

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

**Special Meeting of May 10, 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 May 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kal Zucker, President, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Present at Roll Call:** Mr. Kal Zucker, President  
Mr. Ron Register, Vice President  
Mr. James Posch, Board Member  
Mr. Eric Silverman, 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

Ms. Beverly Wright, Board Member, arrived at 6:00 p.m.

**WORK SESSION**

**ELA Book Adoption**

Karen Heinsbergen, Program Specialist for Literacy, led the Board through the first reading of the English Language Arts (ELA) K-12 book programs recommended for adoption.

**Educational Services – Middle School Programming**

Assistant Superintendent Felisha Gould and her Educational Services team presented to the Board of Education about the District's middle school program offerings and scheduling. Educational Services team members conducted extensive research on the impact of school configurations and how they contribute to our students' success (see official minutes). The recommendation of the team is to move forward with the 6-8 model, the model that the District currently uses, as it seems to most align with our Strategic and Master Facilities Plan.

**MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was recommended that the Board move into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) to meet with Board Legal Counsel to discuss disputes involving the Board and/or the School District that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

**No. 16-05-072** It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Register, that the Board move into Executive Session.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

**Present at Executive Session:** Mr. Kal Zucker, President  
Mr. Ron Register, Vice President  
Mr. James Posch, Board Member  
Mr. Eric Silverman, Board Member  
Ms. Beverly Wright, Board Member  
Dr. Talisa L. Dixon, Superintendent  
Mr. A. Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Scott Wortman, Coordinator of Communications  
Mr. Brad Callendar, Director of Career/Technical/Partnerships  
Atty. Steve Friedman, Squire Patton Boggs

The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:13 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 9:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 – Special Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

**No. 16-05-073**

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, 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 9:02 p.m.

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Kal Zucker, President

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Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer