

# James A. Garfield Local School District

## Regular Meeting- March 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 President Guy Pietra called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

President Guy Pietra led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Patricia Brett, Guy Pietra, Gary Foy, David Vincent, and Deral White.

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, parents, community members, Record Courier reporter, Superintendent and Treasurer

**09-26** Moved by D. White, seconded by D. Vincent to accept and approve the Board Meeting Agenda for March 12, 2009, including the addendum and correction to Superintendent #5; add Kristine Miller, she will start 3/17/09.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

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

Patricia Brett gave the Maplewood report.

David Vincent gave the legislative report.

Tracy Knauer gave the Treasurer's report.

Charles Klamer gave the Superintendent's report

### Educational Excellence

Mr. Klamer recognized those present for educational excellence. Mr. Pietra thanked everyone for attending.

**09-27** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by G. Foy to recognize the following educational excellence, as corrected.

- Recognize wrestlers who qualified for the Division III District Tournament: **Brent Heyd, Joshua Lawrence, Tanner Lawrence** and **Travis Harbert**, who also qualified for the State Tournament for the fourth time. The boys are coached by **Alan Harbert** and **David Graf**.
- Recognize the girl's basketball team and their coaches for their outstanding season, 17-4 overall, 12-2 PTC. Members of the varsity team include **Justine Eakin, Megan Brosius, Haley Knight, Olivia Dressler, Emily Hartman, Katie Kaiser, Kendall Morrison, Erica Pratt, Elizabeth Elium, Katie Opfer** and **C.J. Carlisle**. **Aaron Gilbert** is the head coach, assisted by **Kathleen Gilbert**.
- Recognize **Luke Brett** for earning first place honors at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Solon Center for the Arts Playwriting Competition. Luke's play, *Marv, Harv and Ajax* will be performed by the SCA during their One Act Festival.
- Recognize the girl's bowling team and their coaches for their outstanding season; Division I Sectional Champions with 86 undefeated matches. Members of the team include **Stefanie Juzkiw, Elise Lambert, Kelly Russomanno, Ashley Bernatowicz, Chelsi Moore, Vicki Cressman** and **Grace Madonio**. **Joe Brigham** and **Howie Moore** are the coaches.
- Recognize **Renee Ruley**, first grade teacher, for publishing her first book, *A Versing of Life*.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-28** Moved by D. White, seconded by G. Foy to congratulate **Travis Harbert** for his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the All State Wrestling Tournament, as corrected.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### Visitor Recognition and Public Comments

No visitors asked to be recognized.

Mr. Pietra, Mr. Klamer, and Mrs. Singelyn left the meeting at 8:25 p.m., returned at 8:30 p.m. During this time, Mr. White discussed the Indoor Track/Field Coach proposal with the Board.

### Board Business

- 09-29** Moved by G. Foy, seconded by P. Brett to defer participation in the Ohio School Facilities Commission construction project to a future year.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Discussion: The Board discussed the original assessment by the OSFC. The Board is deferring the option to participate effective July 1, 2009 to a future year.

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

After discussion, President Guy Pietra moved the April regular meeting to Thursday, April 23 at 7:00pm in the Middle School Library.

- 09-30** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by D. White to recognize Indoor Track/Field as a sport and contract with the following coaches, John Bennett, Roger Carlson, Jim Pflieger and Nathan Peters at no charge to the District to allow students to compete in accordance with OHSAA guidelines.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Discussion: Mrs. Singelyn was addressed; a memo of understanding will be completed between the GEA & Board to allow this opportunity for the students.

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### Treasurer's Recommendations

- 09-31** Moved by P. Brett, seconded by G. Foy to consolidate and approve the following recommendations, **A-D**

**A.** Approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 12, 2009.

**B.** Approve the financial reports for February 2009.

**C.** Accept donations:

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| PTO donation to Intermediate Principal's Account            | \$17.97  |
| PTO donation to Elementary Principal's Account              | \$482.18 |
| MVP donation to Middle School Principal's Account/Beta Club | \$299.00 |
| Anonymous donation to Elementary Principal's Account        | \$20.00  |
| Various donations to the Mark Manlove scholarship fund      | \$1,995  |

Erin Miller, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade English Teacher and Yearbook advisor has facilitated the following donations:

Grant, Donorschoose.org- 25 copies of *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary Eleventh Edition*, valued at \$15 each

Grant, the BIGREAD in conjunction with Hiram College- 30 copies of *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett, valued at \$11 each, and one cd set, valued at \$25.

Taylor Publishing donated 3 Powershot A590 cameras for yearbook, valued at \$130 each.

Portage County Library donated used books sets; 41 copies of *The Things They Carried*, by Tom O'Brien, and one cassette set; 39 copies of *A Reason in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry.

- D.** Approve budget revision request for Intermediate School Principal's account; increase expenditures by \$1,000 for general purpose materials and supplies.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

- 09-32** Moved by G. Foy, seconded by D. White to establish fund 007 9009 for the Mark Manlove Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship is established to honor the memory of Mark L. Manlove, a 1967 graduate of James A. Garfield Schools, a former school board member, a local attorney and a devoted supporter of the school district. Mark was an excellent student at the James A. Garfield Schools, graduating as valedictorian of his class. He exemplified the qualities of a life-long learner and inspired his children and family to follow in his footsteps. It is for this purpose that the Manlove family wishes to honor Mark's memory each year by awarding a \$250 unrestricted scholarship to the valedictorian of the graduating class. Should there be more than one valedictorian; the award will be divided equally among the honorees, but not less than \$100 each.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

- 09-33** Moved by G. Foy, seconded by D. White to approve a three-year (3) agreement (FY09, FY10, FY11) with Julian & Grube, Inc. to perform the annual GAAP conversion not to exceed \$4,700 per year.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

President Pietra set the time and date for the annual Records Commission Meeting; April 23, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. in the Orson E. Ott Administrative Office.

- 09-34** Moved by D. White, seconded by P. Brett to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Rea & Associates, Inc., Mary Taylor, Auditor of State of Ohio, and the James A. Garfield Local School District – per the agreement Rea & Associates, Inc., an independent auditing firm, will perform the annual financial audit for FY09-\$21,000, FY10-\$21,600 and FY11-\$22,200.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### **Superintendent's Recommendations**

- 09-35** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by G. Foy to consolidate and approve the following superintendent's recommendations: **A-F**

**A.** Hire substitute teachers: Terry Clutter, Alex Bell, Shanelle Ramsey-Waggoner

**B.** Hire Suzann Bennett as a substitute secretary/clerk aide for 2008/09.

**C.** Hire Karen Ziarko as a home tutor for 2008/09.

**D.** Second reading and adoption of revised Board Policy #5460 – Graduation Requirements.

**E.** Approve Leighah Robinson as an open enrollment student; she recently moved out of the Garfield District.

**F.** Approve an overnight field trip to Ashland, OH for the Wendy's Spring Classic Softball Tournament; April 16-18, 2009.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

- 09-36** Moved by G. Foy, seconded by G. Pietra to approve the Settlement Agreement with OAPSE Chapter 331 regarding Dreama Adkins.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

- 09-37** Moved by D. White, seconded by D. Vincent to grant a 3-year limited contract to Greg McDivitt as

Athletic Director; effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2012.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-38** Moved by G. Foy, seconded by G. Pietra to grant a 1-year limited contract to Tom Byich as Supervisor Maintenance/Transportation/Custodial; effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-39** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by G. Pietra to grant a 1-year limited classified contract to Kristine Miller as special services secretary for the balance of the 2008/09 year, effective March 17, 2009 (198 day contract, prorated for the balance of the year; 6 hours/day), as corrected.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-40** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by D. White to recognize the townships of Freedom, Nelson and Hiram and the Village of Garrettsville for their support of their road supervisors for their fantastic work this winter clearing the roads.

*James A. Garfield Local School District*

***Resolution Recognizing the Efforts of the Townships and Village  
for Their Excellent Snow Removal Work this Past Winter***

*WHEREAS, the James A. Garfield Board of Education salutes and thanks the township trustees of Freedom, Nelson and Hiram and the mayor and council of the Village of Garrettsville for having the roads efficiently cleared by their road department employees, and*

*WHEREAS, we recognize the dedication of road supervisors Charles Vansteenbergh, Freedom Township; Frank Macek, Nelson Township; Tom Matota, Hiram Township; Mike Heyd, Village of Garrettsville and the men who were committed to keeping the roads clear for the school buses and the residents, and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education appreciates this attitude to 'do the best possible' for the students of the school district,*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this twelfth day of March in the year two thousand and nine that the Board of Education duly recognizes the partnership and dedication of the trustees and road supervisors of Freedom, Nelson and Hiram Township and the Village of Garrettsville.*

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**09-41** Moved by D. White, seconded by P. Brett to hire Maria Jacobs as a substitute teacher for the balance of the 2008/09 year.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by G. Foy to enter executive session for the purpose of the consideration of preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Enter executive session at 8:50 p.m. Invited into executive session were the Superintendent and Treasurer; exited executive session at 9:10 p.m.

Ayes: Brett, Pietra, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

President Guy Pietra asked for motion to adjourn, moved by D. Vincent, seconded by D. White. All were in favor and this meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Guy V. Pietra, President

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Tracy L. Knauer, Treasurer