

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

Regular Meeting of April 1, 2008

The Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, held its Regular meeting in the public meeting room of the Board Building at 2155 Miramar Boulevard, University Heights, Ohio, on Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

Michael Cicero, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Mr. Michael Cicero, President
Mr. Kal Zucker, Vice-President
Mr. Eric Coble, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Peppler, Board Member

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

Mr. Ron Register, Board Member, arrived at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was recommended that the Board approve the following minutes:

- Special Board Meeting on January 30, 2008
- Regular Board Meeting on February 19, 2008
- Special Board Meeting on February 25, 2008
- Regular Board Meeting on March 4, 2008

No. 08-04-047 It was moved by Mr. Zucker, seconded by Ms. Peppler, that the minutes be approved.

Vote on the Motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Register

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Elizabeth Root, 2008 Horatio Alger National Scholarship Recipient

Superintendent Deborah Delisle honored Heights High School senior, **Elizabeth Root**, for winning a \$20,000 scholarship from the Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program, based on an essay she submitted. She is only one of three recipients in Ohio and one of 107 in the nation to receive this distinguished honor. Elizabeth is described as an extremely dedicated and goal-oriented student who contributes in many ways to the Heights High community. Elizabeth will travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Horatio Alger Association's National Scholars Conference on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Superintendent Delisle presented her with a plaque in recognition of her accomplishments and extended congratulations and best wishes for her future.

Alexander Kraus, 2008 Candidate for the Presidential Scholars Program

Cleveland Heights High Legacy School senior **Alexander Kraus** was recognized as one of the top high school students in the nation. Alexander was named a candidate in the 2008 Presidential Scholars Program. Superintendent Delisle mentioned that Alexander would be featured in an upcoming Plain Dealer issue as one of the top ten high school seniors in the Cleveland area. Alex has attended the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools his entire school career. Alexander shared his gratitude in a note to the Superintendent: "I appreciate all the support that I've been given by so many teachers and administrators, a gift I will take with me wherever I go to college and I hope to pay back in the future." Superintendent Delisle presented Alex with a plaque and extended congratulations to him. Alex said he was accepted to 10 out of 11 colleges that he applied to, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Stanford. He credited Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools with helping him get to this place.

Wiley Middle School Student Council

Superintendent Delisle recognized the Wiley Middle School Student Council. She invited Principal Denine Goolsby and advisors, Karen Dilillo and Rhonda Allenick, to help her introduce this very dedicated group of students. The Wiley Student Council continues to make a difference in their school and in our community, said Superintendent Delisle. This past year, Wiley students received several awards, among them, Five Star Council, Honor Council, and Army of Volunteers. Four students were recognized as All Ohio Student Council Members. In addition, Wiley 8th Grader, **Geoffrey Golden**, served as one of two representatives in the entire state on the Ohio Association of Student Councils.

Karen Dilillo, Rhonda Allenick, and a group of students briefly illustrated the work of student council. Geoffrey Golden shared information on the partnership between Wiley Middle School Student Council and John Carroll University Student Council. Geoffrey, Student Council President, and other Student Council Members defined leadership, parliamentary procedures and student council goals. The following student council members received certificates from the Board: **Emily Brock, Gabriel Brown, Demetrious Caldwell, Rachel Evans, Bryce Gantt, Geoffrey Golden, Kyra Green, Arion Jackson, Kymberly McLendon, Kery Nash, Ogechi Onyeukwu, Aaliyah Saafir, Shannon Suttles, Chidinma Ubani, Courtney Wallace-Miller, Derrick Wilkes, and Richard Wilson.**

Plaques were also presented to Student Council Advisors, Karen Dilillo and Rhonda Allenick.

Denine Goolsby, Principal, thanked the parents and the District for all their support. She thanked the advisors and the students for their representation.

Superintendent Delisle applauded the leadership opportunities and development at Wiley Middle School.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Requested Audience

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Irene Smith	Heights Youth Club
Joanne Dissauer	Heights Youth Club

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Boys' Track and Field Nike Championships Field Trip to Landover, MD, March 14-16, 2008

Approval of the Monticello Middle School 7th Grade Social Studies Field Trip to Chicago, IL, April 9-11, 2008

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Girls' Lacrosse Field Trip to Worthington, OH, April 12, 2008

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Boys' Track and Field Wheeling Invitationals Field Trip to Wheeling, WV, April 11-12, 2008

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Boys' Baseball Team Field Trip to New Philadelphia, OH, April 18-20, 2008

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Boys' Track and Field Mansfield Relays Field Trip to Mansfield, OH, April 18-19, 2008

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Boys' Track and Field Penn Relays Field Trip to Bensalem, PA, April 24-26, 2008

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Biology Instruction and Presentation Field Trip to Mohican State Park, OH, April 26, 2008

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Boys' Track and Field Don Mitchell Relays Field Trip to Dayton, OH, May 2-3, 2008

Approval of the Cleveland Heights High School Girls' Track and Field Don Mitchell Relays Field Trip to Dayton, OH, May 2-3, 2008

Approval of the Monticello Middle School 8th Grade Field Trip to Washington, DC, May 3-5, 2008

No. 08-04-048

It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Ms. Pepler, that the above Field Trips be approved.

Vote on the Motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Approval of Grants

It was recommended that the Board approve the following Grants:

- *Community Connection Grants*, to the Reaching Heights Foundation - **\$500.00**
- *Special Projects on Gifted Identification*, to the Office for Exceptional Children, Ohio Department of Education - **\$35,000.00** for the first year; **\$25,000.00** in the second year
- *CHAMPS additional funding*, to the Department of Health and Human Services, Cuyahoga County - **\$125,001.00**

Ron Register, Board Member, asked for additional information on the *CHAMPS* grant. Christine Fowler-Mack, Assistant Superintendent, explained the District is offering a variety of expanded services and programs. Each middle school has a *CHAMPS* program. The additional funds were offered because the District's *CHAMPS* programs were up and running efficiently.

Mr. Register asked if the *Special Projects on Gifted Identification* was a competitive grant. Superintendent Delisle responded that it is.

Board President Michael Cicero commented on the *Community Connection Grants*. He said he was familiar with Joe Mendes' work at Gearity in trying to mirror the community outreach at Coventry in building some things and getting the PTA involved. He believes this is interesting and fascinating work.

No. 08-04-049

It was moved by Mr. Zucker, seconded by Mr. Cicero, that the above Grants be approved.

Vote on the Motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Career Tech Presentation: Joseph Micheller & Larry Mlynek

Superintendent Delisle invited Joe Micheller, Director of Educational Services, and Larry Mlynek, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education, forward to do a presentation on Career Tech.

Dr. Micheller described the context of the Career Education. He said Career Education is still looked at as the old Vocational Education. Vocational Education had been looked at as programs or jobs for students that were not really expected to go to college. It did a good job of providing a trained workforce for the factories and for various skilled professions in the 1960s. Dr. Micheller said the context for Vocational Education has changed dramatically in the last 20 years. Vocational Education, which is now called Career Education, is very much in line with a very skilled workforce requirement and with our District vision of preparing all students for college and success in the 21st century.

The key term in Career Technical Education today, Dr. Micheller continued, is Tech Prep. We talk a lot about advanced placement, preparing students for college with potential college credit in high school. The exact same thing is available for students in the Career Technical Program. The challenge to the program is funding. There is a belief that technical education is funded by the state. It is not. There is a weighted formula, which is about \$120,000 for the District. This weighted formula has been going down every year. There is not enough money available to subsidize a program that is needed today. It is becoming more and more difficult because of the highly specialized equipment that is needed to support the students.

Joe Micheller stated that what we do in light of the limited funds is to focus on partnerships. We have a Tech Prep partnership with Tri-C. We have an evolving partnership with Kaiser Permanente in our own community. We are looking to expand these partnerships because we cannot continue to do this on our own. We are part of the Tri-Heights Consortium, which includes Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights-University Heights, and Warrensville Heights. We provide 85% of the enrollment.

Larry Mlynek gave an overview of some of the programs in the Tri-Heights Consortium. Mr. Mlynek pointed out that students can earn 10-13 college credits upon completion of certain courses. How do students earn college credit and high school credit at the same time? Our teachers are teaching the same curriculum as approved by the Ohio Board of Regents at Cleveland Heights High School. The college credit is issued through Cuyahoga Community College, our Tech Prep partner. Requirements for students are 95% attendance, grade B or

better in their subject core area, Algebra II completion by time of graduation, and a few other minor requirements.

Where can this college credit go? Mr. Mlynek stated the college credit can go anywhere in Ohio from any Ohio sponsored school, state school, or state-supported school. Our students have not had any problems with getting credits transferred to any private school in Ohio. The only school with an issue three years ago was Harvard, Mr. Mlynek said. The problem with Harvard was that they would accept the credits provided you paid the tuition for those credits.

Mr. Mlynek said we are trying to be the first school in Ohio to issue Tech Prep credit through Cuyahoga Community College and the Board of Regents in the state in the cosmetology area. To date, this has not been done.

Larry Mlynek pointed out another program, Networking/Cisco. In this program, students not only earn the college credit, but they also earn, at a minimum, four Cisco certifications. If students take these certifications into the job market, they can earn \$40,000-\$60,000 upon high school graduation.

Mr. Mlynek mentioned the Diversified Health Co-op Program is offered through our partnership with Kaiser Permanente. Our students spend eight to ten weeks at Kaiser as part of their junior curriculum investigating individual areas trying to determine which would be the best fit for them after high school, whether it is as a nurse, a tech aide, a doctor, or pharmacist.

Through our partnerships, our students are experiencing things other students do not get to experience. Some of the names of the programs are being changed so we can be consistent with the Board of Regents.

Joseph Micheller stated that our preliminary enrollment for next school year is 10-15% above this year's numbers.

Board Member Ron Register asked if we had a waiting list for any of the classes or if we are able to accommodate all the students that want to take classes. Mr. Mlynek responded he always over schedules because some of our students move out of the District during the year. We do have a waiting list, but we have always managed to get every student into the program who wanted it.

Mr. Register asked if the students are able to take the STNA (Student Trained Nursing Assistant) test at the end of their junior year. Mr. Mlynek responded they are. Mr. Register asked what percentage of the students that enroll actually sign up for and pass that exam. Mr. Mlynek said they are all expected to take the exam as part of the course. Last year, Mr. Mlynek said there were two students who did not take the STNA exam. Everyone else took and passed the exam.

Mr. Cicero asked Mr. Mlynek to explain for the viewing audience what the STNA exam is. Mr. Mlynek explained that various accreditation agencies exist which certify our students. In cosmetology, we have the State Board of Cosmetology. In the Diversified Health Occupations, the State Board of Health certifies our students after a certain core of training. The students who pass the test can work in a nursing home facility and make \$11-\$14 per hour as opposed to only

\$5 per hour in their junior year. The nice thing about this course is that various hospitals need weekend help, and our students fit the bill for this without interrupting their school day activities.

The students in these programs are not only working in the classrooms, but they are also working outside the classrooms, Mr. Mlynek acknowledged.

Eric Coble, Board Member, asked if students could only take one of these classes at a time. Larry Mlynek stated that some of the programs are 1 year or 2 year programs. With the structure of the programs, Mr. Mlynek said it would be physically impossible to take more than one program at a time.

Eric Coble also asked about the space limitations for the programs in light of the increasing enrollment. Superintendent Deb Delisle responded that space is a huge issue. She stated that this year we have had more programs expanded over to Taylor, which is now about 60% occupied in large part due to the vocational programs. She continued that modernizing of space and equipment is also an issue. Larry Mlynek said this is why partnerships are so important.

Ron Register said he would like to see what our trends have been as far as budget is concerned. He said it seems that we are providing some support to the CTE program out of our general operating funds. He would like to see the breakdown. He feels that we need to pay some attention to this because CTE seems to be equivalent to a small school. He also wanted more information on our partner relationships and the process for establishing partnerships outside the District.

Larry Mlynek said we have Career Tech counselors from Cleveland Heights High School who go to other districts to do presentations, and they are invited to our Career Prep Fair.

Board President Michael Cicero commented that auto mechanic is a great job. He said he has relatives who took the earlier tech programs in the late 1970s and 1980s at Heights High and have gone on to very good careers that are very viable for the long term. Mr. Cicero acknowledged the value of the programs overall.

Heights High Learning Environment

Superintendent Delisle addressed the focus at the High School to establish an appropriate learning environment. Since the inception of the five small schools, Superintendent Delisle said the administrators and staff have been working diligently on increasing student achievement and enhancing learning opportunities for all of our high school students. Since the transformation to small schools, we believed changing and reinvigorating many of our instructional programs would cause students to become more engaged in learning. To a certain extent, this is true. We are seeing great signs of promise as students take advantage of more rigorous courses. Many teachers have redesigned lessons to engage students and make important connections to their interests.

Superintendent Delisle continued that while we are seeing various positive changes at the High School, we have not seen as dramatic a change in some students' desire to contribute positively to a climate that is conducive for all students' learning. The majority of our students, however,

are truly focused on learning. Deborah Delisle stated she continues to be impressed by the many students who receive honors for their diligence and focus on their future.

It is important to note that there has been a significant shift in our student population. More than one-third of our High School students have never been to any of the elementary or middle schools in the District. Due to the economic times in northeast Ohio, many of our students feel helpless and, in turn, resort to negative behavior. These situations cause us to rethink the support we provide to students for their social and emotional wellbeing.

Superintendent Delisle said we have become increasingly concerned about the behavior at the High School. Not that it has caused major safety issues, but because it is slowly eroding to the point that it has become a distraction.

During the past few weeks, said Deborah Delisle, administrators have been meeting with teachers and union leaders to develop a series of agreed upon steps to respond proactively to a growing need to focus on students' behaviors. Most of the procedures being implemented are not new; they have only been inconsistently upheld. These procedures include:

- Student identification cards
- Hallway and class changes
- Security monitor placement and support
- Classroom and building behavior expectations
- New student interventions
- Quiet study spaces

Letters were mailed home to parents describing these procedures and requesting parents' assistance in emphasizing appropriate behavior in a learning environment. These procedures were also explained to students during assemblies at the High School and in each of the small schools.

Superintendent Delisle stated that the District would report to the Board by the end of the school year on how this has been proceeding.

Board President Cicero affirmed Superintendent Delisle's plan for change in the learning environment at the High School. He invited the listening audience to contact him directly to discuss in detail any issues with this process.

Great News Around the District!

Superintendent Delisle hoped our students and staff had an opportunity to rest over Spring recess.

Deborah Delisle extended congratulations to six Heights High 12th grade German students who have met the criteria to be inducted into Delta Epsilon Phi, the National Honor Society for high school students in German. She thanked German teacher, Susan Jewett, for all her encouragement and commitment to furthering foreign language at Heights High.

As part of Youth Art Month, three of our elementary students had their works chosen from nine Ohio regions for the Rhodes State Office Tower special exhibit in Columbus, Ohio. Only 170 pieces were chosen to be featured for the month of March. Superintendent Delisle congratulated students representing Canterbury and Noble and art teachers Nancy Eisenberg and Ida Bergson.

Superintendent Delisle reported the outdoor track season at Heights High has officially begun. Last month during the indoor track season, senior Jared Hall ran the fastest 800 meter time in the nation. The Plain Dealer covered the story and had predicted that the Cleveland Heights High School team would be one of the top two teams in the State.

Our Heights High vocalists will be leaving for New Orleans on April 2, 2008, to perform, study music theory and to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. This will be an incredibly meaningful journey for our students and could not have happened without the outpouring of support from our community. Superintendent Delisle thanked the many residents and alumni who donated money to our students for this trip. She also extended great appreciation to the Sun Press because of the awareness the paper raised about the students and their needs related to the trip.

Superintendent Deborah Delisle reported on the scholarship that was set up to honor the memory of the late Officer Jason West for his dedicated service as a Cleveland Heights police officer. Several donations were received from community members for this scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Program at Cleveland Heights High School. Deborah Delisle thanked Lita Gonzalez for making the scholarship a reality, along with members of the High School staff and the Cleveland Heights police who serve on the scholarship selection committee.

Congratulations were extended to Michael Dougherty, Coordinator of Communications. Superintendent Delisle reported that last year a presentation was made to the Board of Education on a series of video shorts that were produced to introduce our families to each elementary school through interviews with school staff, parents and students. This production recently received a Best of the Best Award from the Ohio Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association in the publications and electronic media category. The DVD airs on Channel 22 and is included in information sent to local realtors.

Each elementary school will host a series of kindergarten open house and registration nights during the month of April. Families will have the opportunity to tour their future school, meet principals and teachers, and register with the District. There will also be an advertisement on RTA buses coming out soon encouraging early registration.

Deborah Delisle reported that eight students entered the first Cleveland regional Poetry Out Loud competition. These Heights High students memorized two poems and recited them before three judges, parents, friends, and teachers. Senior **Judy Wertheim** was the 1st place winner. **Cathalyn Roberts** received the 2nd place award, and **Robert Marshall** received the 3rd place award.

Twelve Marketing students recently competed in a regional DECA competition sanctioned by the International Association of Marketing Students at Cuyahoga Community College Eastern Campus. Senior **Schvelle Watts** won 1st place in the math division and will advance to the state competition in Columbus. **Walter Porter** placed 2nd in the math competition. **Alexis Willis** placed 4th, and **Brian Greene** placed 5th on the marketing sectional. **Rapheal Greenwood** placed 4th in accounting. **Quinton Timmons** placed 4th in retail merchandising. Superintendent Delisle applauded our students for doing well and receiving great accolades.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Resignation

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
<u>Classified Staff:</u> Carswell, Cinnamon K.	Lunchroom Aide (will remain as sub. cleaner)	3/20/2008

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 T=Transfer

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>Administrative Staff</u>		
Cogan, Kelli Effective 7/1/2008 Assignment: Wiley Middle School	Middle School Principal-R 220 Days	\$93,836 Step4+600
McNichols, Patrick Effective 7/1/2008 Assignment: Heights High School	PRIDE School Principal-R 220 Days	\$94,432 Step1+4000

Classified Staff

Husain, Lisa D. Effective 3/10/2008-6/6/2008 Assignment: Rox El/Float	Temp. Ed Aide-CHAMPS-R 195 Day	\$14.18/hr. Degreed
Martin-Penn, Tonya D. Effective 2/20/2008 Assignment: Fairfax 90 Day Probation Ends 9/23/2008	Lunchroom Aide-R 195 Day	\$11.13/hr. Step 1
Philpot, Brian Effective 3/17/2008 Assignment: Gearity 90 Day Probation Ends 7/22/2008	Cleaner-R 260 Day	\$10.98/hr. Step 1
Smith, Andrea Effective 1/30/2008 Assignment: District Additional Assignment: Oxford 90 Day Probations End 6/13/2008	School Bus Driver-R 200 Day 195 Day	\$14.28/hr. Step 1 \$11.13/hr. Step 1

Approval of Change of Status

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>Certificated/Licensed Staff</u> Morgan, Imhotep <i>Effective 8/27/07</i>	\$41,100 (3B2+500) <i>Correction in Salary Placement</i>	\$42,200 (4B2+500)
Sohnlein, Margaret <i>Effective 8/27/07</i>	\$53,400 (6M+500) <i>Correction in Salary Placement</i>	\$54,700 (6M1+500)

Classified Staff

Brown, Yvonne J. Assignment: BOE 90 Day Probation Ended 3/18/2008	Probation	Cleaner \$10.98/hr.
Cromartie, Ariel R. Assignment: Boulevard 90 Day Probation Ended 3/17/2008	Probation	Nurse Aide \$12.55/hr.

Hennings, Nelson M.
Assignment: Gearity
90 Day Probation Ended 3/20/2008

Probation

Head Custodian
\$40,200

Approval of Personnel to be Granted Continuing Contract

It was recommended that the following certificated/licensed personnel with limited contracts be granted Tenure effective for the 2008-09 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Building:</u>
Mary Anderson	Heights High
Shenisha Austin	Wiley
Sabastianna Costanzo	Bellefaire
Maria Francis	Bellefaire
Katleen Gill	Boulevard
Glenn Hardin	Monticello
Edward Hill	Wiley
Angela Hoang	Gearity
John Holdeman	Fairfax
Becca Larson	Noble
Janet Lechleitner	Roxboro Middle
Joseph Lipowski	Canterbury
Sherri Malek	Oxford
Genevieve McDougal	Monticello
Jill Myers	Boulevard
Cara Pollock	Heights High
Carolyn Robb	Monticello
Manana Robinson	Monticello
Anisha Shapiro	Roxboro Middle
Donald Stoll	Canterbury
Candace Summers	Boulevard
Richard Wright	Noble

No. 08-04-050

It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Ms. Pepler, that the above Personnel items be approved.

Vote on the Motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Superintendent Delisle introduced Kelli Cogan, approved as Principal of Wiley Middle School. Kelli comes to Wiley Middle School from Roxboro Elementary where she served as Principal since 2003. Since her time at Roxboro Elementary, Kelli has moved the elementary building forward in many ways as an incredible instructional leader.

Kelli Cogan thanked the Superintendent for the opportunity. She also extended thanks to the Assistant Superintendent, Christine Fowler-Mack, and Director of Elementary Education, Sally Levine, for their support and belief in her potential.

Superintendent Delisle welcomed Patrick McNichols to the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District administrative team. Patrick comes to us from the Lakewood City School District where he served as Lakewood High School House Principal. Additionally, he assisted with the supervision of 21 varsity sports and 60 club activities. Prior to working in Lakewood, Patrick was with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District for ten years.

Mr. McNichols expressed thanks for the opportunity to return to the small school movement. He said he is looking forward to being part of the Heights High administrative team.

BUSINESS SERVICE

Approval of the March 18, 2008 Bid for the Heights High School 2008 High School Unit Ventilators Replacement (Project #08C-010-002)

It was recommended that the Board approve the March 18, 2008 bid for the Heights High School 2008 High School Unit Ventilators Replacement (Project #08C-010-002) and award a Contract.

No. 08-04-051

It was moved by Ms. Pepler, seconded by Mr. Zucker, that the above Business item be approved.

Vote on the Motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Approval of Resolution for the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Advertising and Receiving Bids for Bus Chassis and Bodies

Approval of Quarterly Contracts (January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008)

Acceptance of Donations

- \$525.00 to the Jason West Scholarship Fund to Benefit Students at Cleveland Heights High School
- \$2,590.00 to the Cleveland Heights High School Choir for Their Trip to New Orleans

No. 08-04-052

It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Mr. Register, that the above Business items be approved.

Vote on the Motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

FINANCE

Financial Report

It was recommended that the Board of Education confirm the Cash Position Report and Budget Transfers for February 1, 2008 through February 29, 2008 (see official minutes).

Nancy Pepler, Board Member, asked for an explanation of the cash position report. Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer, explained that we operate on a cash basis. The cash position provides an overall picture of where we are in terms of dollars, particularly with general funds. This report captures beginning year balance, cash receipts to date for the year, cash disbursements for the month and year to date, and any purchase orders against a particular fund, which would take away from the funds available. Often, there are timing issues involved that may be reflected in the report as a deficit.

Scott Gainer also reported that he anticipates state budget reductions in the next biennium that will impact our five-year forecast in May 2008.

No. 08-04-053

It was moved by Mr. Register, seconded by Mr. Cicero, that the Finance item be approved.

Vote on the Motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Board recessed and reconvened within five minutes.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Michael Cicero said he spoke with the Superintendent and decided to cancel the April 15, 2008 Board Meeting. This meeting is a Work Session to discuss Facilities and Permanent Improvement Funds. The decision to cancel was reached due to having nothing to report on the Coventry property. The Coventry Study Committee is proceeding nicely, Mr. Cicero reported, and there is not a lot to update at this time.

Mr. Cicero remarked that the Board did not have a special meeting scheduled for May. Mr. Cicero had requested that the Board continue its discussion on Communications and Community Engagement with Mr. Bill Wendling. The May work session, scheduled for May 20, is not a good date for Mr. Cicero. He asked the Board members to check their calendars for another date in May to reschedule the work session.

Joe Micheller reminded the Board that there are staffing issues that need to be voted on at the April 15th meeting. Mr. Cicero decided to proceed with the April 15th work session in order to vote on personnel items as required by state law. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 15, 2008.

Michael Cicero reported that on April 23, 2008, the Reaching Heights Spelling Bee will be held in the Heights High School auditorium. Mr. Zucker will be taking photographs and Mr. Register will be an observer this year. Mr. Cicero, Mr. Coble and Ms. Pepler will represent the Board team.

Mr. Cicero reported that on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights school Board will be meeting with the City of Cleveland Heights Council at the Board of Education offices. This meeting is a follow up to the January 30th meeting.

Ron Register reminded the Board that it was agreed to have a reception with other political bodies in the community. Mr. Cicero has sent an invitation to City of University Heights Mayor Rothschild and has not received a response to date. Scott Gainer stated he has followed up with the City of University Heights and is awaiting possible dates to host a meeting with the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None to report.

NEW BUSINESS

None to report.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cleveland Heights Parks & Recreation Committee

Nancy Pepler, Board Member, reported there are lots of scholarships available to student residents for participation in sports through the Recreation Center. Ms. Pepler also reported that in May, all 4th graders from the District go to the Recreation Center and work with the staff and athletic director learning about

different sports. The specific date has not yet been set, but parents will be notified. She stated that on Teen Night in February, the Recreation Center had 187 participants. In addition, a Chocolate Festival will be held in May, Ms. Pepler was excited to report.

Coventry Study Committee

Board Vice President Kal Zucker reported that he and Board Member Eric Coble attended the recent Study Committee meeting. He stated there is a link on the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District website to the Coventry website. The next meeting will be April 8, 2008.

Eric Coble said that the public should let them know as soon as possible if they have any ideas or concerns about the Coventry property.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 08-04-054 It was moved by Mr. Register, seconded by Mr. Coble, that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Michael Cicero, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer