

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

**Special Meeting of September 21, 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, September 21, 2010.

Ms. Nancy Pepler, President, called the meeting to order at 5:40 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  
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 meet with Board legal counsel 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  
Mr. David Seed, Board Legal Counsel

**No. 10-09-148**

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

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Board moved into Executive Session at 5:41 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 7:05 p.m. and the Board reconvened in public session at 7:09 p.m. with all members present.

**Recommendation to Adopt Board Policy #8462 Student Abuse and Neglect**

It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt revised Policy #8462 Student Abuse and Neglect.

**No. 10-09-149**

It was moved by Mr. Coble, seconded by Mr. Register, that the Board adopt Board Policy #8462.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

**Facilities Planning**

A full review of the procedures to be followed by the Facilities Planning Committee was provided to the Board. Final recommendations are expected to be presented to the Board in June 2011. Director of Business Services, Chairman and lead District contact of the Facilities Planning Committee, Mr. Stephen Shergalis, provided the update to Board members. Project managers Mr. Steve Zannoni and Mr. Pat O'Brien of Project Management Consultants (PMC) will facilitate the process.

The Facilities Planning Committee will comprise a cross section of the community, including members of the school board, administration, civic leaders, teachers, parents, private/non-public

schools, and others. The committee will be divided into four subcommittees who will report to the full committee on specific topics. The subcommittees and their assignments are:

- 1) Building Assessment Subcommittee – to review and analyze the validity of the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) master facilities assessment;
- 2) Educational Assessment Subcommittee – to review and analyze learning environments and 21<sup>st</sup> century educational opportunities;
- 3) Facilities Planning Subcommittee – to investigate facilities planning options; and
- 4) Financial Assessment Subcommittee – to analyze cost implications of addressing facilities educational needs.

The purpose of the Facilities Planning Committee is to analyze the District's facilities needs and to develop multiple facilities options. The introductory meeting of the group will be on Tuesday, September 28, 2010. Mr. Zannoni gave an outline of the public meeting schedule.

### **Academic Goals**

Superintendent Doug Heuer invited Jeff Talbert-Assistant Superintendent and members of the Educational Services Department (Caroline Kaczala, Jeff Johnston, Allison Byrd, Stacy Stuhldreher, Jane Simeri, and Sue Pardee) to present to the Board the District's academic goals, the response to the latest state report card information, and an overview of the planned steps the District will take to achieve those goals.

In order to increase achievement in the areas of reading and math, strategies the District will use include restructuring the school day to incorporate additional instructional time, using assessment to increase student ownership and responsibility for learning, and closing the achievement gaps by providing access to high quality curriculum and instruction to all students.

Part of the District strategy also includes decreasing the number of instructional days lost to discipline 20% by 2013 through an increase in positive student, family and community engagement.

Title funds and other state and federal dollar resources (\$8,269,417) are being targeted specifically in the direction of the goals and work the District wants to accomplish.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

**No. 10-09-150** 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 8:45 p.m.

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Nancy Pepler, President

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Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer