

**West Geauga Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2009
7:30 p.m.
West Geauga Middle School Conference Area**

Roll Call

Board President Beers called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.

Absent: Mr. Kilroy

Approval of Agenda

2009-065

A motion was made by Mrs. Leavenworth, and was seconded by Mr. Patterson, to approve the agenda with addenda.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Leavenworth and Patterson.

Motion carried

Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2009

2009-066

A motion was made by Mrs. Leavenworth, and was seconded by Mr. Patterson, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 meeting.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Leavenworth and Patterson.

Motion carried

Recognitions /Commendations

Mrs. Gruttadauria presented the achievement report for February (see attached)

Mr. Beers presented a resolution from the Board of Education to Mr. Cosenza recognizing music in our schools month.

Mr. Cosenza had 3 students from the High School perform a music program for the Board in recognition of music in our schools month.

Standing Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee

2009-067

Superintendent Podojil presented the minutes of the Advocacy Committee meeting. Discussion included Alliance activities and the possibility of establishing a per student guarantee, the State Budget Hearings, a special education initiative being explored by Chagrin Falls, the West Geauga Community/Adult Education Program and stimulus funding.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore, and was seconded by Mrs. Leavenworth, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 Advocacy Committee meeting.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Leavenworth and Patterson.

Motion carried

Meeting date scheduled:

Finance Committee: April 9th, 7:30 a.m.

Remarks of the Public

Mr. Robert Rabe, Newbury Ohio spoke. His children attend West Geauga under open enrollment and he questioned the status of open enrollment for next year. Superintendent Podojil answered we do not know the status at this time. We may know more by the April 27th meeting. There are two parts to open enrollment – financial and ethical. The possibility of grandfathering students in the program was discussed.

Treasurer’s Report/Recommendations

None

Superintendent’s Report/Recommendations

Superintendent Podojil reviewed the District Communication Committee Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2009. Discussion included Academic and Achievement awards the District has earned, discussion regarding the new proposed transportation facility, the District financial forecast, the District web site, gas well production, and the After Prom flea market. The next meeting is April 22, 2009.

Personnel

2009-068

A motion was made by Mrs. Leavenworth, and was seconded by Mrs. Gillmore, to approve personnel as presented (see attached).

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Leavenworth and Patterson.

Motion carried

Policy

2009-069

The following policies had a third reading:

- 2220 Adoption of Courses of Study
- 2421 Career-Technical Education Program
- 2464 Gifted Education and Identification
- 2623 Student Assessment and Academic Intervention Services
- 5114 Foreign-Exchange Students

Mrs. Gillmore voiced concerns with Policy 2623.

A motion was made by Mrs. Leavenworth, and was seconded by Mrs. Gillmore, to approve policies 2220, 2421, 2464 and 5114.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Leavenworth and Patterson.

Motion carried

The following policies had a first reading:

- 6460 Vendor Relations
- 7540.01 Technology Privacy
- 7540.021V2 Technology Privacy – Delete
- 9211 District Support Organizations
- 9270 Equivalent Education Outside the Schools(Home Schooling)

Miscellaneous Recommendations

None

New Business

None

Recreation Board Appointment

2009-070

A motion was made by Mrs. Leavenworth, and was seconded by Mr. Patterson, to appoint Mr. John Gromek to the West Geauga Community Joint Recreation District Board.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Leavenworth and Patterson.

Motion carried

Executive Session

2009-071

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore, and was seconded by Mrs. Leavenworth, to move into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's Contract at 8:15 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:45 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore, and was seconded by Mrs. Leavenworth, to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Leavenworth and Patterson.

Motion carried

Board President

Treasurer