

James A. Garfield Local School District

Regular Meeting- October 11, 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 7:03 p.m.

President Pietra led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pietra asked the assembly to observe a moment of silence for the Florida residents dealing with Hurricane Michael; please keep them in your thoughts.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Patricia Brett, Gary Foy, Guy Pietra and David Vincent. Deral White arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Also present were Staff, Parents, Students, Treasurer, and Superintendent

18-112 Moved by P. Brett seconded by G. Foy to accept and approve the Board Meeting Agenda and addendum for October 11, 2018 with the following changes- Remove Supt. item 1/C and correct election date in Supt. item 3.

Ayes: Brett, Foy, Pietra, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Committees and Reports

Guy Pietra thanked the Board for all their hard work with Issue 8.

Patricia Brett, Maplewood Career Center, reminded the Board of the All Boards dinner next Wednesday.

David Vincent gave the Legislative Liaison report

Gary Foy reminded those present about the clambake scheduled this Saturday for Athletic funding.

Tracy Knauer gave the Treasurer's report

Ted Lysiak gave the Superintendent's report

Tracy Knauer presented YMCA updates.

Ted Lysiak & Patricia Brett, Friends of JAG Arts, discussed the display case.

Visitor Recognition and Public Comment

No visitors asked to be recognized.

Educational Excellence

Superintendent Lysiak introduced the Educational Excellence; recognition certificates were distributed and photos were taken.

18-113 Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. White to recognize students and Mrs. Frances Bell for our core value of teamwork; they helped with the September 29th Literature Drop to support Issue 8: **Alex Bell, Christian Bell, Natalie Hall, Emma Huter, Elizabeth Lawrence, Tyler Petersen, Logan Sedivy, Ashley Smith, Hunter Sopher and Chad Wright**

Ayes: Brett, Foy, Pietra, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Treasurer's Recommendations:

18-114 Moved by D. White, seconded by D. Vincent to consolidate and approve the following recommendations, **A-B**

A. Approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 13, 2018

B. Accept donations: PTO for Internet Safety presentation-\$2,500; MVP's for Internet Safety presentation-\$1,500; Opening day staff luncheon: OAPSE-\$169 and GEA-\$297.44; Lego Club-\$100 from

Derek Hatcher; Geography Bee-\$90 from MVP's; PTO for ES principal's account for wheelchair/ice maker-\$510.15; Operation Keepsake-\$200; MS principal's account-\$50 anonymous

Ayes: Brett, Foy, Pietra, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

18-115 Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. Vincent to approve the October 2018 Five Year Forecast submission

Ayes: Brett, Foy, Pietra, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

18-116 Moved by D. White, seconded by D. Vincent to consolidate and approve treasurer's recommendations: A-D

A. Accept \$250 from Building Healthy Lives; awarded to Heidi Drumheller's 6th grade class

B. Accept the Hiram Community Trust Award of \$350; submitted by Libby Frato-Sweeney for the Seniors in School Program

C. Approve exchanging Bus 12 and Bus 6 for a scrap value of \$1,000 each to Sedensky Trucking for \$2,000 in mechanic labor

D. Approve the sale of Bus 40 and the 1997 Chevy GK2 to John Sedensky for \$300 each

Ayes: Brett, Foy, Pietra, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

18-117 Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. White to accept contracts:

A. ABA Outreach for Behavior Supports; billed at \$100.00 per hour

B. Northeast Educational Service Center for audiology and hearing impaired services; audiology at \$91.63 per hour and hearing impaired teacher at \$84.88 per hour

Ayes: Brett, Foy, Pietra, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Superintendent's Recommendation

18-118 Moved by G. Foy, seconded by G. Pietra to consolidate and approve the following recommendations: **A-F**

A. Approve open enrollment students for 2018/19; they recently moved out of the district:

Rootstown: Madalynn Helmick, Ryan Matulewicz

Cardinal: Nathan Scott

B. Accept the resignation of Taylor Smith as H.S. girls' assistant basketball coach for 2018/19

~~**C.** Grant supplemental/personal service contracts for 2018/19:~~

~~Jackie Lovelace—HS/MS Drama (Step 1—\$1,781.05)~~

~~Andy Cardinal—HS Assistant Girls' Basketball (Step 3—\$3,704.58)~~

~~Joe Brahler—HS Assistant Girls' Basketball (Step 1—\$3,562.10)~~

D. Approve volunteers: Jim Pflieger, John Bennett and Tyler Coia-indoor track; Jarrod Lewis-football; Taylor Smith-HS girls' basketball; Scott Brahler-MS girls' basketball

E. Hire Ryan Lind and Anna Pantalone as substitute teachers for 2018/19

F. Approve bus transportation routes for 2018/19

Ayes: Brett, Foy, Pietra, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

18-119 Moved by D. White, seconded by D. Vincent to approve the following resolution opposing the

elimination of alternate pathways for graduation:

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has provided alternate pathways to diploma attainment for previous graduating classes, and

WHEREAS, Ohio legislatures have discontinued the “alternative pathways” to diploma attainment and are prepared to institute a system that is predominantly based upon an individual’s academic ability; and WHEREAS, our youth in Ohio have differing strengths and weaknesses as well as varying degrees of academic ability; this fact is a glaring indicator that educating our young people cannot be approached in a linear fashion with the expectation of uniform outcomes for all children, and

WHEREAS, requiring every student to pass the same academic benchmarks for a diploma fails to recognize individual differences, capitalize on individual strengths, reduces student self-esteem, and disenfranchises a significant portion of our youth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the James A. Garfield Local Board of Education opposes the Ohio legislature’s discontinuation of alternate pathways to diploma attainment beginning with the senior class of 2019. We encourage lawmakers to reinstitute the pathways for Ohio seniors in the 2019 graduating class and beyond or develop improved pathways to diploma attainment that go beyond measurement of college readiness/academic ability. We encourage legislators to develop pathways that recognize students for work force readiness, trade/technical skills, work ethic, soft skills, attendance, community involvement, productivity, leadership, critical thinking, etc. The ‘one size fits all’ approach to diploma attainment slated for use in Ohio is woefully inadequate as preparation for life after secondary education. We implore you, as our representatives, to create a diploma attainment system that is unbiased and capitalizes on the strengths of the individual student while giving every student the opportunity for success.

Ayes: Brett, Foy, Pietra, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

18-120 Moved by P. Brett, seconded by G. Pietra to approve the contingency plan if the November 6, 2018 income tax issue isn’t approved by the voters:

1. Closure of Campus Outside School Hours - Effective January 1, 2019 all buildings and grounds will be closed outside of regular school hours.

Middle and High Schools will be open Monday-Friday, 7:30am-2:45pm

Elementary School will be Monday-Friday, 8:40am-3:40pm

There will be no evening and weekend use of the buildings and grounds.

2. State Minimum Busing - Effective for the start of the 2019-2020 school year, busing will be reduced to State minimums per Ohio Revised Code 3327.01. State minimum transportation only requires transportation for students in grades Kindergarten through grade eight (8) living more than two miles from the school. As defined by Ohio Administrative Guideline 3301-83-01, anyone living within two (2) miles of the school will not be transported to and from school.

3. Elimination of All Extra-Curricular Activities - Effective for the start of the 2019-2020 school year, all sports, clubs, band and extra-curricular activities will be eliminated.

These reductions will save an estimated \$550,000 annually. An additional reduction of \$850,000 will be made through the elimination of our 1:1 technology program, field trips and further staff reductions. These potential reductions are all unfortunate, but our district runs on very thin margins, and we will need to implement each of these reductions in order to achieve an additional \$1.4M deficit.

Ayes: Brett, Foy, Pietra, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

18-121 Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by P. Brett to grant a 1-year contract to Michelle Wilfong as a van driver, effective 10/9/2018

Ayes: Brett, Foy, Pietra, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

President Pietra asked for a motion to adjourn, moved by D. Vincent, seconded by P. Brett. All were in favor and this meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Guy V. Pietra, President

Date

Tracy L. Knauer, Treasurer