

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

Special Meeting of October 19, 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 Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

Ms. Nancy Pepler, President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 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. Jeffrey Talbert, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. A. Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer
Members of the Central Office Staff
Patrons of the School District
Representatives of the News Media

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was recommended that the Board move into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) to discuss disputes involving the Board and/or School District that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

The following members were present at the Executive Session:

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

Also Present: Mr. Douglas Heuer, Superintendent
Mr. A. Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Angee Shaker, Director of Communications

No. 10-10-158

It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Ms. Jones, that the Board move into Executive Session.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 7:00 p.m. and the Board reconvened in public session at 7:05 p.m. with all members present.

Recommendation to Approve the Five-Year Forecast

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the five-year forecast as presented by Chief Financial Officer Scott Gainer.

Mr. Gainer explained that the five-year forecast is an estimating tool that the District and the Board can use to determine negotiations, millage and other big decisions that need to be made. The forecast does not really get into the minutiae as it is, simply stated, an assumption.

On the revenue side, home foreclosures are once again a significant issue. The County Budget Commission estimates a 92.6% collection rate in property taxes, which results in lower revenues to the District. Mr. Gainer stated there is a huge drop in interest income because interest rates continue to be extremely low.

On the expenditure side, while the District saved approximately \$280,000 annually through a dependent health care eligibility audit, this savings is expected to be offset by legislation effective in 2011 requiring dependent coverage up to age 26/28. Salaries are currently assumed to increase at 3.5% annually, with 1.5% in annual cost of living increases and 2% in salary steps.

After Board approval of the five-year forecast, Mr. Gainer said the Lay Finance Committee will convene to review the forecast and discuss timing and millage for the next levy.

No. 10-10-159

It was moved by Mr. Zucker, seconded by Ms. Jones, that the Board approve the Five-Year Forecast.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

First Reading of the Board Policy 9000 Series

Superintendent Doug Heuer mentioned that the 9000 series sets up the governance for interaction between the school district and all the various stakeholders outside of the school district. Mr. Heuer asked the administrative team to preview the various menu items suggested by NEOLA on the 9000 policy series and recommend those choices to the Board based on what is believed to be most consistent with the mission and vision of the District.

Dr. Joseph Micheller, Director of Special Programs and Compliance, was present to provide context for the policies and to answer questions from the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 10-10-160

It was moved by Ms. Jones, 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 8:30 p.m.

Nancy Pepler, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer