

A reception for new staff was held prior to the board meeting starting at 6:45 p.m.

James A. Garfield Local School District Regular Meeting- September 12, 2019

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 7:04 p.m.

Alexis Adams led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pietra asked for a moment of silence to remember those who perished and those still suffering from the tragic events on September 11, 2001.

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

Also present Students, Parents, Staff, Community Members, Legal, Treasurer and Superintendent

19-109 Moved by P. Brett, seconded by D. Vincent to accept and approve the Board Meeting Agenda and Addendum for September 12, 2019.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

President Guy V. gave the President's report.

Patricia Brett gave the Maplewood report.

Deral White gave the Legislative report.

Gary Foy gave the Athletic Facilities Committee report.

Ted Lysiak gave the Superintendent's report.

Tracy Knauer gave the Treasurer's report.

Board Business

New staff members were welcomed. Each staff member introduced themselves and their guest(s); each shared their experiences with the JAG community during the first few weeks of school.

Visitor Recognition and Public Comment

No visitors asked to be recognized.

Educational Excellence

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

19-110 Moved by P. Brett, seconded by D. White to recognize students for their academic achievement on testing:

Jack Norris – perfect score of 800 on the American History end of course exam as well as a **5** on the **AP US History** exam (5 is the highest score)

Max May – perfect score of 814 on the Algebra I end of course exam; taken as an 8th grader

Alexis Adams – perfect score of 818 on Grade 3 math assessment

Luke Kaufman – perfect score of 835 on Grade 4 math assessment

Ben Lang – perfect score of 790 on Grade 6 math assessment

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-111 Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. Vincent to recognize **Eric Schaefer** for demonstrating the JAG Core Value of Respect with his Eagle Scout project – he created four (4) sensory boards for use in

our schools

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Eric's mother, Chris Schaefer, shared positive experiences at JAG for her son and her family.

Treasurer's Recommendations

19-112 Moved by P. Brett, seconded by G. Pietra to consolidate and approve the following recommendations, **A-C**

A. Approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 8, 2019

B. Approve monthly financial reports for August 2019

C. Accept donations:

Athletic Boosters – \$2,000 for spring athletics

Catalano - \$40 in memory of Dale Gillespie

Knight – \$5.75 for the cafeteria

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-113 Moved by D. White, seconded by G. Foy to consolidate and approve the following recommendations: A-M

A. Approve the FY 2020 agreement with Education Alternatives for transportation services- rates are daily: Van/Round Trip- \$150.00; Transportation aide- \$65.00

B. Approve contract with LLA Therapy effective August 2019; therapy for student educated off site, rates are as follows: \$72.00 per hour for OT, PT and Speech; \$50.00 per hour COTA and PTA.

C. Approve an agreement with the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities for 2019/2020 for services for our resident students

D. Approve revised contract with SPARCC for 2019/20: Info Ohio subscription – annual cost changed from \$2,350.15 to \$2,257.00

E. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Ohio Online Learning Program (OOLP) effective August 1, 2019; 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 contract with the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio for the 2019/2020 school year for services for special education students (MD, Preschool, Speech) and administrative services i.e. Gifted Coordination, at an estimated cost of \$326,846.69

G. Approve the use of therapy dogs as follows for the 2019/2020 school year: At times the therapy dog will be present when the counselor meets with students in the office. The presence of the therapy dog may facilitate a trust-building bond between the student and counselor. Having the therapy dog present may relieve anxiety and reduce stress for the student. During these sessions, students will have the option to talk to the therapy dog which is seen as a friend and ally, thus presenting a safe atmosphere for sharing. Students may also choose to engage in therapeutic contact by petting the therapy dog on the head or back. The therapy dog offers emotional support through a presentation of unconditional acceptance and interaction. Approved providers:

Affiliation	Owner Name	Dog Name	Insurance Expiration	Board Approved
Therapy Dogs International (TDI)	TDI Affiliates	TDI Affiliates	12/31/2019	9/13/19

H. Accept the Hiram Community Trust Award of \$330; submitted by Libby Frato-Sweeney for the Botany Bunch Plant Club.

I. Approve a contract with ABA Outreach for Behavior Supports; billed at \$100.00 per hour

J. Approve a contract with Northeast Educational Service Center for audiology and hearing impaired services; audiology at \$91.63 per hour and hearing impaired teacher at \$87.00 per hour

K. Approve a contract with Northeast Educational Service Center for visually impaired services; visually impaired services (VI) \$97.00 per hour, Orientation & Mobility (O&M) \$72.00 per hour, Functional Low Vision Assessment (FLVA) \$72.00 per hour, Braille Services* \$27.98 per hour and Rehabilitation Services* (REHAB) \$51.91 per hour. (*SERS surcharge billing in Fall 2020)

L. Approve a contract with Forecast5 Analytics for one year - 5Sight License Agreement, \$5,562.00 and 5Cast Software, Support, Plus Agreement, \$9,680.00

M. Authorize the establishment of Fund 467 for receipt and expenditure of Student Wellness and Success Funding.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-114 Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by D. White to approve a lease agreement with the Cleveland YMCA for before/after care at the James A. Garfield Elementary School during the 2019/2020 school year.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-115 Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. Vincent to approve a second six month extension of the January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 contract with the Cleveland YMCA for the Park Avenue building until December 31, 2019.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-116. Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. Vincent to approve a contract with the Cleveland YMCA for occupancy at the Park Avenue building from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-117 Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by G. Pietra to approve a revision to certificate of estimated resources and adopt permanent appropriations for the 2019/2020 school year

FY 2020	INITIAL	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	CERTIFICATION	PERMANENT
FUND CLASSIFICATION	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDMENT	TO	APPROPRIATION
FUND NAME	CERTIFICATION	REQUESTS	REQUEST	DATE	REQUEST

General Fund	16,100,146.23		382,721.00	16,482,867.23	14,674,497.99
Special Revenue				-	
007 Special Trust	4,018.59			4,018.59	2,030.92
016 Emergency Levy	922,534.00	(461,267.00)		461,267.00	461,267.00
018 Public Support	111,479.51		(30,700.00)	80,779.51	52,502.33
019 Other Grant	11,741.67			11,741.67	5,662.00
031 Underground Storage	11,000.00			11,000.00	
300 District Managed Act	169,624.15		(40,460.00)	129,164.15	108,051.00
451 Network Connectivity	5,400.00			5,400.00	5,400.00
467 Student Wellness/Success			300,510.00	300,510.00	300,510.00
499 Other State Grants	-	37,133.27		37,133.27	37,133.27
516 Title VI-B	269,172.79		32,000.00	301,172.79	299,775.29
572 Title I-TA	215,688.99		10,000.00	225,688.99	224,786.61
587 Preschool	8,937.92			8,937.92	8,758.94
590 Title II-A	39,110.04		316.00	39,426.04	39,374.61
599 Misc Fed Revenue	10,177.02		14,455.08	24,632.10	16,707.10
				-	
Debt Service				-	
002 Bond Retirement-Building	651,056.36			651,056.36	431,884.75
				-	
Capital Projects	-			-	
				-	
Enterprise				-	
006 Lunchroom	574,727.99		25,000.00	599,727.99	596,234.00
009 Uniform Supplies	31,974.13		(1,244.00)	30,730.13	20,863.17
				-	
Fiduciary				-	
022 District Agency	1,410,712.18			1,410,712.18	1,304,957.00
200 Student Activities	196,480.72		17,831.00	214,311.72	184,052.05
				-	
Agency				-	
007 Private Purpose Fund	57,961.74			57,961.74	28,680.00
	20,801,944.03	(424,133.73)	710,429.08	21,088,239.38	18,803,128.03

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Superintendent's Recommendations

19-118 Moved by G. Foy, seconded by G. Pietra to consolidate and approve the following recommendations: **A-H**

A. Approve open enrollment students for 2019/20:

Windham: Joseph Dean, Kaylee Dykes, Mark Hershberger, Lillian Moodie, John Rohrbaugh, Kelsey Sheller, Hayden Troyer

Crestwood: Nathaniel Armstrong, Ryder Hoover

Rootstown: Kodiak Brogan
Buckeye Local: Emilee Williams
Newton Falls: Amy Balzer, Alyssa Bell, Connor Bernini, Landon Hall
Aurora: Aurora Brady
Warren: Hunter Turnbaugh
Akron: Donna Kestranek
Southeast: Carter Newton

B. Hire Tyler Coia, Brittainy Holliday and Trenton Alderman as substitute teachers for 2019/20

C. Hire Jennifer Harvey as a substitute aide for 2019/20

D. Grant supplemental/personal service contracts for 2019/20:

Tiffany Rado – IAT Coach at M.S. (Step 3 – \$1,128.04)
Jackie Lovelace – HS/MS Drama Club (Step 1 - \$ 723.10)
Nicole Giammo – MS Lego Club (Step 1 - \$723.10)

E. Approve overnight field trips:

5th Graders to Camp Fitch, PA; 11/25 – 11/27/19
6th Graders to Washington D.C.; 5/6 – 5/8/20

F. Approve Resident Educator Mentors for 2019/20: Sue Grajek, Diana Kelly, Peggy Shay

G. Approve Erin Miller as Lead Mentor for 2019/20

H. Approve Opportunity Pay for 2019/20:

Libby Frato-Sweeney – Botany Bunch Plant Club; \$723.10
Mark Rado – GES Field Day; \$361.55
Steven Howell – Q&A Club; \$723.10
Steven Howell – Dual Credit Crossroads; \$723.10
Missy Petrie – Dual Credit Biology II; \$723.10
Missy Petrie – Dual Credit Biology I; \$723.10
Tina Faulhaber – Creative Writing Club; \$723.10
Tom Bartz – Computer Science Principles; \$723.10
Tom Bartz – Chess Club; \$723.10
Tom Bartz – PC Pro; \$723.10
Tom Bartz – Security Pro; \$1,000
Renee Chlysta – Dual Credit French III; \$723.10
Renee Chlysta – Dual Credit French IV; \$1,000.00
Doug Engelhart – Dual Credit Calculus II; \$723.10
Doug Engelhart – Dual Credit Calculus I; \$723.10
Doug Engelhart – Dual Credit Statistics; \$723.10
Doug Engelhart – Dual Credit Precalculus; \$723.10
Doug Engelhart – HS Mathematics Competition Team; \$723.10
Matt Massey – AP History; \$723.10
Matt Pflieger – AP English; \$723.10
Kristine Gilmer – MS Beta Club; \$1,446.20
3rd Grade Teachers (Cupples/Davis/Dunn/Early) – 3rd Grade Parent Orientation; \$24.65 each
Peggy Shay – Snapology; \$439.00
Jennifer Ring/Christine Crawley – ES Student Leadership Team; \$443.70 each
Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White
Nays: None
Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-119 Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by G. Pietra to complete second reading and adopt the following

Board policy:

6530 – Compensation for Accrued Vacation Leave

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-120 Moved by P. Brett, seconded by G. Foy to approve payment in lieu of transportation for Garfield students attending Bio-Med during the 2019/20 school year as transportation by Board-owned vehicles is impractical. Students include: Ava Carloni

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-121 Moved by D. White, seconded by G. Pietra to approve a resolution authorizing Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids for school bus chassis and bodies:
WHEREAS, the James A. Garfield Local Schools Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of two (2) conventional school bus chassis and bodies;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the James A. Garfield Local Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of two (2) conventional school bus chassis and bodies.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-122 Moved by D. White, seconded by P. Brett to approve 12 additional work days for Susan Boyle, Director of Special Education, during June and July 2019

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-123 Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by G. Pietra to approve open enrollment students for 2019/20:

Windham: Angelique and Kyla Grace, Jaxson and Taya King

Newton Falls: Andrey Grunder, Keyaira Sly

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-124 Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. Vincent to approve policy 2413 – Career Advising

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

19-125 Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by P. Brett to adopt the new state guidelines for graduation:

Earning an Ohio High School Diploma for the Class of 2020

As a student who entered grade 9 between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017, you have multiple pathways to earn a high school diploma so that you can move on to your next steps in education or a career.

You must complete and earn a state minimum of 20 credits in specific subjects. Additionally, you must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy and complete at least two semesters of fine arts. Your district may have more graduation requirements. Your school counselor has this information. You must demonstrate what you have learned. Choose a pathway below to show that you are ready for college or a job.

1. **Ohio's State Tests** - Earn 18 out of 35 points on seven end-of-course state tests. You can earn up to five points on each test. You need a minimum of four points in math, four points in English

language arts and six points across science and social studies.

2. **Industry-recognized credential and score on workforce readiness test** - Earn an industry-recognized credential or a group of credentials totaling 12 points and earn the required score on the WorkKeys test. Ohio pays for you to take the test one time. Some districts offer the Senior Only Program through which you can earn credentials in one school year.

3. **College and career readiness tests** - Earn remediation-free scores* in math and English language arts on the ACT or SAT. Your district chooses either the ACT or SAT. You will take a one-time statewide spring test in grade 11 for free. **Ohio's university presidents set these scores, which are subject to change.*

If you do not meet any of the above three pathways, Ohio law provides you two additional options to earn a high school diploma for the class of 2020 only.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

The first reading was held of new/revised policies:

1310	Employment of the Treasurer
1340	Non-Reemployment of the Treasurer
1615	Use of Tobacco by Administrators
2431	Interscholastic Athletics
3215	Use of Tobacco by Certified Staff
4215	Use of Tobacco by Classified Staff
5113.02	School Choice Options
5200	Attendance
5230	Late Arrival and Early Dismissal
5350	Student Mental Health and Suicide
5460	Graduation Requirements
5512	Use of Tobacco
7300	Disposition of Real Property/Personal Property
7440.03	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
8400	School Safety
8403	School Resource Officer
8462	Student Abuse and Neglect
8500	Food Services

Moved by P. Brett, seconded by G. Foy to enter executive session for the following for conference with an attorney of the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject to pending or imminent court action and consider the employment and compensation of public employees.

Enter executive session at 7:55 p.m., invited into executive session were Sue Boyle, Legal, Superintendent and Treasurer

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

President Guy V. Pietra declared the board back in regular session at 8:56 p.m.

President Pietra moved to adjourn, seconded by D. Vincent. All were in favor and this meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Guy V. Pietra, President

Date

Tracy L. Knauer, Treasurer