

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

Special Meeting of February 16, 2010

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 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Approval of New High School Courses

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the new High School courses for 2010-11.

- Pharmacy Technician
- Digital Technology

No. 10-02-029 It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Mr. Zucker, that the above new High School courses be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

WORK SESSION – TOPIC: Harvard ExEL Process

Dr. Joseph Micheller, Interim Assistant Superintendent, introduced representatives of the ExEL committee who provided an overview of the ExEL Process and its positive impact on the District. Members of the committee presenting to the Board were:

Sally Levine, Director of Elementary Education
Laurel Chapman, Program Specialist-Instructional Support
Robert Swaggard, CHHS PRIDE Teacher
Jennifer Bennett, Instructional Rounds Lead Facilitator
Nicholas Petty, CHHS Mosaic Principal
Kal Zucker, Board Vice President
Joy Henderson, Assistant Director-Reaching Heights and Parent/Community Liaison

ExEL, an Executive Leadership Program for Educators, focuses on: Teaching and Learning, Systems Development and Organizational Coherence, Leadership and Team Development, and State and Local Networks. In summary, Dr. Micheller said ExEL is a process to help districts through an organized manner have a coherent structure focusing on their primary mission.

Board members engaged in a word activity to define their understanding of the instructional core, which is the relationship between the student, the teacher, and the instructional content.

It is desired that when the Board reviews policies, they will determine how each policy impacts teachers, students and content. Board policies need to align with 21st century teaching and learning.

Nicholas Petty, Mosaic Principal, defined and discussed Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and how PLC work relates to teaching, learning, expanding student knowledge, and moving education forward. He said there is a misconception that 21st century learning is all about technology when it is actually more about critical thinking and problem solving.

Board Vice President Kal Zucker explained that the ExEL approach is not intended to provide concrete answers; rather it creates an organizational and philosophical framework of how to find the answers. This is true educational reform.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2010 – Special Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 10-02-030

It was moved by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Coble, that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Nancy Pepler, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer