

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting 07-17

WORK SESSION MEETING

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

MARCH 9,

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The Work Session Meeting of the Warrensville Heights Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Warrensville Heights High School Auditorium, 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.

All other individuals used a sign-in log.

Pledge

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

Agenda

Moved by Mrs. Gaiter and seconded by Ms. Mitchell to accept the work session Agenda, dated March 9, 2017.

Vote:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Presentation - Dr. Claire Huff-Franklin, Ohio Department of Education

Superintendent Jolly announced that the Ohio Department of Education will be reviewing the District in regards to the first year F rating stating that the Ohio Department of Education Academic Distress Commission will step in for any Districts that receive an F grade for 3 (three) consecutive years. He reviewed the historical Academic Performance of the District and the historical State Testing systems. He stated that this is a call of all arms and that one team, one vision, and one goal is for the school community at Warrensville Heights CSD.

Dr. Claire Huff-Franklin from the Ohio Department of Education presented how the process works emphasizing that it takes 3 (three) consecutive years of an F grade to be in Academic Distress such as Lorain City Schools and Youngstown City Schools. The Ohio Department of Education provides a review service known as the Education Reform Process, which is the service that the ODE will be performing for WHCSD. The Education Reform service takes a snapshot of the academic program and District operations in order to make recommendations to keep the District out of academic distress. The Education Reform service has three support categories: priority schools, focus schools, and watch schools. The WHCSD High School is a priority school, Eastwood Elementary School is a focus school, and the Middle School is a watch school based on the ODE initial analysis.

Dr. Franklin stated that on March 20-24 the ODE will conduct an in depth review of WHCSD in order to provide Education Reform services to prevent academic distress.

Questions from Board Members: Various questions were asked including: how long will the team remain with the District, can data negate the ODE findings, how long is the process, are the ODE recommendations above the State standards, and will there be additional funding? Dr. Franklin responded that the team will remain as long as the District is in academic watch, she stated that the ODE would look at data that may negate the findings although she stressed that the process takes a snapshot of the District. Dr. Franklin stated that the ODE recommendations are not above the State

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standards and that the recommendations are based on the State standards. Dr. Franklin stated that there will be no additional funding for this process that will take about one week on site in the District. Dr. Franklin expanded by stating that the ODE utilizes contractors that are in practice with ODE expertise for the process and review.

Public Participation

A concerned community member inquired as to what models and best practices will be utilized for the review. Dr. Franklin stated that the process utilizes a model that originated in MA.

Another community member inquired in regards to how the ODE selects the contractors and where they come from. Dr. Franklin stated that the contractors come from throughout the State of Ohio and are experts in the field of public education.

A community member inquired as to who reviews the ODE teams. Dr. Franklin stated that there are three offices of support that review the process.

Other participation included questions on how the data can help 25 different kind of kids when Ohio is ranked 35 in the nation and the statement that the ODE should interview students. The Mayor of North Randall David Smith inquired into the success rate of the process for other districts in Ohio. A concerned parent stated that it takes a village and more parents should be at the meeting. A 9th grade student with a 4.0 GPA stated that they are not prepared for the State tests. A local council woman stated that parental interaction is vital for the District.

Warrensville Heights Mayor Brad Sellers reminded the audience that this is year one, but we are currently in year two, so this is serious. He also stated that there are issues at the State level with all urban interventions in Ohio. Mayor Sellers told the ODE that they need to know how special the school community is with never failing a school levy and the positive engagement of the community. Mayor Sellers stated that the community has always answered the bell and that he is confident we will come together for this issue.

Announcements

- Workforce Readiness, Part-One: Advanced Manufacturing Industry and Building Trades, Monday, March 20, 2017, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Tri-C Mandell Humanities Center, 4250 Richmond Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Gaiter and seconded by Ms. Mitchell 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 9:00 p.m.

5/3/2017

DATE

[Signature]

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

[Signature]

TREASURER

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