

**West Geauga Board of Education  
Organizational Meeting  
Monday, January 14, 2008, 7:30 p.m.  
West Geauga Middle School Conference Area**

**Swearing in of new Board members**

Ms. Mary Jane Trapp, Judge of the 11<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals swore in Mrs. Leavenworth, Mr. Dean Patterson and Mr. Michael Kilroy (see attached).

**Roll Call**

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

**ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mr. Patterson nominated Mr. Beers for Board President.

Roll call for Mr. Beers: Yes: Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.

Abstain: Mr. Beers.

Mr. Beers was elected as President.

**ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Leavenworth nominated Mrs. Gillmore for Board Vice-President.

Roll call for Mrs. Gillmore: Yes: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.

Mrs. Gillmore was elected as Vice-President.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE FUND**

**2008-001**

A motion was made by Mrs. Leavenworth and seconded by Mr. Patterson, to establish a service fund in accordance with O.R.C. 3315.15.

Roll call: Yes: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.

Motion carried.

**2008 BOARD MEETING DATES**

**2007-002**

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mrs. Gillmore, to set the meeting schedule for 2008 as follows:

January 14	July 14
January 28	August 11
February 25	August 25
March 10	September 8
April 14	September 22
April 28	October 13
May 12	October 27
June 9	November 17
June 23	December 8

All meetings are scheduled for Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Conference Area.

Roll call: Yes: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.

Motion carried.

**2008 APPOINTMENT OF OSBA LIAISONS**

Mrs. Leavenworth was appointed to continue as the Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Liaison and Mrs. Gillmore was appointed to continue as the Ohio School Boards Association Student Achievement Liaison.

**2008 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The following committee appointments were made:

Advocacy – Mrs. Leavenworth

**2008 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS - continued**

Curriculum/Technology – Mrs. Gillmore

Finance – Mr. Beers

Operations – Mrs. Leavenworth

Personnel – Mr. Patterson

Policy – Mr. Kilroy

Meeting dates for committees are scheduled as follows:

Finance Committee – January 18, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.

Policy Committee – January 22, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.

**2008 CURRENT YEAR COMMITTEES**

The following committees have been established for 2008:

Audit Committee

District Communications Committee

District Insurance Committee

School Safety Task Force

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2007**

**2008-003**

A motion was made by Mrs. Leavenworth, and seconded by Mrs. Gillmore, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2007 regular board meeting as presented.

Roll call: Yes: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.

Motion carried.

**REMARKS OF THE PUBLIC**

Ben Kotowski of Chagrin Falls asked Mr. Kilroy to withdraw his request to not be paid. Mr. Kotowski has concerns of the precedent that Mr. Kilroy is setting for people who may want to participate as a Board member in the future, but may need compensation. Mr. Kotowski applauds Mr. Kilroy for his dedication to funding technology and suggested that he could still donate to those efforts or elsewhere in the district where needed.

Tom Drockton of Chesterland asked Board members to attend the public meeting at Bainbridge Town Hall next Monday evening, January 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. (see attached).

**TREASURER’S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2008 STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS**

**2008-004**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and seconded by Mr. Patterson, to approve the following standing authorizations:

- A. The Treasurer shall be authorized to forward resolutions to request advances on first and second half tax collections from the Geauga County Auditor.
- B. The Treasurer shall be authorized to forward a resolution to the Geauga County Treasurer requesting direct wire transfer of tax funds from the Geauga County Treasury to Star Ohio or any other depository with a Designation of Depository resolution on file with the Treasurer.
- C. The Treasurer shall be authorized to make payment of all bills and invoices when due. A monthly listing certified by the Treasurer shall be presented to the Board for approval at the regularly scheduled meeting.
- D. The Treasurer shall be authorized to invest inactive funds of the school district. Monthly reports of investments shall be presented to the Board.
- E. The Treasurer shall be authorized to make appropriation modifications, as necessary.

- F. The Superintendent shall be authorized to make application for all Federal and State grants and programs on behalf of the district. The Treasurer is authorized to accept funds from all approved grants and programs. A monthly report shall be submitted to the Board listing all grants and programs approved during the year.
- G. Public reading of Board of Education minutes is waived for all meetings during the year. Each member of the Board shall receive copies of the minutes from the previous meeting in advance of the next regular meeting.
- H. The Treasurer shall be authorized to make adjustments, transfers and additional modifications to budget, revenue and appropriation accounts, as necessary to update and close fiscal year.

Roll call: Yes: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.  
 Motion carried.

**2008 DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

**2008-005**

A motion was made by Mrs. Leavenworth, and seconded by Mr. Patterson to approve the following depositories for 2008: Star Ohio, Huntington National Bank and Charter One.

Roll call: Yes: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.  
 Motion carried.

**2008 DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS**

**2008-006**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore, and seconded by Mrs. Leavenworth to approve the following newspapers for meeting notices:

- News Herald – Geauga County Edition
- Plain Dealer – Geauga County Edition
- Chagrin Valley Times
- Chesterland News
- Sun Newspapers
- Gauga County Maple Leaf.

Roll call: Yes: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.  
 Motion carried.

**FISCAL YEAR 2009 TAX BUDGET**

**2008-007**

Treasurer Colling presented the tax budget (see attached) for fiscal year 08/09 for public discussion. Public Notice of the meeting to discuss the budget was made on December 27, 2007 and January 3, 2008 in the Geauga County Maple Leaf.

A motion was made by Mrs. Leavenworth, and seconded by Mrs. Gillmore to approve the Fiscal Year 08/09 tax budget as presented.

Roll call: Yes: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.  
 Motion carried.

**2008 APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL**

**2008-008**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and seconded by Mr. Patterson, to appoint John A. Podgurski, 9155 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, Ohio 44094 as special legal counsel for the Board for 2008. Mr. Podgurski will be compensated at the rate of \$160.00 per billable hour.

Roll call: Yes: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.  
 Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore, and seconded by Mrs. Leavenworth, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call: Yes: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mrs. Leavenworth and Mr. Patterson.

Motion carried. 8:13 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer