

**West Geauga Board of Education
Monday, March 17, 2014
Special Meeting
6:00 p.m.
West Geauga Middle School Community Room**

Roll Call

Board President Kilroy called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Dottore, Mr. Kilroy, Mr. Kotowski, and Dr. Phelps. Mr. Thoreson was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kilroy.

Remarks of the Public

A resident asked for more information on the second reading of policy 0124 and how to access minutes.

Approval of Agenda

2014-058

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

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

Motion carried

Standing Committee Discussions

Mr. Thoreson entered the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Personnel Committee – T. Phelps

Discussion of Treasurer Search with consideration to the possible hire of a search consultant.

2014-059

A motion was made by Mr. Kilroy and seconded by Mrs. Dottore to hire Finding Leaders as a Treasurer Search consultant.

Roll call: Yes: Mrs. Dottore, Mr. Kilroy, Dr. Phelps and Mr. Thoreson No: Mr. Kotowski

Motion carried

Policy Committee – J Dottore

Discussion and second reading of Bylaws 0131 and 0124:

0131 Legislative

The Board of Education shall make such administrative guidelines as are necessary for its government and the government of its employees, students of its schools, and all other persons entering upon its school grounds or premises by adopting bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of this Board and School District. (R.C. 3313.20)

Those bylaws and policies which are not dictated by the Statutes, or rules of the State Board of Education or ordered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or a court of competent authority may be adopted, amended ~~and~~ or repealed at any meeting of the Board, after three readings at regular or special meetings, by a majority vote of members present.

The second and/or third reading may be waived, and the adoption, amendment or repeal of Board policy may occur at any meeting, by a roll call vote of 4 yes votes to support such action.

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~~Board policies may be revised after the third reading of the proposed change, at three consecutive regularly scheduled or special meetings by a majority vote of members present. The second or third reading may be waived by a unanimous vote of members present at a regularly scheduled or special Board meeting.~~

The Board shall review and appraise existing policies on a continuing basis and make changes as necessary.

The operation of any section or sections of these policies not established by law may be temporarily suspended by a ~~unanimous vote of the Board~~ by a roll call vote of 4 yes votes to support such action, at a regular or special meeting duly convened. 3

The Board shall notify all employees whenever revisions, additions, amendments, and/or deletions are made.

0124 Communication

The Board President or designee will serve as the District's public spokesperson on all Board matters. The Board will relay a unified message to the community and staff on all critical matters. Although individual Board members may have a difference of opinion, all Board members are expected to ~~support~~ accept the final outcome of any Board decision.

Unless a Board member has been designated as spokesperson, Board members must, when writing or speaking on school matters to the media, legislators and other officials, make it clear that their views do not necessarily reflect the views of the Board or of their colleagues on the Board.

Written communication to the Board of Education will receive a response from the President on behalf of the Board. Copies will be kept on file and made available to Board members on request.

Individual Board members may make requests for existing reports or data from ~~the any administrator~~, Superintendent and Treasurer. All other staff members shall direct requests by individual Board members to ~~their administrator~~, the Superintendent or Treasurer. All Board members will be made aware of these requests and provided promptly with the requested data.

Any request for a new report must be **directed to the Board President** approved by the Superintendent or Treasurer or ~~majority of the Board~~. **All Board members will be made aware of these requests and provided promptly with a date of completion followed by the requested data.**

Discussion of 2013-2014 School Calendar and Calamity Days

At this time Mr. Palmer provided an overview of recently passed State legislation that provides for additional calamity days under certain situations.

Announcement of Next Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

March 31, 2014

Middle School Community Room

8611 Cedar Road

Chesterland, Ohio 44026

Executive Session

2014-060

A motion was made by Mr. Kilroy and was seconded by Mrs. Dottore to move into executive session to discuss compensation of a public employee O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1).

Time: 7:28 p.m.

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

Motion carried

Executive session adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Phelps and was seconded by Mr. Thoreson to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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

Motion carried

Board President

Treasurer