

A reception was held in the professional development center at 6:45 p.m. to recognize custodians, maintenance, mechanics and bus drivers.

## James A. Garfield Local School District Regular Meeting- September 13, 2018

**Opening** The James A. Garfield Board of Education met in the Elementary Professional Development Center at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

President Pietra led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pietra asked the assembly to observe a moment of silence for those in the path of Hurricane Florence, keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Patricia Brett, Guy Pietra, Gary Foy, David Vincent and Deral White.

Also present were Staff, Community Members, Board Legal Counsel, Treasurer, and Superintendent

**18-101** Moved by G. Foy seconded by D. Vincent to accept and approve the Board Meeting Agenda and addendum for September 13, 2018.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### Committees and Reports

Guy Pietra gave the President's report

Patricia Brett gave the Maplewood Career Center report.

David Vincent dispensed with the Legislative Liaison report

Gary Foy reported upcoming fundraisers for the Athletic Facility Committee report

Tracy Knauer dispensed with the Treasurer's report

Ted Lysiak gave the Superintendent's report

YMCA, Kim Curry, reported current activities.

Patricia Brett, Friends of JAG Arts, reported completion of work on the display case.

### Visitor Recognition and Public Comment

No visitors asked to be recognized

### Educational Excellence

**18-102** Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. White to recognize our custodial, maintenance and mechanic crews for their hard work during this hot summer in preparing our buildings, grounds and buses for the 2018/19 school year. Staff members include custodians Aida Baker, Brenda Benich, Andy Berecek, Annette Collins, Jeremy DeWitt, Mike Gut, Judi Gyulai, Marie Jagers, Paul Kellar, Ray Kralik and Michelle Wilfong; maintenance Roger Fisher and Dan Molnar; mechanics Tim Kelly and Roy Pixley. Special thanks also to our summer youth workers Jake Britton and Cody Justice. Also recognize our bus drivers for their effort and support as we changed transportation routes this year as well as transportation secretary Brenda Byich; drivers include Dreama Adkins, Debbie Berecek, Tammy Britton, Helene Christopher, Danny Deakins, Debbie Ellison, Victor Fackler, Beverly Girdler, Holly Hites, Stephanie Kristoff, Shelly Pemberton and Ken Smith

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### Treasurer's Recommendations:

**18-103** Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. White to consolidate and approve the following recommendations, **A-H**

**A.** Approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 9, 2018 and the board work session on September 6, 2018

**B.** Approve financial reports for August 2018

**C.** Accept donation: Capella University \$102 to ES Principal's account; \$2902 PTO to ES Principal's Account/Leader in Me Program; \$300.00 Hatcher to MS Lego League, \$3.00 donation to ES Principal's Account/Leader in Me Program.

**D.** Accept donations to the Industrial Arts Program: John Grisdale, lumber valued at \$2437.50; Mike Miller, 10 tons of gravel valued at \$350.00; Roger Sheppard, lumber valued at \$1620.00; Howard Jones, lumber valued at \$1218.75

**E.** Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Ohio Online Learning Program (OOLP) effective August 1, 2018; sponsored by the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio- LLS course \$300 per standard semester course, \$175 per credit recovery semester; District taught LLS course \$230 per standard semester course; Odysseyware course charge \$300 per standard semester course, \$250 per credit recovery semester.

**F.** Approve an agreement with Pisanick Partners, 8/10/18 to 6/30/19; 8 hours per week of administration assistance and menu planning; \$26,000 annually.

**G.** Approve the FY 2019 agreement with Harbor Education Services, LLC for alternative education programming at \$130.00 per day.

**H.** Approve the FY 2019 agreement with Education Alternatives for alternative education programming and transportation services- rates are daily: Day Treatment, \$125.00; VisionQuest (18-22) \$150.00; Van/Round Trip- \$150.00; Transportation aide- \$65.00

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**18-104** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by G. Foy to approve the purchase of an athletic advertising banner, cost of \$125.00; and the athletic director's request to forego advertising revenue of \$1,000 for Sugar Bush Golf Course in exchange for the use of their aerator

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### **Superintendent's Recommendation**

**18-105** Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by G. Foy to consolidate and approve the following recommendations: **A-J**

**A.** Approve open enrollment students for 2018/19:

Austintown – Madijah Foy

Ravenna: Cyrus Morrison

Windham: Maria Haines, Aiden Peska, Natalie Sadkova

Crestwood: Nathaniel Armstrong, Talon Cline

Newton Falls: Preston Brainard

**B.** Approve an agreement with the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities for 2018/19 for services for our resident students

**C.** Hire substitute teachers for 2018/19: Roger Cram, Leah Cales, Veronica Uribe

**D.** Grant classified contracts for 2018/19:

Deborah Holbrook – 1 year custodian

Balbina Simmons – 1 year custodian

Stephanie Kristoff - 2 year van driver

**E.** Hire substitute classified staff for 2018/19:

Jack Broderick – custodian

Tami Butto - secretary/clerk/aide

**F.** Accept the resignation of Steve Zivoder as H.S. girls' assistant basketball coach for 2018/19

**G.** Grant a supplemental contract to Stephanie Damron as HS dance team advisor for 2018/19 (Step 1 -

\$1068.63)

**H.** Approve amending the preschool calendar for 2018/19: April 5, 2019 will be a non-student day

**I.** Approve resident educator mentors for 2018/19: Julie Brann (Year 3-JBlakey), Diana Kelly (Year 3-SMcDowell), Peggy Shay (Year 1-FBell)

**J.** Recall Tracie Fynes, dietary aide, for the 2018/19 school year; her contract was previously suspended

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**18-106** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by P. Brett to approve an overnight field trip to Washington D.C. by the 6<sup>th</sup> graders; May 8-10, 2019

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**18-107** Moved by D. White, seconded by D. Vincent to approve payment in lieu of transportation for 2018/19 for the following students attending the Bio-Med Science Academy; transportation by school-owned buses would be impractical and disrupt the transportation process: Hannah Madden

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**18-108** Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by G. Foy to approve the agreement with Kristina Klima for an unpaid leave of absence, effective August 29, 2018

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**18-109** Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. White to approve superintendent's recommendations as follows: A-E

A. Accept the resignation of custodian Sandra Walls, effective September 14, 2018

B. Approve Kyle Ake as an open enrollment student for 2018/19

C. Hire Sherry Gaj as a home tutor for 2018/19

D. Approve Academic Supplemental contracts for 2018/19:

Jackie Lovelace – M.S. Power of the Pen/Pen Ohio (Step 18 - \$826.41)

Lori Morgan – Niagara Falls trip (Step 10 - \$826.41)

Kristine Gilmer – National Junior Beta Club (Step 4 - \$740.92)

Lisa Porter – Washington D.C. trip (Step 2 - \$712.42)

Sherry Gaj – Tutoring (Step 2 - \$712.42)

Vanessa Shafer – Tutoring/Study Groups (Step 1 - \$712.42)

E. Hire substitute custodians for 2018/19: Barbara Snyder and Carey Stull

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**18-110** Moved by P. Brett, seconded by D. Vincent to approve the overnight field trip to Camp Fitch in N. Springfield, PA for the fifth graders; November 19-21, 2018

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**18-111** Moved by P. Brett, seconded by G. Foy to approve payment in lieu of transportation for 2018/19 for the following students attending the Bio-Med Science Academy; transportation by school-owned buses would be impractical and disrupt the transportation process: Alexander Silver

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Moved by G. Foy, seconded by D. Vincent to enter executive session to consider the following in regard to public employees: Employment/Discipline and conferences with an attorney of the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that the subject of pending or imminent court action, 7:37 p.m., invited into executive session were Leigh Herrington, Superintendent and Treasurer.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

President Guy V. Pietra declared the board back in regular session at 8:24 p.m.,

President Pietra asked for a motion to adjourn, moved by G. Foy, seconded by D. Vincent. All were in favor and this meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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Guy V. Pietra, President

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Tracy L. Knauer, Treasurer