

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting December 17, 2013

The Grandview Heights City School Board met in regular session pursuant to the rules section 3313.15 of the Ohio Revised Code at the Brotherhood of Rooks Media Center in the Grandview Heights High School with Mr. Douglass in the Chair. Addendum items to these minutes are contained herein and are a part of these minutes. The agenda prepared for this meeting immediately follows these minutes. The Board of Education endeavors to prepare audio tape recordings of its regular meetings. The tape recording of this meeting is on file at the Office of the Board of Education.

Call to Order (I): President Douglass called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call (II): The following persons were present:

Members Present:

Grant Douglass, President  
Debbie Brannan, Member  
Katie Clifford, Member  
John Kessler, Member  
Adam Miller, Member (5)

Others Present:

Edward O'Reilly, Superintendent of Schools  
Bob Baeslack, Middle School Principal  
Hayley Head, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools  
Katie Maxfield, Director of Curriculum  
Brad Pettit, Director of Technology Operations  
Elizabeth Bockbrader, Parent  
Stephanie Brett, Parent  
Stephanie Evans, Parent  
Jeff Jones, Parent  
Kathy Lithgow, Visitor  
Heather Miller, Employee  
Jesse Truett, Parent  
Tammy Rizzo, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Meditation (III): President Douglass led the Pledge of Allegiance and silent meditation.

Recognition of Outstanding Contributions (IV-A): There were two items of recognition of outstanding contributions. Yolande Berger was not able to present district recognition by the College Board 4<sup>th</sup> Annual AP Honor Roll due to unforeseen circumstances.

1. Resolution honoring Katie Clifford: Mrs. Rizzo read aloud the Resolution honoring outgoing Board of Education member, Katie Clifford, as contained as an addendum item to these minutes.
2. Resolution honoring John Kessler: Mr. O'Reilly read aloud the Resolution honoring outgoing Board of Education member, John Kessler, as contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Grant Douglass thanked John and Katie for their dedicated service and valued input throughout their years as Board of Education members.

Recognition of Guests and Hearing of the Public (IV-B): President Douglass asked if anyone wished to address the Board at this time.

Kathy Lithgow and Jeff Jones spoke in appreciation of the outgoing Board of Education members.

Jeff Jones expressed his concerns regarding the middle school's grading policy.

Mr. O'Reilly and Ms. Maxfield fielded questions from members of the Board about our current grading policy and when to expect the grading committee to present their researching regarding this issue.

Minutes (V): Mr. Douglass asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the previous meetings. There were none.

**MOTION 13-119**: Mr. Miller moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2013 regular meeting as presented by the treasurer.

Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Clifford, yes; Douglass, yes; Miller, yes; Kessler, yes; Brannan, yes.  
5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (VI-A): Mrs. Rizzo reviewed the following financial information at this time.

**MOTION 13-120**: Mr. Miller moved to accept the financial reports and payment of bills, and approve the appropriation modifications for November.

1. November financial reports as they are contained as addendum items to these minutes.
2. Payment of November bills. (Motion 13-004 authorized the payment of all bills as they are due).
3. Appropriation modifications dated November 30, 2013 as they are contained as an addendum item to these minutes.

Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Clifford, yes; Douglass, yes; Kessler, yes; Miller, yes; Brannan, yes.  
5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Board Reports (VI-B):

OSBA Legislative Liaison: Mr. Miller reported that dual enrollment and a plan to phase-in the implementation of Common Core standards and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) requirements are being discussed by legislatures at this time.

Student Achievement Liaison: Mrs. Brannan congratulated fifth-grader Emily Rutter for winning the 4/5 grade geography bee.

Business Advisory Council: No report was presented at this time.

Facilities Committee: No report was presented at this time.

Family and Civic Engagement: No report was presented at this time.

Community Recycle Committee: Mr. Kessler reported that the recycling videos that illustrate how to properly use the recycling containers are up and running on the district website.

Economic Development Committee: No report was presented at this time.

Building and Department Reports (VI-C): See agenda addendum item.

Members of the Board praised Mr. Pettit on the new look and functionality of the District website.

Superintendent's Report (VI-D): The superintendent reported on the following.

1. Ohio Straight A Grant: Pathways to Prosperity: Mr. O'Reilly updated the Board of Education about the Ohio Straight A Grant. Grandview Heights City Schools is involved with a consortium of school districts that were awarded \$14,476,958.40 for Pathways to Prosperity. The purpose of Pathways to Prosperity is to create pathways that combine high school, career tech, college and work-based experiences to produce graduates that are credentialed for a career and/or well on their way to a college degree. The first consortium planning meeting will take place in early January. The implementation is to begin August 2014. It is too early to speculate how much of the 14.5 million will be distributed to the District. Mr. O'Reilly will update the Board after the first planning meeting.

Recommendations from the Superintendent for action by the Board of Education (VII):

Curriculum and Instruction (VII-A): There were no items of curriculum and instruction to be considered at this time.

Board Policy and Procedure (VII-B): There were no items of board policy and procedure to be discussed at this time.

Business and Finance (VII-C): There were two items of business and finance to be considered at this time.

**MOTION 13-121**: Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the following items of business and finance.

1. Property and Fleet Insurance: Approve the purchase of property and fleet insurance from The Hanover Insurance Group, Gardiner Allen DeRoberts Insurance Agency. The property insurance is \$42,118.00 and the fleet insurance is \$4,465.00, both have an effective date of 12/1/2013 through 12/1/2014.
2. Consider Biking Contract: Approve the contract with Consider Biking for the non-infrastructure portion of the Safe Routes to School Program as contained as an addendum item to these minutes. All Costs associated with this contract will be paid with Federal funds.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Kessler, yes; Brannan, yes; Miller, yes; Clifford, yes; Douglass, yes.

5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Buildings and Grounds (VII-D): There were no items of buildings and grounds to be considered at this time.

Personnel (VII-E): The superintendent recommended the approval of four items of personnel.

**MOTION 13-122**: Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the following items of personnel.

1. Cessation of Employment: In order to resolve all remaining issues relating to the employment of Mr. Mark McKnight by the Board of Education hereby rescinds its previous action taken on June 18, 2013, to terminate the employment contract of Mr. Mark McKnight. Therefore, the board accepts the resignation of

Mr. McKnight from his position effective June 7, 2013. In addition, the Board accepts the agreement and release in full of all claims memorializing this resolution of employment issues.

2. One-Year Limited Contract: Approve the following one-year limited contract for the 2013-2014 school year:
  - a. Brittany Parsons, Class III, Step 1, \$22,660.17, effective December 18, 2013
3. Kids' Club Recreation Leader: Approve the following Recreation Leader for the 2013-2014 school year, effective January 6, 2014:
  - a. Emily Hostetler, 4.0 hours/day, \$12.99/hour
4. Kids' Club Adjustment in Hours: Approve the adjustment in hours for the following employee for the 2013-2014 school year:
  - a. Mallory Neidental, from 6.0 hours/day to 4.0 hours/day, effective December 12, 2013

Mrs. Brannan seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Miller, yes; Clifford, yes; Douglass, yes; Kessler, yes; Brannan, yes. 5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Co/curricular Activities and Extracurricular Activities (VII-F): There was one item of co/curricular activities and extracurricular activities to be considered at this time.

**MOTION 13-123**: Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the following item of co/curricular activities and extracurricular activities.

1. Volunteers: Approve the following volunteers for the 2013-2014 school year:
  - a. Joseph E. Ferris, Volunteer
  - b. Ann J. Getz, Volunteer
  - c. James L. Getz, Volunteer
  - d. Shawn M. (Mitch) Hyde, Volunteer
  - e. Jill E. McInerney, Volunteer Coach
  - f. Christopher T. Kelley, Volunteer
  - g. Katie C. O'Shea, Volunteer
  - h. Matthew E. Turner, Volunteer

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

On roll call, the members voted as follows: Clifford, yes; Douglass, yes; Kessler, yes; Miller, yes; Brannan, yes. 5 yes.

The president declared the motion carried.

Other (VII-G): There were two items of other business to be considered at this time.

**MOTION 13-124**: Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the following items of other business at this time.

1. Elect President Pro Tempore for Organizational Meeting: Elect a president pro tempore to open and preside over the organizational meeting until the new President of the Board has been duly elected. President Pro Tempore Grant Douglass.

