

West Geauga Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2010
6:30 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, Mr. Kilroy, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Pintabona

Executive Session

2010-059

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mr. Patterson, to move into executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

Executive Session concluded at 7:40 p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

2010-060

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

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2010

2010-061

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and was seconded by Mrs. Gillmore, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010 Board Meeting.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

Energy Education Recognition

Mr. Glenn Gaines of Energy Education presented a plaque to the District to acknowledge gas and electric savings resulting in an energy pacesetter award.

Advocacy Committee

Dr. Podojil updated the Board on advocacy issues. Important issues at this time include the restoration of tangible personal property language, and the all day kindergarten mandate.

Operations/Finance Committee

Mr. Beers presented the minutes of the Operations/Finance meeting that was held on February 19, 2010.

In Attendance: Ben Pintabona, Operations Committee Chairperson/Board Member; Bill Beers, Finance Committee Chairperson/Board President; Steve Canepa, Business Manager; Michael Kilroy, Board Member; John Lampas, Energy Ed Representative; George Owens, Community Member; Tony Podojil, Superintendent; Wes Rogge, Staff Member/Energy Ed Representative; Michele Tullai, Treasurer; and Pat Wright, Staff/Community Member

The meeting began at 7:30 a.m.

1. Energy Education – Program Review

Wes Rogge made a presentation to the group that detailed the components of the district's Energy Education program and how the process works for our district (see attached presentation). The presentation included monthly gas and electric uses for the district which are now substantially less as a direct result of the energy reduction strategies implemented by Wes Rogge and the Energy Education program. John Lampas, representative from Energy Ed, discussed the measurement and verification process for the Energy Education program.

Mr. Kilroy inquired about a prior report provided by Energy Education. Mr. Lampas answered Mr. Kilroy's question.

Discussions were held regarding the factors that effect energy use (i.e. weather, etc.) and the substantial cost avoidance/cost savings as a result of the energy conservation effort.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

2010-062

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Pintabona, to approve the Operations/Finance minutes.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

Meeting dates set:

Operations: March 16, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

Finance: March 19, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

Advocacy: March 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Treasurer's Report/Recommendations

Warrants – February 2010

2010-063

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and seconded by Mr. Pintabona, to approve the warrants for the February check register (see attached).

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

Now and Then Statements – February 2010

2010-064

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mr. Patterson, to approve the February 2010 now and then statements (attached)

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Tax Rate Resolution

2010-065

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Patterson., to approve the Tax Year 2010 tax rate resolution from the Geauga County Auditor

General Fund

Estimated Tax Revenue		\$13,526,696
Inside Millage Rate	3.50 mills	\$ 2,281,722
Outside Millage Rate	38.80 mills	\$11,244,974

Emergency Levy

Estimated Tax Revenue

Outside Millage Rate	9.09 mills	\$ 5,925,957
Levy Passed 05/2007	at 5.56 mills	
Levy Passed 05/2005	at 3.53 mills	

School Improvement Bond Retirement

Estimated Tax Revenue		\$ 1,492,898
Outside Millage Rate	2.29 mills	

Permanent Improvement

Estimated Tax Revenue		\$ 651,921
Inside Millage Rate	1.00 mills	

TOTAL \$21,597,472

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona
Motion carried

Statement of Purpose and Budget

2010-066

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mr. Kilroy, to approve the following statement of purpose and budgets.

Fund

Budget

Wrestling (J. Marino)amendment	300-909A	\$2,500
Class of 2013(S. Reehorst)	200-913C	\$1,000
Middle School Lacrosse(Balazano, Lucas)	300-916A	\$4,980
High School Athletics(J. Cardiero)amend.	300-954H	\$5,000

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.
Motion carried

Disposal of Assets

2010-067

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and was seconded by Mr. Gillmore, to approve the disposal of assets as attached.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.
Motion carried

Bid

2010-068

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mr. Patterson, to approve the Treasurer requesting bids for the Diesel Bus Grant.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.
Motion carried

Calamity Day

2010-069

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore. and was seconded by Mr. Kilroy, to approve the District calamity day on February 26, 2010.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

Superintendent's Report/Recommendations

Dr. Podojil reviewed the District Communications Committee Meeting minutes from February 17, 2010.

In attendance: Carolyn Beers, Mo Bidar, Ron Cotman, Chris Decatur, Jim Dickinson, Andrea Egan, Eileen Fisco, Cathy Gorski, Bonnie Gruttadauria, Audrey Kramer, Lynn Krouse, George Owens, Dean Patterson, Nancy Petko, Lori Petrovic, Jerry Pignolet, Tony Podojil, Kristina Port, Sally Siegler, Wayne Walters, Beth Williams, Linda Yanko and Kim Zannetti.

Welcome

Superintendent Tony Podojil called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Minutes

The committee accepted the minutes of the Jan. 20, 2010 meeting with no changes.

Academic & Achievement

- A. A listing of second quarter achievements was distributed for review to committee members.
- B. Lindsey Elementary School fifth-grader David Sprenger is the district spelling bee champion.
- C. West Geauga High School seniors Julia Hubay and Jackson Owens have been named as National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists.
- D. Congratulations to three West Geauga High School girls soccer team members who will continue playing soccer at the college level. Junior Kori Chopic made a verbal commitment to Penn State; senior Margo Davis committed to University of Arkansas; and senior Alyssa Platek committed to Division III National Champ Messiah College. In addition, West Geauga High School senior and track standout Allison Tyree signed a National Letter of Intent with West Virginia University.
- E. February kindergarten registration indicates that this year's number of sign-ups for the 2010-2011 school year is more consistent with current enrollment projections.
- F. Information about high school graduation requirements, new courses and credit flexibility was tabled and will be reviewed at a future meeting this spring.

Technology

The West Geauga High School and Westwood Elementary School Web sites are now consistent with the district template. Currently, all school buildings are in alignment with the district brand which helps make the sites more user-friendly and gives all sites a uniform look.

Building and Grounds

West Geauga Local Schools will be presented with the Energy Education Energy Pacesetter Award during the Board meeting March 8 for achieving above-average energy cost avoidance/savings, recognizing the support and cooperation of administration, faculty and staff organization-wide.

Finance

Negotiations for certified and classified contracts are currently being held. The classified negotiations are near completion. Both contracts expire August 1, 2010.

Communication

DCC members are invited to participate in a superintendent search focus group that will be held in lieu of the regular DCC meeting from 8-9 a.m. on Mar. 17 in the West Geauga Middle School community room.

A copy of the 2010-2011 school year calendar was included in the agenda packet. It is also posted on the West Geauga Local Schools Web site.

Westwood Elementary School's musical production "Aladdin" is scheduled for Mar. 12-13.

The 2010 census count is especially important in Geauga County because if the population surpasses 100,000 residents, it widens the opportunities available for Geauga County to apply for and receive additional federal and state funds.

For the Good of the Order

Due to the efforts of all West Geauga schools and spearheaded by the Interact club at the high school, the amount of donations for ShelterBoxes to help the survivors of the Haiti have exceeded \$6,000.

The criteria for open enrollment was reviewed.

A DCC member asked what the school district is doing to enhance the education of average and lower-achieving students. Dr. Podojil said there are several initiatives including the Ohio Improvement Process which includes Marzano instructional tools for problem-solving, a new consumer finance course at the high school which will become a requirement for the Class of 2014, the 21st Century Skills program and vocational programming such as the DECCA marketing program.

A DCC member expressed concern regarding appropriate behavior of high school students during a crisis. West Geauga High School Guidance Counselor Kim Zannetti discussed how each student reacts differently in a stressful situation and that counselors are available in an effort to meet each student's needs. She also mentioned a proactive program that is being initiated by the district called "Dare to DREAM" that addresses relational aggression in girls. Dr. Podojil added that disciplinary actions are made according to district policy and each individual situation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.

*Next meeting is scheduled for Mar. 17
Superintendent Focus Group Special Meeting

Personnel

2010-070

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Patterson, to approve the personnel as presented

1. 2009-2010 DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL ASSIGNMENTS

Last	First	Bldg/Dept	Assignment	Rate
Boylan	John	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Track -Head Coach Boys	\$4,202.00
Ciasullo	Eugene	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Tennis - Head Coach Boys	\$3,502.00
Clark	Emilee	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Gymnastics - Asst.	\$2,976.00
Davidson	Diane	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Faculty Manager - Spring	\$3,151.00
Emans	Danielle	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Softball -Head Coach	\$4,202.00
Kletecka	Jay	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Baseball -Head Coach	\$4,202.00
Petronsky	Gordon	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Softball - Assistant Coach - 9th Gr.	\$2,976.00
Siegler	Sanford	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Softball - Assistant Coach - JV - 1/2 Contract	\$1,488.00
Smith	Dale	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Baseball - Assistant Coach - Varsity	\$2,976.00
Swearingen	Kimberly	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Softball - Assistant Coach - Varsity	\$2,976.00
Taurasi	Mike	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Track- Head Coach Girls	\$4,202.00
Witherite	Jason	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Track Coach-Assistant	\$2,976.00
Amantea	Nancy	Middle School	Sixth Grade Outdoor Educational Supervisor	\$100.00
Burns	Heidi	Middle School	Sixth Grade Outdoor Educational Supervisor	\$100.00
Carmigiano	Kathy	Middle School	Sixth Grade Outdoor Educational Supervisor	\$100.00
Cirino	Lou	Middle School	Athletics: Track Coach	\$2,731.00
Gabram	Michelle	Middle School	Athletics: Track Coach	\$2,731.00
Gabram	Michelle	Middle School	Sixth Grade Outdoor Educational Supervisor	\$100.00
Lucas	Tim	Middle School	Athletics Club Sport: LaCrosse	Volunteer
Morris	Terri	Middle School	Sixth Grade Outdoor Educational Supervisor	\$100.00
Nightingale	Ryan	Middle School	Athletics: Track Coach	\$2,731.00
Owens	Dawn	Middle School	Sixth Grade Outdoor Educational Supervisor	\$100.00
Razzante	Sandy	Middle School	Sixth Grade Outdoor Educational Supervisor	\$100.00
Samsa	Shelley	Middle School	Athletics: Track Coach	\$2,731.00
Samsa	Shelley	Middle School	Sixth Grade Outdoor Educational Supervisor	\$100.00
Smrdel	Jim	Middle School	Sixth Grade Outdoor Educational Supervisor	\$100.00
Zimmer	Lisa	Middle School	Sixth Grade Outdoor Educational Supervisor	\$100.00

Parent Volunteers for the Sixth Grade Camp Fitch Class Trip March 17 -19, 2010: The following are the parent volunteers who will be assisting:

Name	Name	Name
Anderson, Walter (Randy)	Ljubi, Rick	Rossbach, Rob
Czikray, Christine	Randall, Tammy	Whittington, Cheryl

2. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE/NON-PAID LEAVE

Gretchen Giannatti, Lindsey Elementary primary skills interventionist, requested a leave of absence to begin on April 6, 2010 through the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

GEAUGA COUNTY CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES – MARCH 1, 2010

Tutor	Last Name	First Name	Cert.	Expire
	Berg	Lauren	L-T 7-12 Integ. Lang Arts	2010
X	Fram	Ford	2 Yr. Prov. Princ, PK-12 Music	2010
X	Leisure	Patrina	5 Yr. 7-12 Integ. Lang. Arts	2014
	Morris	Megan	L-T P-12 Vis. Arts	2010
	Petras	Paul	S-T Sub Gen. Educ	2010
	Rodenhausen	Diana	5 Yr. L-T Sub P-12 Music	2014
	Schnell	Mary	2 Yr. Prov. 7-12 Integ. Lang Arts	2011
	Suba	Tracy	Educ. Aide-ESEA	2010
X	Thomasson	Amber	2 Yr. Prov. P-3	2011
	Trombley	Valerie	2 Yr. P-12 PE	2012
Remove:				
	Skidmore	Melissa		

3. 2009-2010 CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES – MARCH UPDATE

NAME	CUST	FDSR	PROC	SECL	TRANS
Manfredi, Mary	X				

4. FIELD PLACEMENT STUDENTS

Name	University	Cooperating Teacher	Placement Time Period
Klock, Jennifer	Youngstown State University	Brenda Swanson, RN	100 clinical hours March – May 2010

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.
Motion carried

Field Trip

2010-071

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mr. Kilroy, to approve the Middle School Sixth Grade Camp Trip on March 17 through March 19, 2010.
Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona
Motion carried

Contracts

2010-072

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and was seconded by Mr. Pintabona, to approve a professional internship agreement with Ohio University.
Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona
Motion carried

2010-073

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mrs. Gillmore, to approve a contract with Ohio Schools Council for consulting services for food service dept/management company. Discussion followed regarding the necessity of the contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mr. Patterson to table the motion.
Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona
Motion carried

Policy Discussion/Review/Approval

The following policies had a first reading:

0160 – Voting

1340 – Non-Reemployment of the Treasurer

1541 – Termination and Resignation

2111 – Parent and Family Involvement

2460 – Special Education

Old Business

Mr. Beers initiated a conversation regarding the Superintendent search. A community and staff session is scheduled for March 17, 2010 with Kathy LaSota, OSBA. Mr. Beers urged staff and community to attend. A meeting of the Board and Kathy LaSota is scheduled for March 24, 2010 to review resumes and applications.

Mr. Beers indicated that Mr. Kilroy had requested Kathy LaSota ask additional questions at the staff/community forum to be used to formulate a future survey. The Board consensus was that Kathy LaSota run the focus groups in her usual manner, but differentiates comments between community and employee groups when she reports to the Board. Mr. Beers will contact her regarding this request.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and was seconded by Mr. Pintabona, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona

Motion carried

Board President

Treasurer