

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

Special Meeting of September 15, 2015

The Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, held its Special meeting at the Deborah S. Delisle Educational Options Center, 14780 Superior Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on September 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Nancy Pepler, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Mr. Register, Board Vice President, arrived at 7:40 p.m.

WORK SESSION

Career Tech

Duane Callender (Brad), Director – Career and Technical Education, led a presentation on current CTE programs and the future of CTE in the District. Mr. Callender provided an update on the impressive graduation rates of the CTE Program from the District Report Card, 93.3% for students graduated in 4 years and 96.6% for students graduated in 5 years. Mr. Callender shared statistics on unfilled jobs across the country, many of which he stated could be filled by students in programs we offer. Our district participates in the Tri-Heights Consortium, consisting of Cleveland Heights-University Heights CSD, Warrensville Heights CSD, and Shaker Heights CSD. All three districts participate, some with students, some with facilities, and some with participation in our special needs program. This program will provide career connections via local business partnership development, career preparation, and career readiness. Several CTE students shared their experience in the programs. Mr. Callender spoke about creating a more rigorous marketing plan. In order to guarantee quality CTE programming, Mr. Callender is conducting a program audit of every CTE course. For the future of CTE, high quality professional development will be provided for CTE teachers. New course offerings are being considered based on local and national markets. Students and programs across the consortium will be recognized on

a monthly basis. CTE teachers are working diligently to build relationships with the community and with parents to develop partnerships and opportunities so the students have jobs when they complete their programs.

Board members discussed the presentation. A tour of the CTE facilities was held following the meeting.

Recommendation to Approve the Resolution to Waive Career-Technical Training for Students in Grades Seven (7) and Eight (8) during the 2015-2016 School Year

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution to waive career-technical training for students in grades seven (7) and eight (8) during the 2015-2016 school year (see official minutes).

No. 15-09-136 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Zucker, that the above resolution be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2015 – Special Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 15-09-137 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Coble, that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Nancy Pepler, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer