

West Geauga Board of Education
Monday, June 30, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Middle School Community Room

Roll Call

Board President Mr. Thoreson called the meeting to order at 7:07 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

2014-106

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

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

Motion Carried

Analysis and Presentation of Legal Services

John Podgurski gave a presentation to the Board on legal services. He presented to the Board a legal fee analysis and discussed the history of legal fees. \$300,000.00 has been spent over the past 13 years. Peak years were 2012 and 2013. He defended fees associated with agenda issues in regard to formulation and agendas for executive session as a result of previous errors. He also talked about Board policy on legal fees and handed out a copy of minutes of a policy on legal fees. He also discussed his involvement in the Madison Plains case with the Board and defended that there were no problems and or evidence of him giving bad legal advice in this case. He also explained past decisions by the Board regarding Mr. Palmer, and the hiring of Mr. Nutter as Interim Superintendent and Mrs. Jones as Interim Treasurer. Mr. Nutter was number five on a list for recommended candidates for Superintendent. Only Board member to meet him prior to the meeting was Jackie Dottore. Mr. Podgurski lined up Mr. Nutter as he had lined up Dan Wilson. The loss of Mr. Palmer was rumored to be at \$150,000.00. Podgurski stated is not true. In fact, \$47,000.00 reductions were offered in a document prepared by Palmer's lawyer. Therefore, Mr. Nutter is free for 9 months as Mr. Podgurski figures. In Mr. Podgurski's years as legal council he knew of only a few instances of Superintendents using legal advice from the County Prosecutor. His suggestion was for the Superintendent to make that call going forward. Not aware of Board President making that call. Mr. Podgurski also explained what are considered appropriate emails and discussions between Board members.

Pending Litigation on Lawsuit

2014-107

A motion was made by Mr. Thoreson and seconded by Mrs. Dottore to authorize John Podgurski to offer \$3,000.00 to Whittle Consulting.

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

Motion Carried

Interim Treasurer Services

2014-108

A motion was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Thoreson to approve the agreement with Madison Local School District to provide Interim Treasurer services through July 31, 2014.

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

Treasurer's Recommendations

2014-109

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

Final appropriations for FY2014

Temporary appropriations for FY2015

Advances:

From	To	Amount
001 General Fund	006 Food Service	\$51,084.20
001 General Fund	506 Race to the Top	\$51.49
001 General Fund	516 IDEA VIB	\$6,505.93
001 General Fund	572 Title I	\$9,974.43

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

Superintendent Recommendations

2014-110

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

Personnel

Donations

Bus Purchase and Bus Replacement

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

Motion Carried

Announcement of Next Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

July 21, 2014, 7:00 pm

Middle School Community Room

8611 Cedar Rd

Chesterland, Oh 44026

Executive Session

2014-111

A motion was made by Mr. Thoreson and seconded by Mr. Douglas that the Board enter into executive session for the following:

Employment and compensation of a public employee ORC 121.22 (G)(1)

Employment of Treasurer

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

Motion Carried


Executive session adjourned at 9:20

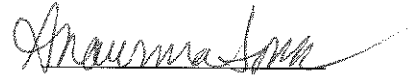
Open session reconvened at 9:20

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Dottore and seconded by Mr. Thoreson that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.

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


Board President


Treasurer