

**West Geauga Board of Education**  
**Thursday, June 19, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Middle School Cafeteria**

**Roll Call**

Board President Mr. Thoreson called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM with the following members present:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Thoreson.

**Approval of Agenda/Addendum Items**

Mr. Kotowski presented to the Board items that he would like added to the agenda regarding the Madison Plains decision, a request for emails between the Board and Mr. Podgurski and a legal services policy.

**2014-98**

A motion was made by Mr. Thoreson and seconded by Mr. Douglas that the above items would be added to the next Board meeting agenda.

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

Motion Carried

**2014-99**

A motion was made by Mr. Thoreson and seconded by Mr. Kotowski to add an agenda item to increase as necessary and appropriate each grades capacity limits to allow students who were here last year and/or students of our WGEA teachers in accordance to our collective bargaining agreement, and to amend item 10G from 6/21/14 to 6/30/14.

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

Motion Carried

**2014-100**

A motion was made by Mr. Thoreson and seconded by Mrs. Dottore that the Board approve the agenda and addendum items.

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

Motion Carried

**Meeting Minutes**

**2014-101**

A motion was made by Mr. Thoreson and seconded by Mrs. Dottore to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2014 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

**Board Comments**

Mr. Thoreson discussed open enrollment and what the Board feels should happen to the displaced students. Mrs. Dottore handed out papers to the Board and made a presentation regarding Board policy and open enrollment in other districts as compared to West Geauga

Schools open enrollment numbers. Mr. Douglas commented that the Board needs to be presented to with more information to make decisions moving forward. Mr. Kotowski was concerned with the financial impact on the district with losing open enrollment students. He also feels open enrollment brings diversity to the district.

**Open Enrollment**

**2014-102**

A motion was made by Mr. Thoreson and seconded by Mr. Kotowski to increase as necessary and appropriate each grades capacity limits to allow students who were here last year and/or students of our WGEA teachers in accordance to our collective bargaining agreement.

Roll Call: Yes: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Kotowski, Dr. Phelps, and Mr. Thoreson

No: Mrs. Dottore

Motion Carried

**Remarks of the Public**

Megan Patrosky in Chesterland welcomed Mr. Douglas to the Board and Mr. Thoreson as the new Board President. She asked that the Board reflect on the important job they have as Board members, and to lead the district with respect to staff and the community. She thanked teachers and staff for their hard work and thanked the Board for their vote on open enrollment

Steven thanked the Board for the decision to bring back the open enrollment students.

Bill Beers in Chesterland has information on open enrollment that he can share with the Board.

Adrianna is happy for the students that are coming back. She asked how Mr. Nutter ended up at the district and stated that the Board is not on the same page.

Bridget Iammarino stated that she was confused with the correlation between the state standings and open enrollment numbers.

Michael Kilroy stated that making decisions going forward the Board needs to have more complete information. He said that the survey that was done was influencing and we need better, honest information.

Mr. Mandel from Russell said that he has bills for Mr. Podgurski that total around \$30,000.00 for attending meetings and preparing agendas.

Amy Rosenbaum, resident at Euclid City Schools, says that the district has become the center of many jokes and it's hard to support the community. The vote for open enrollment shows commitment to the children.

Carl on Pristine Dr. asked if open enrollment could be limited to only Geauga County. The Board stated that wasn't an option for open enrollment.

**Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations**

At this time, the treasurer presented the May 2014 financial statements.

**2014-103**

A motion was made by Mr. Thoreson and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the following:

May Checks

Statement of Purpose and Budget

300-958H High School Football Cheerleader +\$2500.00

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

Motion Carried

**Standing Committee Discussions**

Mrs. Dottore talked about the policy committee meeting with NEOLA.

**Superintendent's Recommendations**

**2014-104**

A motion was made by Mr. Thoreson and seconded by Mrs. Dottore to approve the following recommendations:

Personnel

2014-2015 Certified Contracts

2014-2015 Classified Contracts

Approval of Overnight Team Camp-Boys Soccer, Edinboro University

Approval of Middle School Parent/Student Handbook

Approve termination of contract with Madison Local School District for Interim Treasurer services, 6/30/14

Approve Interdistrict Service Agreement, 2014-2015 SY with Lake County Educational Service Center

Approve renewal of District Commercial Insurance Package

Approve contract of Transportation Supervisor

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

Motion Carried

**Announcement of Next Meeting**

**2014-105**

A motion was made by Mrs. Dottore and seconded by Mr. Thoreson to have a special meeting on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Middle School Community Room.

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


Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Dottore and seconded by Mr. Douglas that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM.

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

Motion Carried

 7-21-14  
Board President

  
Treasurer