 21 years in District	Gladys McCauley – 15 years in District
District – Cleaner	CHHS – Guidance Counselor
Verna Stanford – 33 years in District	Craig McGaughey – 15 years in District
District – Bus Driver	CHHS – Vocal Music
Gladys Still – 26 years in District	Therese McGeary – 30 years in District
District – Bus Driver	Monticello Middle – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Theresa Telgarsky – 27 years in District	Elizabeth Miller – 40 years in District
District – Bus Driver (passed away on May 27)	Oxford – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Doris Tillman (27 years in District)	Hollis Munoz – 10 years in District
District – Bus Driver	District – Coord. of Special Education
Raisa Zvonkina – 14 years in District)	Margaret O'Malley – 26 years in District
Gearity – Special Education Aide	Roxboro Middle – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	Joan Organ – 19 years in District
	Monticello Middle – Guidance Counselor
	Sharon Riley – 29 years in District
	Canterbury – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	Lori Ross – 24 years in District
	Roxboro Middle – Intervention Specialist
	Phillip Schnittger – 30 years in District
	CHHS – Industrial Arts Instructor
	Linda Smith – 23 years in District
	Oxford – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
	Linda Spisak – 15 years in District
	CHHS – Program Specialist – Early College English
	Barbara Townsend – 30 years in District
	Delisle Options/CHHS – Art
	Sharlene Warner – 23 years in District
	Roxboro Middle – Media Specialist
	Sara Werner – 18 years in District
	CHHS – Work Study Coordinator
	Sandra Zabukovec – 11 years in District
	Canterbury – Intervention Specialist

### **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

### **Statements from the Audience**

<u>Name</u> <u>Topic</u>

Kevin Hoffman Changes to Preschool Program
Akash Bartlett Position of Tech Director at CHHS
Leslie Kaplansky Heights Coalition for Public Education

Garry Kanter No Tax Increase in November

Charles Drake Address Board

Rosalind Hampton Cheerleading Incident

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

# <u>First Reading of the New Course Proposal – Leadership for Change for Heights High for the 2015-2016 School Year</u>

The Board of Education held the first reading of the new course proposal for CHHS, "Leadership for Change." This course is being recommended to provide student leaders the structure, opportunity, resources and defined curriculum that will develop leadership skills (see official minutes).

### Third Reading and Approval of the NEOLA Policies

The Board of Education acknowledged the third reading and recommended approval of the NEOLA policies (see official minutes).

**No. 15-06-070** It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Coble,

that the above NEOLA policies be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Silverman, Mr. Zucker

Nays: None

### Recommendation to Approve the Pre-School Rates for the 2015-2016 School Year

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Pre-School rates for the 2015-2016 school year (see official minutes).

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# No. 15-06-071 It was moved by Mr. Register, seconded by Mr. Silverman,

that the above Pre-School Rates be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Peppler, Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman,

Mr. Zucker, Mr. Coble

Nays: None

### **Approval of Field Trip**

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the following field trip:

 Delisle Options Center Alternative Programs Field Trip to London, England, scheduled for February 19-26, 2016

### No. 15-06-072

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Coble, that the above Field Trip be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman, Mr. Zucker,

Mr. Coble, Ms. Peppler

Nays: None

### Partnership with Cleveland Clinic

Dr. Jeffrey Johnston, Director of Student Services, gave a brief presentation about the District's work with the Cleveland Clinic Mobile Unit. Cleveland Clinic's school based health center is a mobile, full service pediatric office staffed with Clinic health professionals. As a partnership with the District, the mobile unit will visit our schools one day each week and provide regular care (wellness, minor illness/injury, immunizations) throughout the school year. Representatives from Cleveland Clinic shared information about the program. The program is designed mainly to keep children in school, enhance performance, and improve student attendance. More details will be presented to the Board during the summer.

Superintendent Dixon concluded her report by commenting on the remarks made during public address regarding the Stage Crew. Dr. Dixon indicated that there was never any intent to eliminate Stage Crew, realizing that it is a viable function at the high school that the District is committed to keep. She indicated that she and Teachers' Union President Ari Klein are looking at ways to redesign the position of Stage Director. She will bring a recommendation to the Board based on her collaboration with Mr. Klein.

### **PERSONNEL**

### **Approval of Retirement**

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

#### **Classified Staff**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<b>Date</b>
Nichols, Toni	Cleaner	6/1/2015

### **Approval of Resignation**

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

<u>Name</u>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Certificated/Licensed Staff</u> Santangelo, Isela	Spanish Teacher	7/1/2015
Classified Staff		
Houston, DeAnna	Sub Bus Driver	4/8/2015
Mitchell, Kamille	Lunchroom Aide	5/19/2015
Wilkinson, Carnesha	Sub Bus Driver	4/8/2015

### **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	<u>T=Transfer</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Certificated/Licensed Staff		
Faletic, Karin	Intervention Specialist	\$1,600
Effective: 8/25/2014-6/5/2015	192 Days	Step 5 BA
(Additional 6th Assignment)		•
Classified Staff		
Davis-Payne, Nikita	Sub Bus Driver-R	\$15.00/hour
Effective: 6/3/2015		
Assignment: Board of Education		

Manolio, MichelleSpecial Education Aide-R\$17.22/hourEffective: 8/28/20156.5 hours/dayStep 1, CERT

Assignment: Oxford Elementary School

90 Day Probation Ends: 11/11/2015 (4/8/15-11/11/2015)

**Supplemental Assignment 2014-2015** 

Bergson, Ida Cooperating Teacher \$498

**Supplemental Assignments - Coaches 2015-2016** 

Stephens, Mac Football Head Coach-R \$7,458 Motsamai, Tshepo Soccer Boys Head Coach-R \$5,085

### Summer School Teaching Staff - \$42.00/Hour

**High School/Middle School** 

Cooper, Kristi HS-Counselor Murray, Michael MS-Counselor

**3rd Grade Tiger Reading Camp** 

Stephens, Marian Teacher

(Correction to appointment on May19th Agenda of Margaret Stephens)

From:

### **Approval of Change of Status**

It was recommended that the following change be made in the contract status of the following personnel:

Certificated/Licensed Staff		<del></del>
Hanna, Erin	\$86,629 (11 MA+40)	\$99,261 (2 MA+40)
Effective: 7/1/2015	Prog. Spec; 202 Days	Coord of Spec Ed; 220 Days

To:

**Classified Staff** 

Gezann, Amy Food Service-Head Cook Food Service-Cook Manager

Effective: 5/27/2015 7 hours/day 8 hours/day

Assignment: Cleveland Heights High School Roxboro Middle School

Recalled from 2014 RIF

Name:

### Approval of Change of Status due to Reduction in Force

In order to realign our High School classified staff due to a need to reduce facility operational costs for next school year, it was recommended that the approval of change of status of the following personnel be accepted, effective July 1, 2015:

From:	<u>To:</u>
Skilled Laborer	Skilled Laborer
8 hours/day	8 hours/day
Cleveland Heights High School	Board of Education
Skilled Laborer	Skilled Laborer
	8 hours/day
Board of Education	Heights High School
	Skilled Laborer 8 hours/day Cleveland Heights High School Skilled Laborer 8 hours/day

### **Recoup of Supplemental Funds**

It was recommended to approve the recoup of supplemental funds be accepted due to the inability of said employees to perform duties to fulfill supplemental contracts due to leave of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Supplemental</u>	<b>Amount</b>
Schlafer, Sarah	Resident Educator Mentor-1	\$669
	Vocal Music Advisor	\$849
Riley, Sharon	Team Leader	\$1,757
Masters, Amanda	Team Leader	\$2,082

**Approval of Name Change** 

From: To

Ray, Tekara Ray-Carnegie, Tekara

No. 15-06-073 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Zucker,

that the above Personnel items be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Silverman, Mr. Zucker, Mr. Coble,

Ms. Peppler, Mr. Register

Nays: None

### **BUSINESS SERVICES**

# Recommendation to Approve the Demolition and Abatement GMP, with a total value of \$7,612,491

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the demolition and abatement GMP, with a total value of \$7,612,491 (see official minutes).

No. 15-06-074 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Coble,

that the above Demolition and Abatement GMP be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman

Nays: None

### Recommendation to Approve the Delisle Auto-Tech GMP, with a total value of \$998,973

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Delisle Auto-Tech GMP, with a total value of \$998,973 (see official minutes).

No. 15-06-075 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Zucker,

that the above Delisle Auto-Tech GMP be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Silverman, Mr. Zucker

Nays: None

# Recommendation to Approve the Interim High School Field House GMP, with a total value of \$234,853

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the interim High School field house GMP, with a total value of \$234,853 (see official minutes).

No. 15-06-076 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Coble,

that the above Interim High School Field House GMP be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Peppler, Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman,

Mr. Zucker, Mr. Coble

Nays: None

# Recommendation to Approve the Lease Agreement between the Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District and Visconsi Companies Ltd

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the lease agreement between the Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City (see official minutes).

No. 15-06-077 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Zucker, that

the above Business Services item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman, Mr. Zucker,

Mr. Coble, Ms. Peppler

Nays: None

# Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District and New Song Church

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement between the Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District and New Song Church (see official minutes).

#### No. 15-06-078

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Coble, that the above Business Services item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman

Nays: None

### Resolution Declaring Transportation to be Impractical for Julie Billiart School

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution declaring transportation to be impractical for Julie Billiart School (see official minutes).

### Resolution Declaring Transportation to be Impractical for Hawken School

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution declaring transportation to be impractical for Hawken School (see official minutes).

### Resolution Declaring Transportation to be Impractical for University School

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution declaring transportation to be impractical for University School (see official minutes).

### Resolution Declaring Transportation to be Impractical for Laurel School

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution declaring transportation to be impractical for Laurel School (see official minutes).

### Resolution Declaring Transportation to be Impractical for Agnon School

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution declaring transportation to be impractical for Agnon School (see official minutes).

No. 15-06-079

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Zucker, that the above Business Services items be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman

Nays: None

# **Recommendation to Accept Donations**

It was recommended that the Board of Education accept the following donations:

- \$5,217.00 to the Jason D. West Memorial Fund by:
  - o \$50.00 Donna L. Lalewicz of Cleveland Heights
  - o \$20.00 Heidi E. Hoogwerf of Cleveland Heights
  - o \$20.00 Amy L. & Christopher C. Pinkerton of Cleveland Heights
  - o \$25.00 Edward A. Spehar of Garfield Heights
  - o \$50.00 Mark A. Phillips of Cleveland Heights
  - o \$50.00 Lita D. Gonzalez of Cleveland Heights
  - o \$50.00 Susanna Niermann of Cleveland Heights
  - o \$100.00 James D. McManus & Michelle Mack-McManus of Cuyahoga Heights
  - o \$100.00 Joseph Brennan of Cleveland Heights
  - o \$100.00 M. D. Barkley of Cleveland Heights
  - o \$250.00 Lorain County Blue Foundation of Avon
  - o \$500.00 Creekside Landscaping of Cleveland Heights
  - o \$3,902.00 Ticket Sales Fundraiser c/o Lita D. Gonzalez
- \$1,500.00 to the Parker Hannifin Scholarship fund by Parker Hannifin
- \$500.00 to the Ruth E. Friedman Scholarship fund by Jewish Federation of Cleveland c/o Jean Heflich of Cleveland
- \$1,500.00 to the Samuel Appleton Auto Tech Scholarship Fund by:
  - o \$500.00 Sherri Appleton of Cleveland Heights

- o \$1,000.00 Faye Kaplan Charitable Foundation of Cleveland Heights
- \$123.00 to Canterbury Elementary School by Heinen's Tasteful Rewards Program
- \$271.00 to Cleveland Heights High School by Heinen's Tasteful Rewards Program
- \$1,250.00 to Cleveland Heights High School Athletic Department by the Piada Group, LLC
- \$1,100.00 to Cleveland Heights High School Athletic Department by Home Team Marketing
- \$3,450.00 to Delisle Options for the Options Global Ambassadors Initiative by:
  - o \$2,950.00 Claude G. Holland of Cleveland
  - o \$500.00 Clarence & Leslie Williams of Cleveland Heights
- \$2,430.00 to Gearity Professional Development School Outdoor Learning Lab Project by Barbara Mendes
- \$263.00 to Roxboro Elementary School by Heinen's Tasteful Rewards Program
- \$315.30 to Roxboro Elementary School by Box Tops for Education Program
- \$73.49 to Roxboro Middle School by Roxboro Middle School PTA

#### No. 15-06-080

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Zucker, that the above Donations be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Silverman, Mr. Zucker

Nays: None

# <u>Correction of Donation to Jason D. West Memorial Scholarship Fund from May 4, 2015 Board Meeting</u>

It was recommended that the Board of Education authorize the correction of donation to the Jason D. West Memorial Scholarship Fund from the May 4, 2015 Board meeting:

• \$940.00 from Cedar Lee Theatre should be from Fundraisers c/o Lita D. Gonzalez

### No. 15-06-081

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Coble, that the above Correction of Donation be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Peppler, Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman,

Mr. Zucker, Mr. Coble

Nays: None

### **FINANCE**

### **Financial Reports**

It was recommended that the Board of Education confirm the Summary of Cash Balances by Fund for the month ending April 30, 2015 and Final Appropriations for FYE June 30, 2015 (see official minutes).

# **Appropriation Adjustment Authority**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution:

**RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS,** certain federal, state and other tax revenue funds must be closed and/or appropriations adjusted by June 30<sup>th</sup>, and

**WHEREAS**, certain funds, namely, auxiliary service funds, are subject to expenditure request from outside agencies, and

**WHEREAS**, funds that are not encumbered by June 30<sup>th</sup> may have to be returned to the state even though educational needs exist.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make appropriation adjustments for all funds through the year end, June 30, 2015.

### **Resolution to Transfer Funds**

It was recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to make the following fund transfers:

<u>From</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>	
300-9221	Monticello Athletics	90.00	200-9221	Monticello Student Managed
001-0000	General	60,031.31	300-9300	Drama Production

### **Resolution to Void Stale Dated Checks**

It was recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to void the following outstanding accounts payable checks and receipt those funds to the general fund:

Check No.	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
26633	09/18/14	Ted Arnold	40.00
26926	09/30/14	Dominic Lawrence-Chapman	4.50
27071	09/30/14	Lisa Stewart	35.00
27544	10/23/14	Donte Miller-Godfrey	76.50
28206	11/20/14	Nathan Hill	22.50

28729	12/15/14	Beverly Furr	20.00
28929	12/30/14	Andrea Briggs	21.20
28935	12/30/14	Kathleen Scully	13.36

It was further recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to void the following outstanding payroll checks and receipt those funds to the general fund:

Check No.	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
403468	12/26/14	Kameren Huffman	47.70

No. 15-06-082 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Zucker,

that the above Finance items be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman, Mr. Zucker,

Mr. Coble, Ms. Peppler

Nays: None

# **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Board President Nancy Peppler stated that the end of a school year not only represents a time of transition, but also a time of great emotion. She acknowledged how pleasing it is to recognize the great work of our students and teachers as well as the relationships that have been built throughout the year between the students and teachers. She appreciated all the end of the year performances and the Heights High groundbreaking ceremony. She believes the high school project represents an exciting time in the District and in the community. The work of the Strategic Planning Committee will continue during the summer. The Superintendent and the Treasurer are committed to identifying budget savings so the right decision can be made concerning the levy. The District did take into consideration the comments of the taxpayers, but also recognize that levies are the means by which schools are funded.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Alumni Foundation

Board Member Eric Silverman reported that the Alumni Foundation awarded over \$37,000 in scholarships at Senior Awards Night. Please visit heightsgear.com to take advantage of savings on Heights TigerNation spirit wear.

Facilities Accountability Committee

Board Member Eric Silverman reported that one of the suggestions brought forth was to have a weekly student reporter conduct a live camera interview of the architects. This may be a way to rejuvenate the student newspaper, the Black & Gold.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board Member Eric Coble reiterated that while he understood the concerns of the voters regarding the tax levy, it is fiscally impossible to never go back on the ballot for a new levy. We cannot let the results of one failed levy dissuade us from the possible passage of future levies since that is the way that schools are funded in Ohio.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 – Special Board Meeting

# **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 15-06-083 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Register,

that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Silverman, Mr. Zucker

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Nancy Peppler, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer