

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

Special Meeting of February 18, 2014

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 February 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Ron Register, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Eric Coble, Board Member, was absent.

Board President Ron Register acknowledged the Cleveland Heights High School Barbershoppers on their recent success in taking first place in the US at the International Youth Chorus Barbershop Festival held in Long Beach, California, on January 31, 2014. Craig McGaughey, Vocal Music Director, recognized the students for the talents and accomplishment. The group performed before the Board.

WORK SESSION

Ohio Improvement Process (OIP)

Superintendent Nylajeon McDaniel restated goals the Board challenged her to work toward this year: to look carefully at assessing the effectiveness of programs and initiatives across the District, to look at data, evaluate programs and to make sure things were aligned and supporting our District mission and vision. One of the strategies that has helped to accomplish these goals is the Ohio Improvement Process (OIP). She invited Andrea Celico, Assistant Superintendent, to provide the Board with an update on the Ohio Improvement Process.

Dr. Celico indicated that the OIP has been heavily grounded in research, which shows teacher collaboration works much better and improves the quality of student learning than when teachers work in isolation. Communication, feedback and focus are major elements of OIP. The present focus of the District is in the areas of literacy and math. District leadership teams are meeting monthly with emphasis on curriculum and instruction, and assessment; community, parent and student engagement; professional development, resources, and teacher attrition and placement.

Part of the process to increase stakeholder involvement, Dr. Celico said, will be to establish student leadership teams to assess student perception and school climate. District events will be planned to inform and involve families and communities.

Board members asked questions regarding this process.

Facilities

Steve Zannoni, Project Management Consultants (PMC), presented session two of the facilities workshop. He covered the project status: key meetings, enabling projects, the high school building design, and the Board decision schedule for 2014. He also discussed the Heights High stadium master plan, phase one work, GMP (guaranteed maximum price), and the field turf and grass discussion.

The enabling architect, Then Design, is analyzing the needs for the design of the temporary high school which will be at the current Wiley site. They are considering the modular requirements, food service, career tech programming, and athletics.

Some minimal construction work may need to be done to move the Wiley students into Roxboro and Monticello middle schools.

Gary Balog, BSHM Architects, walked through the design program status for the high school. Internal and external working groups have been established to discuss the project. By the end of May, concept designs can be developed. Some time in June, Mr. Balog, said, the actual cement design phase may begin which is a little more graphic.

Tari Rivera, PMC/Regency, discussed the actions/decisions the Board will need to make in 2014. She provided a schedule update for all important action items to occur for the balance of this year.

Steve Zannoni had several presenters discuss aspects of the high school stadium project, including a discussion on grass versus field turf. Construction for the stadium is scheduled to begin May 1, 2014 with the first home football game on September 5th.

Board members held discussion and asked questions regarding the presentations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 – Special Board Meeting/Phase 1 School Facilities Project Second Community Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 – Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 14-02-035

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Pepler, 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 10:30 p.m.

Ron Register, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer