

**West Geauga Board of Education  
Tuesday, February 17 2015  
7:00 p.m.  
Middle School Community Room**

**Roll Call**

Board President Mr. Thoreson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with the following members present:

Mrs. Dottore, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Kotowski, Dr. Phelps and Mr. Thoreson.

**Mr. Thoreson led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.**

**Approval of Agenda/ Addendum Items**

**2015-058**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Dottore and seconded by Mr. Kotowski to approve the agenda as amended.**

Item IV. Resolution to Amend the Agreement with Interim Superintendent will become Item III and Item III. Resolution to Employ Superintendent will become Item IV.

**Roll Call: Yes: Dr. Phelps, Mr. Thoreson, Mrs. Dottore, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Kotowski  
Motion carried**

**Resolution to Amend the Agreement with Interim Superintendent**

**2015-059**

**A motion was made by Mr. Kotowski and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the resolution extending Mr. Nutter's contract until June 14, 2015. The amendment to his contract will remove the 10 day notification clause.**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT OF  
EMPLOYMENT OF MICHAEL NUTTER**

The Board of Education of the West Geauga Local School District, Geauga County, Ohio, met in special session on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, at the offices of said Board, with the following members present:

Den Thoreson                      Jackie Dottore  
Ben Kotowski                      Thomas Phelps  
Michael Douglas

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of R.C. §121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Ben Kotowski moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the West Geauga Local School District ("Board") and Michael Nutter ("Administrator") entered into a Contract of Employment on or about April 28, 2014, ("Original Contract"), attached as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Original Contract provided in paragraph 6 that it can only be modified in writing, signed by the Parties following proper resolution of the Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Board and Administrator each desire to modify the Original Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the West Geauga Local School District, County of Geauga, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1:** The Board authorizes its Board President and Treasurer to enter into an amendment to the Original Contract, under terms substantially similar to those contained in the "Amendment to Contract of Employment of Michael Nutter" attached as Exhibit B.

**Section 2:** It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. §121.22.

Michael Douglas seconded the motion and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:


Thomas Phelps      Yes                      Den Thoreson      Yes

Jackie Dottore      Yes                      Michael Douglas      Yes  
Ben Kotowski                      Yes

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate, and correct excerpt from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the West Geauga Local School District held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, showing the adoption of the Resolution hereinabove set forth.

2/17, 2015  
Date

  
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Karen Penler, Treasurer  
West Geauga Local School District  
Geauga County, Ohio

Mr. Thoreson thanked Mr. Nutter for his service to the District.

**Roll call: Yes: Mr. Kotowski, Dr. Phelps, Mr. Thoreson, Mrs., Dottore and Mr. Douglas  
Motion carried.**

**Resolution to Employ the Superintendent**

**2015-060**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Dottore and seconded by Mr. Kotowski to approve the resolution hiring Dr. Markwardt as the Superintendent effective June 15, 2015. Dr. Markwardt will receive a three year contract with \$135,000 in compensation plus benefits.**

**RESOLUTION ISSUING THREE-YEAR CONTRACT TO  
DR. RICHARD A. MARKWARDT AS ITS SUPERINTENDENT**

The Board of Education of the West Geauga Local School District, Geauga County, Ohio, met in special session on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, at the offices of said Board, with the following members present:

<u>Dan Thoreson</u>	<u>Jackie Dottora</u>
<u>Ben Kozowski</u>	<u>Thomas Phelps</u>
<u>Michael Douglas</u>	

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of R.C. §121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Jackie Dottora moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board desires to employ a qualified individual, experienced as a superintendent and with a demonstrated record of excellence as a school leader, to begin employment as the West Geauga Local School District on June 15, 2015;

WHEREAS, Dr. Markwardt possesses the qualifications, experience and skills necessary to serve as superintendent of schools for the West Geauga Local School District;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to secure Dr. Markwardt as its Superintendent of Schools, from June 15, 2015, through July 31, 2018, and Dr. Markwardt has expressed his desire to serve in this position for this term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the West Geauga Local School District, County of Geauga, State of Ohio, that:

- Section 1: The Board of Education employs Dr. Richard A. Markwardt as its Superintendent for the term June 15, 2015, through July 31, 2018, under a three-year contract, with terms substantially similar to those set forth in Exhibit A.
- Section 2: The Board of Education authorizes the Board President and Treasurer to execute a Superintendent Contract in a form substantially similar to and containing the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit A.
- Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that

resulted in such formal action were in meetings in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. §121.22.


Ben Kotowski seconded the motion and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

<u>Thomas Phelps</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Dan Thoreson</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Jackie Dottore</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Michael Douglas</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Ben Kotowski</u>	<u>Yes</u>		

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and correct excerpt from the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education of the West Geauga Local School District held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, showing the adoption of the Resolution hereinabove set forth.

2/17, 2015  
Date

  
Karen Penler, Treasurer  
West Geauga Local School District  
Geauga County, Ohio

Mr. Kotowski said the Board received a number of qualified candidates but Dr. Markwardt stood out among all of them.

Mr. Thoreson said it was a great deal of work to narrow the 30 applicants down to seven candidates and finally to only three. Throughout the process he thought Dr. Markwardt stood out among the group. He said the District would hold a community open house to introduce Dr. Markwardt to the district.

Mr. Douglas thanked all the board members for the work and dedication through the process.

**Roll Call: Yes: Dr. Phelps, Mr. Thoreson, Mrs. Dottore, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Kotowski  
Motion carried**

#### **Announcement of Levy Chair(s)**

Mr. Thoreson asked Jackie Dottore to announce the Co-Chairs for the levy renewal campaign. The co-chairs will be Kim Pacifico and Megan Petronsky. Ms. Pacifico is a parent with children at Westwood elementary and Ms. Petronsky is a counselor at Orange Schools and a former staff member. The Board thanked them for volunteering.

**Mr. Thoreson announced the next Board Meeting**

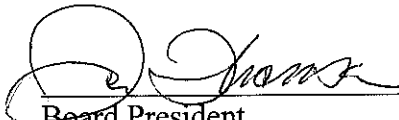
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
February 23, 2015  
Middle School Community Room  
8611 Cedar Road  
Chesterland, OH 44026

**ADJOURNMENT**

2015-061

**A motion was made by Mrs. Dottore and seconded by Dr. Phelps to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.**

**Roll Call: Yes: Mr. Thoreson, Mrs. Dottore. Mr. Douglas, Mr. Kotowski and Dr. Phelps  
Motion carried**

  
Board President

  
Treasurer