

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

**Special Meeting of October 16, 2012**

The Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, held its special meeting at Oxford Elementary School, 939 Quilliams, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to the Board Meeting, an Open House and tour of the new pilot facility was held at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Karen Jones, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Present at Roll Call:** Ms. Karen Jones, President  
Mr. Eric Coble, 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  
Mr. John Britton, District Legal Counsel  
Members of the Central Office Staff  
Patrons of the School District  
Representatives of the News Media

Principal Joseph Niklos showed residents and parents the new pilot classrooms at Oxford Elementary School before the meeting. The new learning community pilot is housed in five classrooms in the first-grade wing of Oxford. Mr. Niklos described how the new space is being used by students and teachers, and how it will be used ongoing.

**FINANCE**

**Approval of Five-Year Forecast**

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the five-year forecast for fiscal years 2013-2017, as presented (see official minutes).

**No. 12-10-158** It was moved by Ms. Pepler, seconded by Mr. Zucker, that the above Five-Year Forecast (FY13-FY17) be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Scott Gainer, CFO/Treasurer, mentioned that the five-year forecast is brought before the Board for approval in both May and October each year. Mr. Gainer said this year our taxes came in higher than expected. As we are still waiting on our budgetary numbers to be finalized and approved in November, a new forecast will be brought before the Board again in December.

### **WORK SESSION: POLICY REVIEW – NEOLA RECOMMENDATIONS**

Superintendent Doug Heuer opened the discussion on review of NEOLA policy recommendations. In addition to the regular policies for update, discussion regarding transportation policy and an analysis of our social media procedures took place.

Mr. Stephen Shergalis, Director of Administrative Services, and Mr. George Petkac, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, facilitated the transportation policy discussion. Mr. Steven P. Abel, Pupil Transportation Consultant, was invited to join the discussion and answer questions. Mr. Abel recently authored a transportation study used as a baseline for many of the issues being addressed in the Transportation Department.

Superintendent Heuer stated our goal is to provide safe transportation for our students to get to and from school while reducing the cost of transportation as much as possible in order to use those savings directly for education.

Board members discussed the transportation policy considerations and recommendations.

Don Phillips, Director of IT, provided an overview of the social media policy as a first reading of the policy. Board members shared comments and recommendations on this policy.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Monday, November 5, 2012 – Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 – Special Board Meeting

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

**No. 12-10-159**

It was moved by Mr. Coble, 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 9:17 p.m.

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Karen Jones, President

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Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer