

# James A. Garfield Local School District Regular Meeting- February 12, 2009

**Opening** The James A. Garfield Board of Education met in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting. Board Member for the Day, Eric Jackson, assisted by President Guy Pietra, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Board Member for the Day, Eric Jackson & President Guy Pietra led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Guy Pietra, Gary Foy, David Vincent, Deral White and Eric Jackson, Board Member for the Day. Patricia Brett was not present.

President Pietra asked the assembly to observe a moment of silence to remember Garfield graduates who are serving or have served in our armed forces.

Also present were staff members, students, community members, Superintendent and Treasurer

**09-13** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by D. White to accept and approve the Board Meeting Agenda for February 12, 2009 and Addendum, as corrected.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

President Guy V. Pietra gave the President's report.

**09-14** Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by G. Foy to declare Eric Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, "Board Member for the Day" for his interest in making schools better.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Board Member for the Day Eric Jackson addressed the meeting.

Patricia Brett was not present for the Maplewood report.

David Vincent gave the legislative report.

Tracy Knauer gave the Treasurer's report.

Charles Klamer gave the Superintendent's report

## Visitor Recognition and Public Comments

Patricia Singelyn, Garfield Elementary teacher and GEA President, discussed the Governor's education plan and the publication of Renee Ruley's (Garfield Elementary teacher) first book.

## Educational Excellence

**09-15** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by D. White to recognize the following educational excellence; consolidated with addendum item

- Recognize those students receiving all A's for the second grading period:

**11<sup>th</sup> MCC Stuart Dunn, Kayla McCullough**

**12<sup>th</sup> MCC Jordan Cain**

**7<sup>th</sup> T.J. Learn, Andrew Lininger, Whitney Miller, Nathan Pratt, Paul Rhoads, Cooper Roubic, Kurt Selesky, Laura Wilburn**

**8<sup>th</sup> Quinn Coleman, Tyler Cover, Kaleigh Gilmer, Briana Miller, Emily Rybak, Timothy Schwan, Brittany Sisson, Jackie Tabor, Shiloh Van Oss**

**9<sup>th</sup> Lisa DeRue, Molly Everett, Dylan Frank, Katelynn Kaiser, Porter Lyons, Kelli Mulhern, Jessie O'Bryan, Bethaney Pope, Darian Roberts**

**10<sup>th</sup> Alicia Dye Lopez, Zachary Fiest, Mitchell Hadzinsky, Joshua Lawrence, Kendall Morrison**

**11<sup>th</sup> Erica Marshall, Scott Smith, Nathan Steiner**

12<sup>th</sup> **Lindsay Boyle, Alethea Brown, Brandon Davis, Nathan Hadzinsky, Travis Macek, Ashley Mullins, Jonathon Sitosky, Kreg Smith, Tanner Van Oss, Christine Wilthew**

- Recognize Coach Mark Apple; Middle School Head Football Coach for his service and dedication to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys. Mark has been nominated for the *USA Weekend* magazine's Youth Coach of the Year Award.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### **Treasurer's Recommendations**

**09-16** Moved by G. Foy, seconded by D. Vincent to consolidate and approve the following recommendations, **A-E**

- A.** Approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 8, 2009 and special meeting of January 24, 2009 as submitted.
- B.** Approve the financial reports for January 2009.
- C.** Accept donations:
  - All Sports Boosters to Dance Team \$45.00
  - Wendy Musgrove/ Class of 2011 \$23.00
  - G-Men Foundation/Football \$900.00
  - Darren Perusek/ Track \$500.00
  - PTO/ Elementary VCR Tapes \$88.75
- D.** Approve student activity budget revision request for Sophomore Class; increase revenue by \$1600 for various fundraisers; increase expenditures by \$150 for fundraiser expenses.

**E.** Approve Certificate of Availability:

<u>PO Number</u>	<u>PO Date</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
38054	10/1/2008	9/26/2008	Award Fundraising/Camp Fitch	\$8200.00

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-17** Moved by D. White, second by G. Foy to accept amounts and tax rates as follows:

WHEREAS, this Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Portage County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the county auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the James A. Garfield Local School District, Portage County, Ohio that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said school district the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-18** Moved by G. Foy, seconded by D. White to approve an Internet Service Agreement with SPARCC for 2009/10 for a total annual cost of \$42,672.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-19** Moved by G. Foy, seconded by D. Vincent to approve a contract with Savvy Software for 2009 at a cost of \$398; \$248 annual fee plus \$150 for upgrade installation.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White  
 Nays: None  
 Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-20** Moved by G. Foy, seconded by D. Vincent to approve certificate of estimate resources and revised appropriations for 2008/2009 as follows:

	INITIAL	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	CERTIFICATION
FUND CLASSIFICATION	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDMENT	TO
FUND NAME	CERTIFICATION	REQUESTS	REQUEST	DATE
General Fund	13,630,334.83	321,284.00		13,951,618.83
		-		-
Special Revenue		-		
007 Special Trust	1,821.96	-	1,419.00	3,240.96
016 Emergency Levy	926,650.00	-		926,650.00
018 Public Support	107,091.98	32,385.00		139,476.98
031 Underground Storage	11,000.00	-		11,000.00
300 District Managed Act	120,067.78	36,892.00		156,959.78
432 Management Info System	5,400.00	-		5,400.00
440 Entry Year Programs	4,000.00	-		4,000.00
451 Network Connectivity	12,000.00	-		12,000.00
452 School Net Prof. Devel.	2,700.00	(270.00)		2,430.00
499 Misc. State Grants	15,501.04	(11,579.78)		3,921.26
516 Title VI-B	382,000.92	(75,748.65)		306,252.27
572 Title I-TA	123,237.60	45,977.01		169,214.61
573 Title V Innov.	2,424.00	241.22		2,665.22
584 Title VI SDFSC	4,425.00	(795.65)		3,629.35
587 Preschool	7,500.00	-		7,500.00
590 Title II-A	82,670.31	(1,319.71)		81,350.60
599 Title II-D / Misc. Federal	1,280.24	416.67		1,696.91
		-		
Debt Service		-		
002 Bond Retirement-Building	714,932.23	-		714,932.23
		-		
Capital Projects		-		
		-		
Enterprise		-		
006 Lunchroom	523,282.28	4,050.00		527,332.28
009 Uniform Supplies	35,610.63	1,500.00		37,110.63
		-		
Fiduciary		-		
022 District Agency	91,498.56	19,150.00		110,648.56
200 Student Activities	98,898.29			130,377.29

		26,051.00	5,428.00	
		-		-
Agency		-		-
007 Private Purpose Fund	14,999.14	210.56		15,209.70
	16,919,326.79	398,443.67	6,847.00	17,324,617.46

FUND CLASSIFICATION	PERMANENT APPROPRIATION
FUND NAME	REQUEST
General Fund	11,799,322.30
Special Revenue	
007 Special Trust	1,500.00
016 Emergency Levy	926,650.00
018 Public Support	105,183.00
031 Underground Storage	-
300 District Managed Act	137,038.00
432 Management Info System	5,300.00
440 Entry Year Programs	1,500.00
451 Network Connectivity	12,000.00
452 School Net Prof. Devel.	2,430.00
499 Misc. State Grants	3,921.26
516 Title VI-B	306,252.27
572 Title I-TA	169,214.61
573 Title V Innov.	2,665.22
584 Title VI SDFSC	3,629.35
587 Preschool	7,500.00
590 Title II-A	81,350.60
599 Title II-D / Misc. Federal	1,696.91
Debt Service	
002 Bond Retirement-Building	480,368.75
Capital Projects	
Enterprise	
006 Lunchroom	527,312.00
009 Uniform Supplies	22,133.00
Fiduciary	
022 District Agency	94,000.00
200 Student Activities	113,277.41
Agency	
007 Private Purpose Fund	9,150.00
	14,813,394.68

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-21** Moved by D. White, seconded by G. Foy to consolidate and approve treasurer's recommendations: **A-B**

- A.** Accept a donation of 360 board feet of lumber to the H.S. Industrial Arts program by Mr. John Hecky, valued at \$1,620.00.
- B.** Approve student activity budget revision request for Pep Club; increase revenue by \$1,031 for various fundraisers; increase expenditures by \$1,724 for pep club t-shirts and tailgates.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### **Superintendent's Recommendations**

**09-22** Moved by G. Foy, seconded by D. Vincent to consolidate and approve the following superintendent's recommendations: **A-H**

- A.** Approve an overnight field trip (retroactively) to Columbus for the United Nations Debate, January 23-25, 2009.

**B.** Grant supplemental/personal service contracts for 2008/09:

Taylor Butler – H.S. Assistant Softball Coach (Step 1 - \$2,505.84)

Jessica Crookham – M.S. Assistant Track Coach (~~Step 2 – \$1,566.15~~) (Step 4- \$1,628.80)

Lisa Naftzger – Math Tournament Co-Advisor, split with Kristina Cupples (Step 1 - \$469.85)

**C.** Hire Ryan Lohr and Rob Emens as substitute custodians for 2008/09.

**D.** Hire Greg McDivitt (junior), Robert Emens and Ayanda Mutere as substitute teachers for 2008/09.

**E.** Accept the resignation of special services secretary Tandi Knepper, effective February 28, 2009.

**F.** Hire Lorette Dempsey as a home tutor for 2008/09.

**G.** Agree to participate in the Portage County Health Department/Kent State University study to measure the BFI (body fat index) of students, non-identifiable.

**H.** Approve the H.S. Curriculum Guide for 2009/10.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-23** Moved by D. Vincent, second by G. Foy to consolidate and approve superintendent's recommendations: **A-D**

**A.** Hire Chris Cook as a substitute teacher for the 2008/09 year.

**B.** Hire Tandi Knepper as a substitute secretary/clerk/aide for the 2008/09 year, effective March 1, 2009.

**C.** Approve volunteer track coaches for High School and Middle School: Sean Cozad, Bonnie Payne, Kyle Phelps, Ray Bohn and Matt Phleger.

**D.** Hire Bethany Maresh as a home tutor for the 2008/09 year.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-24** Moved by D. White, seconded by D. Vincent to approve contracting with Olsavsky Jaminet Architects, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the ADA improvements to the Intermediate school at a cost of \$5,712 (scope of work specified in their bid) plus reimbursable expenses, i.e. printing and plan approval fees.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by D. White to enter executive session to consider the following in regard to public employees: discipline/investigation; the Board recessed at 7:45 to travel to the Board office for the executive session.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Invited into executive session were Attorney Leigh Herington, Superintendent, Treasurer, Keri Dornack, Ronnie Blatt, Ron Stone, and Dreama Adkins.

The Board entered Executive session at 7:51 p.m. and exited at 9:24 p.m.

Mr. Pietra referenced the guidelines for student suspension appeal. Ms. Dolan informed the Board she would like the suspension appeal to be heard in executive session.

Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by White to enter executive session for the purpose of conducting a suspension appeal, 9:42 p.m., invited into executive session were Attorney Leigh Herington, Treasurer, Superintendent, Keri Dornack, Rachelle Pemberton, Ms. Julie Dolan, Mr. Dan Dolan, Ms. Patty Dolan and minor child.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

President Guy V. Pietra declared the board back in regular session at 10:53 p.m. and asked for a motion to uphold, amend or reverse the suspension.

**09-25** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by G. Foy to amend the suspension of Ms. Dolan's minor child; reversing the final day and allowing the school work to be made up for the four days served with the understanding that an evaluation will be made and recommendations of said evaluation will be followed.

Ayes: Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

President Guy Pietra asked for motion to adjourn, moved by G. Foy, seconded by D. White. All were in favor and this meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

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Guy V. Pietra, President

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Date

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Tracy L. Knauer, Treasurer