

**MINUTES OF THE CLEVELAND HEIGHTS-UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Special Meeting of March 15, 2016

The Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, held its Special meeting in the public meeting room of the Board Building at 2155 Miramar Boulevard, University Heights, Ohio, on March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Kal Zucker, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Mr. Kal Zucker, President
Mr. James Posch, Board Member
Mr. Eric Silverman, Board Member
Ms. Beverly Wright, Board Member

Also Present: Dr. Talisa L. Dixon, Superintendent
Mr. Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer
Members of the Central Office Staff
Patrons of the School District
Representatives of the News Media

Mr. Ron Register, Vice President, arrived at 7:10 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Resolution to Suspend Employee Without Pay

(In hands of Board Members only)

No. 16-03-041 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, that the above Personnel item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Posch, Mr. Silverman, Ms. Wright,
Mr. Zucker

Nays: None

WORK SESSION

Middle School Facilities

Steve Zannoni, Director – PMC, introduced members of the middle school facilities team. Curt Moody and Ann Hartman, both of Moody Nolan, updated the CH-UH Board members on the progress of the design process for the buildings. Ann Hartman shared feedback received from data gathered from the design charrette and visioning sessions they held earlier this year. The feedback allowed the architects to determine what was important to stakeholders and which features fit within the constraints of each site. Some initial design schemes did not include an auditorium. Feedback provided on these schemes showed certain stakeholders felt strongly that each building should have an auditorium. Also, a design scheme for Monticello saved the front façade of the building with all new construction behind it. However, after further review, this did not prove to be feasible and was cost prohibitive.

Moody Nolan based their configurations on 550 students enrolled in each building. This number is in line with the most recent enrollment projections from the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC). The complete report, which is still in draft form, from the OSFC is available on the District website. The report projects overall enrollment in the CH-UH District to drop by approximately 500 students in the next five years, including over 100 students at the middle school level. Board members expressed interest in designing for an enrollment slightly larger than 550.

Curt Moody presented a hybrid renovation scheme for each middle school site. These designs retained the core portion of each building, including the auditoriums, with new space constructed around the core.

An obstacle with the hybrid scheme, according to Moody Nolan, is connecting the floor elevations of the existing building to the new portion, which would require a number of ramps and/or wheelchair lifts in the hallways to meet ADA requirements.

Moody also presented a new-build option for both sites. The new option features the same schematic layout for both middle schools. The two buildings would be unique by the color and texture of the exterior brick. A Board member suggested that the front entrances could feature columns for Roxboro and arches for Monticello to pay homage to the existing structures.

The team from Moody Nolan will take the feedback they received from the Board and return to discuss the middle school facilities project at the next Board work session in April. Turner Construction will also be at the meeting to provide the Board with cost estimates for each of the design schemes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – Special Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 16-03-042

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Register, that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Posch, Mr. Register, Mr. Silverman,
Ms. Wright, Mr. Zucker

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Kal Zucker, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer