

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

**Special Meeting of November 17, 2009**

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 of Education building at 2155 Miramar Boulevard, University Heights, Ohio, on Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

Mr. Kal Zucker, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

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

**WORK SESSION: TOPIC – Continued Discussion of Board Policy 5000 (Students)**

Superintendent Doug Heuer summarized the plan for the work session: to finalize discussion on the 5000 series, to talk about the relationship between the 5000 series and the 2000 series, and to determine menu choices on specific 5000 series policies. The Board will conclude the work session with a timeline of what will occur after December when the third reading and adoption of the 5000 series policy takes place.

Dr. Joseph Micheller, Interim Assistant Superintendent, provided an outline of the 2000 series, the next set of policies to be discussed. The 2000 series functions very closely with the 5000 series and includes all the program content, e.g. curriculum development, course guides, homework, class size, and educational outcomes. Once the policies of House Bill 1 are implemented, Dr. Micheller said there would be many more adjustments to the 2000 series.

Dr. Micheller gave the status from the first reading discussions of the 5000 series policy review.

**Policy 5515 – Use of Motor Vehicles**

Amended per discussion at last work session to substitute current policy into it.

**Policy 5517 – Anti-Harassment**

Updated per changes in 2009 as discussed.

**Policy 5722 – Student Publications**

Will be removed from the Board notebook because of expansive changes. A separate discussion on this policy will take place and this policy will be added back in by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year for Board approval.

**Policy 5129.1 and 5129.2 – Interscholastic and Co-Curricular Eligibility**

Current policies recommended to be added to the NEOLA policies for the rest of this school year and to be updated and adopted separately in the spring of 2010.

School legal counsel, Attorney John Britton, will develop, along with policy, an abbreviated student handbook for the District to be adopted by the Board for use in the interim until the policy review process is complete.

Attorney Britton spoke in detail about the technology policies to ensure everything is up to date and has no gaps. Due to the uniqueness of the District’s laptop initiative, certain policies have to be retrofitted. Mr. Britton indicated that **Policy 5136 – Wireless Communication Devices** is close to completion and will be available to the Board within days indicating the recommended changes.

The practice of conducting three readings before adopting Board policy was discussed. Board members are considering suspending the rule or practice of multiple readings in the case of policies that are undergoing minor amendments. Attorney Britton stated that multiple readings of policy are not a requirement, but typically are used as a caution or safety.

**Policy 5517 – Anti-Harassment** - Board members agreed that anti-harassment coordinators’ contact information should be listed in the student handbook and on the District website. Board members also agreed that the “decision of the Superintendent shall be final” in the formal process for addressing complaints of harassment.

Superintendent Heuer expressed appreciation to the Board for the time and energy put into this review of Board policy.

Board President Kal Zucker congratulated Board member Ron Register on his re-election to the Board and newly elected Board member Karen Gorman-Jones, who will come aboard in January 2010.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 – Special Board Meeting – Library Board Interviews Only

Tuesday, December 15, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

**No. 09-11-148**

It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Ms. Pepler, 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 8:10 p.m.

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Kal Zucker, President

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Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer