

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

**Special Meeting of February 21, 2012**

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 Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Karen Jones, President, called the special meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

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

Superintendent Doug Heuer announced that the Board would be moving to an electronic process for Board and DOC members to receive Board packets. Director of Information Technology Don Phillips provided a brief tutorial for Board members on accessing Board information via iPad.

**WORK SESSION**

**Open Enrollment**

Dr. Joseph Micheller, Director of Special Programs/Compliance, presented Open Enrollment Program information to the Board. It appears that alternative revenue sources will need to be sought fairly quickly to replace funds now received through various programs and grants that will soon end. Open enrollment is one alternative.

Superintendent Doug Heuer invited Vincent Colaluca, Superintendent of Austintown Local Schools, to describe how open enrollment has worked in his school district.

Following the presentation, Superintendent Heuer asked the Board to consider whether they would have an interest in pursuing open enrollment in our district. If so, what timeline would be followed. The declaration must be made in March of the calendar year of implementation on an annual basis.

After discussion, the Board decided to delay consideration of Open Enrollment until next year.

### **Limited Dress Code**

Dr. Jeffrey Johnston, Director of Student Services, reported that during the levy campaign last year, community members participated in a survey. The survey results revealed that 76% of the survey respondents favored pursuing a limited dress code for our district. Dr. Johnston stated that our current guidelines for school dress are rather ambiguous. A focus group with the high school student council will be held to get the students' ideas and input on what appropriate school dress guidelines should be.

One concern among Board members was that many of the community members favoring a dress code were not actually vested in our students. It was pointed out that the current dress guidelines may simply need to be enforced.

### **5-Year Technology Plan**

Director of Information Technology Don Phillips presented the District's plan over the next five years for infusing technology into our educational system at every level. The technology plans will directly align with the educational pathways. Mr. Phillips indicated that IT is also taking into consideration changes to facilities and infrastructure support. Information Technology and Educational Services Departments are working together to improve our instructional programs.

### **High School Restructuring**

We are in the process of initiating the pathways in three of the schools at CHHS. The Discovery Pathway will be in Legacy/New Tech. The Creativity Pathway will be in Mosaic. The Society Pathway will be in Renaissance. The curricular structures are currently being developed, Superintendent Heuer stated. Assistant Superintendent Jeff Talbert described to the Board what will take place next school year and what will take place as we move forward. He provided sample high school schedules and described the goals and some of the courses connected to each of the pathways. A review of the leadership structure at the high school led to the decision to create a Campus Administrator position. This position would oversee and manage the vision and mission of Cleveland Heights High School. A national search will be conducted to fill this position which will post in March. R.E.A.L. School will be an early college model where students will take accelerated coursework delivered through a mastery approach, Mr. Talbert said. Full implementation of the Pathways initiative will occur in 2015.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

**No. 12-02-029**

It was moved by Ms. Pepler, seconded by Mr. Zucker, 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 9:13 p.m.

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Karen Jones, President

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Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer