

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

Regular Meeting of May 3, 2016

The Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, held its Regular meeting at Heights High School (Wiley Campus), 2181 Miramar Boulevard, University Heights, Ohio, on May 3, 2016.

Mr. Kal Zucker, Board 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
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

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. 16-05-059 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, 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 5:36 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 6:50 p.m. The Board reconvened in public session at 7:10 p.m.

Preceding the public session, the Board held a Tenure Reception at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the following minutes:

- Special Meeting of March 15, 2016
- Regular Meeting of April 5, 2016
- Special Meeting of April 19, 2016

No. 16-05-060 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Register, that the above Minutes be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Special Olympics Athletes and Coaches

Superintendent Dr. Talisa Dixon recognized athletes and coaches preparing for the Special Olympics on Saturday, May 7, 2016. This is the second year that the District will participate in the Special Olympics.

Coach Dan Russell and the Bocce Team will compete at the Italian American Club in Wickliffe, and the Track & Field team led by Coach Casey Graham will compete at Bedford High School. Amy Kerr-Young, Parent Mentor for Reaching Heights, spoke on behalf of the Exceptional Children Advocacy Group (ECAG). Dr. Jeff Johnston, Director of Student Services presented the athletes with a certificate: **Grayson Boyles, J'Mear Collins, Daniel Hunter, Jayson Mosley, Naomigrace Ngolo and Micah Williams.**

CTE Student of the Month

Tyrin Smith, Automotive Technology Program, was recognized as the CTE Student of the Month for May. Unable to attend the meeting due to working at his internship at Tim Lally Chevrolet, Auto Tech Instructor Jeff Porter accepted the award on Tyrin's behalf. Mr. Porter said that Tyrin is one of the top-performing, dedicated students in the program and has already completed a number of professional certifications including Automotive Service Excellence (A.S.E.)/National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

CTE Program of the Month

The Board recognized the National Technical Honors Society (NTHS) as CTE Program of the Month. Pharmacy Technician instructor Anna Kiss spoke about the NTHS. NTHS honors achievements of the top CTE students, provides scholarship opportunities, encourages the pursuit of further education, and cultivates excellence in today's highly competitive skilled workforce. Twenty-seven students from Heights will be inducted into NTHS this year. The induction ceremony will be held on May 11th in the High School auditorium at 1:00 p.m.

Tenured Teacher Certificate Presentation

A total of 13 CH-UH teachers and certified staff were granted tenure, or continuing contract, this year. Paul Lombardo, Director of Human Resources, recognized the following faculty members:

- Kennethian Brown, Cleveland Heights High School
- Heather Calvert, Monticello Middle School
- Mark Dougherty, Roxboro Middle School
- Jessica Fisher, Fairfax Elementary
- Rebecca McDonald, Cleveland Heights High School
- Reza Mohasses, Cleveland Heights High School
- Karla Morson, Boulevard Elementary
- Carrie Reilly, Cleveland Heights High School
- Ronna Schuler, Cleveland Heights High School
- Amanda Sell, Roxboro Middle School
- Amy Sisto, Districtwide
- Andrew Suttell, Monticello Middle School
- Brian Tufts, Cleveland Heights High School

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Statements from the Audience

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Steve Warner	Oxford Garden
Deonte Reed	Oxford Garden
Tevonte Ammons	Oxford Garden
Alisa Bray	Oxford Garden
Tom Gibson	Oxford Garden/OES
Allen Wilkinson	Experiential ED/Oxford

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Talisa Dixon outlined progress made on the Strategic Plan, specifically updates for Goal 5 – Operational Resources (Finance, Technology and Facilities). Dr. Dixon discussed the Green Apple Project, which will help the District's sustainability efforts. New Chromebooks (475) have been deployed to the elementary schools, while a number of teachers and administrators are piloting various computers to help select a new staff device for 2017 to help improve connectivity.

Superintendent Dixon also announced that of the fifty-two staff members whose positions were cut as part of our reduction-in-force, fourteen have already been recalled. Six of those fourteen work at Bellefaire JCB.

Approval of Field Trip

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the following field trip:

- Roxboro Middle School 8th Grade Students Field Trip to Williamsburg, VA and Washington, DC, scheduled for November 9-11, 2016

No. 16-05-061

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Register, that the above Field Trip be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Approval of Retirement

It was recommended that the resignation of the following named personnel be accepted, effective on the date indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Classified Staff</u> Durant, Karen	Language Aide/ Before School	8/30/2016
Eddy-Walker, Areda	Conf. Admin. Asst.-Supt.	6/1/2016

Approval of Resignation

It was recommended that the resignation of the following named personnel be accepted, effective on the date indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Classified Staff</u> Carter, Helen	Food Service- Assistant Cook	4/12/2016
Carson, Odessa	Lunchroom Aide	4/25/2016
Durham, Karen	Substitute Nurse	4/4/2016
Jones, Kawana	Lunchroom Aide	2/5/2016
Smith, Diondrea	Lunchroom Aide	4/18/2016

Approval of Appointments

It was recommended that the Board of Education offer employment pursuant to ORC Section 3319.02 to the following individuals, for the positions listed, for the period of time identified, and at the rate of pay specified. It was recommended that the following appointments to the staff of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools be approved, pending successful completion of the pre-employment procedures including criminal history checks, effective on the dates indicated, with limited contracts and with the understanding that such personnel are subject to all the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and to all of the provisions of law pertaining to their employment.

If the pre-employment procedures are not successfully completed, it was understood that, pursuant to Board policy, the Board of Education may immediately release the employee from employment and rescind a conditional offer of employment.

Key: N=New R=Replacement T=Transfer

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>Certificated/Licensed Staff</u>		
Chapman, Laurel Effective: 8/18/2016 Assignment: Board of Education	Prog Spec Instructional Support .4 FTE-R	\$33,341 Step 11 MA+10
<u>Classified Staff</u>		
Agee, Kevin Effective: 4/7/2016 Assignment: Board of Education	Substitute Bus Driver-R	\$15.00/hour
Jones- McCray, Janet Effective: 4/25/2016 Assignment: District 90-Day Probation Ends: 11/3/2016	School Bus Driver-R 4.0 Hours/Day; 200 Days/Year	\$16.07/Hour Step 1 DRIV
Levy Jr., Robert Effective: 7/1/2016 Assignment: District 90-Day Probation Ends: 12/23/2016	School Bus Driver-R 4.0 Hours/Day; 200 Days/Year	\$16.07/Hour Step 1 DRIV
Mathew, Daisy Effective: 4/26/2016 Assignment: District 90-Day Probation Ends: 11/4/2016	School Bus Driver-R 4.0 Hours/Day; 200 Days/Year	\$16.07/Hour Step 1 DRIV
Pace, Dorian Effective: 4/26/2016 Assignment: District 90-Day Probation Ends: 11/4/2016	School Bus Driver-R 4.0 Hours/Day; 200 Days/Year	\$16.07/Hour Step 1 DRIV
Phoenix, Regina Effective: 4/26/2016 Assignment: District 90-Day Probation Ends: 11/4/2016	School Bus Aide-R 4.5 Hours/Day; 200 Days/Year	\$13.11/Hour Step 1 ASST
Pittman, Chaquella Effective 5/4/2016 Assignment: Board of Education	Substitute Bus Driver-R	\$15.00/Hour
Stanford, Tracy Effective: 4/22/2016 Assignment: District 90-Day Probation Ends: 11/3/2016	School Bus Driver-R 4.0 Hours/Day; 200 Days/Year	\$16.07/Hour Step 1 DRIV

Supplemental Assignments-Coaches 2015-2016

Gehring, Henry	Boys/Girls AC Track -Rox Middle	\$2,034
McDonald, Kevin	Boys AC Lacrosse-CHHS	\$3,390
Sanders, Michael	Boys AC Track-CHHS	\$3,390

Summer School Administrative Staff

Bradley, Ann	MS/HS Principal (.5 FTE)	\$3037.50
Hicks, Katrina	Elementary Principal	\$6,075
James, Quatrice	MS/HS Principal (.5 FTE)	\$3,037.50

Summer School Teaching Staff - \$42.00/Hour

Radke, Lia	MS-ELA/Social Studies
Stephens, Marian	MS-ELA/Social Studies
Williams, Patrick	MS-ELA/Social Studies
Cocitto, Ashley	MS-Science
Jeske, Jason	MS-Science
Russell, Marquiza	MS-Science
Jackson, Takisha	MS-Math
Luton, Joshua	MS-Math
Munn, Brett	MS-Math
Mixon, Tiffany	MS-Intervention Specialist
Vance, Keith	MS-Intervention Specialist
Murray, Micheal	MS-Guidance Counselor
Coffey, Liz	HS-Math
Cusick, Sarah	HS-Algebra 1
Jordan-Shaw, Tiffany	HS-Geometry
McDonald, Rebecca	HS-Algebra 2
Nachman, Gregory	HS-Math
Askew, Lorna	HS-English
Lambright, Bridget	HS-English
Thompson, Denise	HS-English
Coffey, Lorna	HS-Science
Tracy, Zachary	HS-Science
Hons, Justin	HS-History
Zidlicky, James	HS-History
Jones, Michael	HS-PE/Health
Siegel, Christina	HS-PE/Health
Hansen, Karen	HS-Intervention Specialist
Kravitz, James	HS-Intervention Specialist
Cooper, Kristie	HS-Guidance Counselor
Durrah, Sharae	HS-OGT Social Studies
Searcy, Charlene	HS-OGT Testing Coordinator
Strouth, Melissa	HS-OGT Math

Monitors:

Middle & High School June 20th - July 22nd 7:15am-1:00pm

Jones-Doughlas, Cynthia

Johnson, Mark

Richardson, Deborah

Stokes, Randolph

OGT Prep & Testing June 13th-June 17th 7:30am-12:30pm

Gravitt, Valerie

Warren, Roberta

Books a Go-Go: June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 5:30pm-8:00pm

Ali, Asil	Noble Elementary
Anderson, Kimberly	Fairfax Elementary
Gravitt, Valerie	Roxboro Elementary
Johnson, Mark	Oxford Elementary
Lightfoot, Nathaniel	Boulevard Elementary
Scales, Lakisha	Gearity Elementary
Warren, Roberta	Canterbury Elementary

Approval of Change of Status

It was recommended that the following change be made in the contract status of the following personnel:

Name:

Administrative Staff

Womack, Sandy

Effective: 7/1/2016

From:

Director of Curriculum &
Instruction

To:

Dir. of Principal Leadership
& Development

Certificated/Licensed Staff

Melika, Karla

Effective: 8/18/2016

Assignment: CHHS

Intervention Specialist

1.0 FTE

Intervention Specialist-
Job Share
0.5 FTE

Pollock, Cara

Effective: 8/18/2016

Assignment: CHHS

Intervention Specialist

1.0 FTE

Intervention Specialist-
Job Share
0.5 FTE

Classified Staff

Ambroz, Heidi

Effective: 3/24/2016

Assignment:

Nurse Aide
\$15.19; Step 5 NDEG
Heights High School
6.75 Hours/Day; 195 Days/Year

Nurse Aide.
\$15.19; Step 5 NDEG
Boulevard Elem School
6.5 Hours/Day; 195 Days/Year

Bricker, Cathan Effective: 7/1/2016 Assignment: 45-Day Probation Ends: 9/2/2016	Admin. Asst.- Communication \$39,136.5/Year; Step 1 ADMA Board of Education 7.5 Hours/Day; 260 Days/Year	Conf. Admin. Asst.-Comm. \$43,050.15/Year; Step 1 CONF Board of Education 7.5 Hours/Day; 260 Days/Year
Bozeman, Briana Assignment: Roxboro Middle School Effective:11/9/2015 Probation Ended: 4/7/2016	Probation	Connect Paraprofessional \$13.99/Hour 3.25 Hours/Day Step 1 NDEG
Clark, Lunetta Effective: 7/1/2016 Assignment: 45-Day Probation Ends: 9/2/2016 * includes longevity	Admin. Asst.- Business Services \$45,483*/Year; Step 6 ADMA Board of Education 7.5 Hours/Day; 260 Days/Year	Conf. Admin. Asst.-Bus. Svcs \$47,468*/Year; Step 4 CONF Board of Education 7.5 Hours/Day; 260 Days/Year
Copeland, Gregory Effective: 4/8/2016 Assignment: Probation Ended: 4/7/2016	Probation \$20.77/Hour, Step 2 STOR	Storekeeper \$22.78/Hour, Year 8 STOR Delisle Options Center 8.0 Hours/Day; 260 Days/Year
Franklin, Jason Effective: 4/20/2016 Assignment: Probation Ended: 4/19/2016	Probation \$21.31/Hour, Step 4 EQOP	Equipment Operator \$21.77/Hour, Year 8 EQOP District 8.0 Hours/Day; 260 Days/Year
Gatta, Vivian Effective: 7/1/2016 Assignment: 45-Day Probation Ends: 9/2/2016	General Office- Attend. \$21, 213.40/Year, Step 4 GENO Rox. El/ Board of Education 6.50 Hours/Day; 205 Days Year	Staff Assistant \$33,091.50/ Year/Step 1 STFA Board of Education 7.5 Hours/Day; 260 Days/Year
Gibson, Sheila Effective: 2/3/2016 Assignment: Canterbury Elementary School Probation Ended: 4/13/2016	Probation	After School- Lead \$14.13/Hour, Step 2 LEAD 3.25 Hours/Day;195 Days/Year
Hall, Tina Effective: 7/1/2016 Assignment: 45-Day Probation Ends: 9/2/2016 * includes longevity	Admin. Asst. \$44,341.25*/Year;Step 11 ADMA Heights High School 7.5 Hours/Day; 225 Days/Year	Administrative Assistant-Data \$51,161*/Year;Step 11 ADMA Board of Education 7.5 Hours/Day; 260 Days/Year
Powell, Petgay Effective: 3/24/2016 Assignment:	Nurse Aide \$14.20; Step 2 NDEG Boulevard Elementary School 7.0 Hours/Day; 195Days/Year	Nurse Aide. \$14.20; Step 2 NDEG Gearity Elementary School 7.0 Hours/Day; 195 Days/Year

Supplemental Assignments-Coaches 2015-2016

<u>Name</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Newton, Willie	Boys/Girls AC Track-Rox Middle \$2,034	AC Boys Track-CHHS \$3,390

Approval of Personnel to be Granted Continuing Contract

It was recommended that the following certificated/licensed personnel with limited contracts be granted Tenure effective for the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Position</u>
Calvert, Heather	Monticello	ELA-Grade 8
Fisher, Jessica	Fairfax	Third Grade Teacher
Sisto, Amy	Canterbury	Music-Instrumental

Approval to Rescind Approval of Continuing Contract

It was recommended that Tenure granted to the following certificated/licensed personnel be rescinded for the 2016-2017 school year based on contract language in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3319.22:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Position</u>
Buckner, Patricia	Noble	Guidance Counselor
Cecconi, Michelle	Rox Middle	School Psychologist

Approval of Suspension of Contract due to Reduction in Force

It is recommended that the contracts for the following named personnel be suspended for the 2016-2017 school year as a result of reduction-in-force (RIF) due to a lack of student enrollment and subsequent cancellation of course in area of certification of licensure:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Zenisek, Hong	Chinese Teacher (reduced to .6 FTE)

Approval of Change of Status due to Reduction in Force

Due to the re-organization of classified staff at the Board of Education and Heights High School and the results of the RIF Bumping procedure as outlined in the OAPSE Local #102 negotiated agreement, it was recommended that the change of status of the following personnel be accepted, effective July 1, 2016:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
<u>Classified Staff</u>		
Brainard, Deborah Effective: 7/1/2016 Assignment: 1	General Office 7.5 Hours/Day; 260 Days Year Board of Education	General Office- Attend. 3.75 Hours/Day; 205 Days/Year Roxboro Elementary School
Effective: 7/1/2016 Assignment: 2		2.75 Hours/Day; 205 Days/Year Board of Education
Irving, Tabitha Effective: 7/1/2016 Assignment:	Food Service-Assistant Cook 4.5 Hours/Day; 195 Days Year Heights High School	Food Service-Assistant Cook 3.5 Hours/Day; 195 Days/Year Heights High School
Strong, Carol Effective: 7/1/2016 Assignment:	Food Service-Assistant Cook 3.5 Hours/Day; 195 Days Year Heights High School	Food Service-Assistant Cook 3.0 Hours/Day; 195 Days/Year Fairfax Elementary School

Approval of Administrators/Professional Staff

It was recommended that the following administrative/professional staff contracts be adopted, effective August 1, 2016:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Days</u>
<u>Certificated Administrative Staff</u>			
Byrd, Allison	Director of Research, Data & Assessment	2-Year	260
Fullerman, John	Assistant Principal	2-Year	220
Hanna, Erin	Coordinator of Student Services	2-Year	220
Hicks, Katrina	Elementary Principal	2-Year	220
Lombardo, Paul	Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations	2-Year	260
Moore, Deborah	Middle School Principal	1-Year	220
McNichols, Patrick	Middle School Principal	2-Year	220
Pronty, Brigitte	Elementary Principal	2-Year	220
<u>Classified Administrative Staff</u>			
Hollins, Dwight	Supervisor of Athletics	1-Year	260
Petkac, George	Director of Business & Operations	1-Year	260
<u>Professional Staff</u>			
Gilmore, Elizabeth	I.T. Application Specialist	2-Year	260

Approval of Staff Re-appointments Effective 2016-2017

It was recommended that the appointments of non-administrative personnel presently under contract, with the exception of those non-renewed at the end of the 2015-2016 school year, be approved at current Board authorized salary rates for the 2016-2017 school year.

Approval of Re-appointment of Certificated/Licensed Staff:

It was recommended that the following certificated/licensed personnel who were suspended as a result of reduction-in-force (RIF) be reappointed for the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Chen, Ya-Hua	Chinese Teacher (1.0 FTE)
Dawson, Donald	Intervention Specialist
Ellis, Melanie	Intervention Specialist
Faletic, Karin	Intervention Specialist
Johnson, O’Dasha	Science Teacher
Jurns, David	English Teacher
Kravitz, James	Intervention Specialist
Murphy, Meghan	Spanish Teacher
Skehan, Laura	Art Teacher
Stephens, Marquesa	Security Monitor
Stoicoiu, Melinda	Guidance Counselor
Thomas, Sherice	Intervention Specialist

Resolution to Abolish Administrative Positions and Suspending Contracts

(In hands of Board Members only)

Approval of Name Change

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Pollard, Charity	Starks, Charity

Approval of Leave of Absence

<u>Name:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Adamson, Jennifer	Childcare Leave
Effective: 4/26/2016 - 6/10/2016	
Banks, Tiana	Unpaid Medical Leave
Effective: 5/1/2016 - 6/10/2016	
Banks, Tiana	Childcare Leave
Effective: 8/18/2016 - 11/1/2016	

Battle, Thomas
Effective: 4/1/2015

Disability Retirement

Lauer, Michael
Effective: 1/1/2016

Disability Retirement

Thomas, Minnie
Effective: 3/10/2016-5/3/2016

Unpaid Medical Leave

No. 16-05-062

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, that the above Personnel items be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

BUSINESS SERVICES

Recommendation to Approve Change Orders for Cleveland Heights High School

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the following change order for Cleveland Heights High School (see official minutes):

Change Order No. 35 with a total value of \$280,470.00

No. 16-05-063

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, that the above Business item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the following change order for Cleveland Heights High School (see official minutes):

Change Order No. 36 with a total value of \$84,492.00

No. 16-05-064 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, that the above Business item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the following change order for Cleveland Heights High School (see official minutes):

Change Order No. 37 with a total value of \$244,414.00

No. 16-05-065 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, that the above Business item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the following change order for Cleveland Heights High School (see official minutes):

Change Order No. 38 with a total value of \$251,874.00

No. 16-05-066 It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, that the above Business item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the following change order for Cleveland Heights High School (see official minutes):

Change Order No. 39 with a total value of \$20,888.00

No. 16-05-067

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Mr. Register, that the above Business item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Steve Zannoni, Director-PMC, explained the change orders.

Recommendation to Approve the Lease Agreement between the Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District and ARTFUL OHIO Inc.

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the lease agreement between the Board of Education of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District and ARTFUL OHIO Inc. (see official minutes).

No. 16-05-068

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, that the above Business Services item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Recommendation to Accept Donations

It was recommended that the Board of Education accept the following donations:

- \$163.19 to Boulevard Elementary School by Target Take Charge of Education
- \$500.00 to Heights High School Scholarship Fund by Medical Mutual
- \$1,000.00 to Heights High School Cosmetology Club by Donna Pollard
- \$367.00 to Heights High School Robotics Club by Kara O'Donnell
- \$159.50 to Tri-M Music Honor Society by various patrons from benefit recital
- \$313.81 to Noble Elementary School by Target Take Charge of Education
- \$212.23 to Noble Elementary School by Target Take Charge of Education
- \$250.00 to Jason D. West Memorial Scholarship Fund by:
 - Jack Valancy and Blanche B. Valancy of Cleveland Heights
- \$1,500.00 to Heights High School Scholarship Fund by Parker Hannifin Corporation

No. 16-05-069

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, that the above Donations be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

FINANCE

Financial Reports

It was recommended that the Board of Education confirm the Summary of Cash Balances by Fund for the month ending March 31, 2016 (see official minutes).

No. 16-05-070

It was moved by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Wright, that the above Finance item be approved.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: None

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Kal Zucker acknowledged the broad range of topics that are brought before the Board at each meeting. He stressed that the Board understands the implications of the decisions that are made, particularly when it comes to personnel. A tremendous amount of thought and care on behalf of each Board member goes into every difficult decision that must be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Vice President Ron Register shared information with the Board regarding state funding transferred to community, private and parochial schools through the EdChoice Scholarship Program and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarships. Mr. Register said he has conducted some research around this issue and hopes Board members will build their knowledge base around this issue as well and be prepared to advocate its position on this costly loss of public funds. Through the DeRolph vs. State decisions, the District also agrees that the state should bear a larger share of funding schools, not less. To date, fifty districts, including a handful in Cuyahoga County, have passed resolutions to invoice the state for funds lost to community schools. In our case, Mr. Register said, \$14.6 million over the last five years has been transferred to community schools. He proposes that we invoice the state this amount as a way to protest this practice and to raise public awareness. He also recommended that the Board learn more about the scholarship programs to fund private education that take additional funds away from our District. Last year alone, we lost about \$2.8 million to these programs, and this amount seems to be growing annually.

Board Vice President Register believes that he should represent the District in future conversations and meetings with other boards of education on school funding and other related issues. Mr. Register and CFO Scott Gainer plan to draft a resolution to invoice the state for lost funds that they will present to the Board at the June meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

OSBA Institute

Board Member Beverly Wright attended the OSBA Board Leadership Institute on April 29-30, 2016 in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Wright said she learned a lot from the workshops she attended and appreciated the opportunity to participate.

Facilities Accountability Committee

Board Member Jim Posch reported that FAC will be the topic of an upcoming Board work session. Mr. Posch and Board Member Eric Silverman will meet with some of the Committee members and report to the Board.

Board Member Eric Silverman announced that Oxford Elementary is having its Oxford Carnival Day fundraiser on Saturday, May 14, 2016.

City of Cleveland Heights Master Plan Committee

Board Member Eric Silverman reported that the committee is moving forward with its master plan.

Alumni Foundation

Board Member Eric Silverman announced the Annual Pancake Breakfast was a success.

The Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 28th. Biographies of the inductees will be available on the District website.

The next Heights Gear sale will be May 21st at the former Coventry Elementary building.

Reaching Heights

Board President Kal Zucker thanked everyone that participated and attended the Annual Community Spelling Bee held on Wednesday, April 20th. The Fairfax Spellers were the big winners.

Superintendent Dixon announced that the District will be included in discussions with the City of Cleveland Heights' Master Planning Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Vice President Ron Register announced that the Friends of the Heights Library will hold its used book sale on Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8, with a preview day for members on Thursday, May 5th. Principals and teachers are encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 – Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2016 – Special Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

No. 16-05-071 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 9:07 p.m.

Kal Zucker, President

Scott Gainer, Chief Financial Officer