

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting 05 18

WORK SESSION MEETING

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held

MARCH 12,

20 18

The Work Session Meeting of the Warrensville Heights Board of Education was held on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Warrensville Heights High School, Room 154, 4270 Northfield Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

President Freeman called the meeting to order and asked the Treasurer, Dr. Michael A. Rock, to call the roll. The roll call revealed the following members present: Mrs. Michele Elba, Mr. Ray A. Freeman, Mrs. Millicent Gaiter, Ms. Traci Mitchell, Mrs. Barbara A. Mumin

Mr. Donald J. Jolly, II, Superintendent, also in attendance.

Pledge

President Freeman requested all stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Agenda

Moved by Ms. Mitchell and seconded by Mrs. Mumin to accept the work session meeting Agenda, dated March 12, 2018.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Gaiter, Mrs. Mumin, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Freeman

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Treasurer's Report and Financial Recommendations/ Strategic Plan

- 3.1 Facilities Update – GPD Group – Mark Salopek and Rodwell King presented an update to the Board in regards to the program design for the new PreK-5 building. Mr. King stated that GPD Group has conducted multiple stakeholder group meetings to gather input in regards to the program design for the new building. Mr. Salopek stated that it is important for GPD Group to gain an understanding of the building that fits the District best with 21st Century learning. He also stated that community support for the project is very favorable in the meetings. Mr. King stated that there have been very little negative remarks at the meetings and that once the stakeholders realize the project is actually in motion, the level of input for program increases rigorously.
- 3.2 Academic-Shared Partnership with East Cleveland City School District and Maple Heights City School District. The Board discussed the process with Superintendent Jolly with regards to a partnership with Maple Heights and East Cleveland schools to engage lobbying services to voice the three districts concerns in regards to House Bill 70 and the impact of HB 70 on urban school districts. The Board members inquired as to who the company is for services, are the other districts in support of the agreement, has the company helped other school districts in the past, and how do these services compare to the multiple memberships the District has with other organizations (NSBA, BASA, OSBA). Superintendent Jolly stated that the other organizations represent all of the school districts at the State and Federal levels, where this specific agreement if is for specific representation for one issue that is affecting the three districts in a similar way. Mr. Jolly added that the other districts are in support of the agreement and are individually approving the agreement at their respective board meetings. Mr. Jolly concluded with stating that the concept of contesting HB 70 is ultimately for the school community in Warrensville Heights.

3.2 Moved by Ms. Mitchell and seconded by Mrs. Mumin to enter into an agreement with East Cleveland City Schools and Maple Heights City Schools for Roetzel & Andress, LPA, to provide strategic consulting and lobbying services, beginning on March 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. At the established rate of \$10,000.00 per month, to be divided between the three school districts mentioned. Payable from General Fund.

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Ayes – Mrs. Gaiter, Mrs. Mumin, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Freeman

Nays – Mrs. Elba

Motion carried

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Board Work Session

- 4.1 Board Policy Review - Volume 36 No.2: Joe Sieferth from NEOLA presented an update to the Board in regards to Volume 36 No.2 for Board policy review and suggested edits. Mr. Sieferth provided the legal updates and reasons for the policy edits. Mr. Sieferth also stated that the policies provided to the Board are templates of which the District can edit. The Board discussed policy revisions including policies 6680 Recognitions and 6233 Amenities for Participants at Meetings and/or other Occasions.
- 4.2 Board Goals Session: The Board rescheduled the work session special meeting from March 17, 2018 to March 19, 2018, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., in the Board conference room, to discuss Board goals.

Unfinished Business

- 5.1 Career Fair. The Board briefly discussed what the career fair will be and the strategic times of the year to offer a job fair—springtime for summer hiring and October for holiday hiring seasons.
- 5.2 Policy discussion. The Board discussed policies 6233 Amenities for Participants at Meetings and/or other Occasions and 6680 Recognitions. The Board selected NEOLA option #1 for both policies 6233 and 6680.

5.2 Moved by Ms. Mitchell and seconded by Mrs. Gaiter approved to select NEOLA Option #1 for both policies 6233 Amenities for Participants at Meetings and/or other Occasions and 6680 Recognitions.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Mumin, Mrs. Gaiter, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Freeman

Nays – None

Motion carried

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- 5.3 HB 512.

5.3 Moved by Mrs. Gaiter and seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve the following Resolution Expressing Opposition to HB 512:

WHEREAS, the Ohio House of Representatives is currently considering legislation that would consolidate the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation into a new state agency called the Department of Learning and Achievement; and

WHEREAS, the proposal transfers nearly all the duties and authority of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the new state agency; and

WHEREAS, this proposal was drafted without the input of students, parents, educators, administrators, schools, school districts, superintendents and board members, all of whom would be negatively affected by the bill; and

WHEREAS, this legislation creates an environment in which the unique needs of students, educators, parents, and school districts will be lost within an expanded bureaucracy, and the role and authority of the elected members of the State Board of Education would be undermined by stripping it of nearly all its duties; and

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WHEREAS, supporters of the bill cite a lack of communication among state education agencies as the key source of Ohio's education problems, but effective collaboration and cooperation is already occurring, and each school district strives to effectively prepare its students for college or a career; and

WHEREAS, important decisions on topics like school funding, graduation requirements, report cards, and state assessments would be made by politically appointed, unelected staff with little to no accountability and under a process with almost no public input; and

WHEREAS, public education is at its best when the interests of the people are served through publicly elected boards, and the State Board of Education is no exception; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS, HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Warrensville Heights City School District Board of Education does express its opposition to this legislation, HB 512; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Mumin, Ms. Mitchell, Mrs. Gaiter, Mr. Freeman

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Announcements

- President Freeman recognized Mrs. Gaiter's birthday; announced the upcoming meeting at OSBA in regards to HB70; the upcoming special meeting to discuss Board goals; the Northeast Ohio OSBA regional spring conferences, spring break starting March 26, 2018; and the upcoming NSBA annual conference.

Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Mitchell and seconded by Mrs. Gaiter that the board adjourn the meeting.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Mumin, Ms. Mitchell, Mrs. Gaiter, Mr. Freeman

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

4/30/2018

DATE

Greg A. Freeman

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

[Signature]

TREASURER

"This meeting has been audio recorded and that recording is made a part of these minutes."