



# Board Briefs

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Reports from the Regular Meeting/Work Session of February 5, 2009, Regular Meeting of February 16, 2009, and Special Meeting of February 24, 2008:

## February 5, 2009 – Work Session

1. The financial report was given by the Treasurer, and the following personnel items were approved:
2. **Certificated Personnel:**  
Title I Special Education Paraprofessionals were hired for the 2008-09 SY only – funded through Title I grant:  
BERTRAND, ELLEN; DOHERTY, MARY CATHERINE; HASSETT, SUSAN; KIRBY, JULIE
3. The Board adopted a resolution in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the construction/graduation class of Olmsted Falls High School.
4. The Board began a Work Session to discuss:
  - A. Grade Configuration for Falls-Lenox Primary School and Fitch Intermediate School for the 2009-2010 School Year; and
  - B. Miscellaneous Topics
5. The Board adjourned into Executive Session and discussed the employment of personnel; reconvened into Regular Session, and adjourned.

## February 16, 2009 – Regular Meeting

1. **Honors and Acknowledgements**
  - A. National Merit Finalists
    - (1) Acknowledgement of Finalist – Emily Atherton
2. **Hearing of the Public**
  - A. Mr. Bill Engelmann – Chairman of the Olmsted Falls JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) addressed the Board.
3. **Administrative Reports**
  - A. PTA Report – Mrs. JoAnn Beck
  - B. Administrative Reports
    - (1) **Mr. Hullman** – provided the financial report for the period ending January 31, 2009; he discussed the amendments of appropriations, the bank reconciliation and the 5-year analysis report.
    - (2) **Mr. Lewis** – informed the Board that new regulations for the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) went into effect on January 16, 2009 and basically the new regulations concerned notification requirements which have been incorporated into our Board policy which is on the agenda for first reading this month; reported that all our teachers and administrators in grades K-6 have completed their training as required by House Bill 276 (a bill prohibiting harassment, intimidation, and bullying); reviewed with the Board the inservice agenda for classified staff; and reported that by the end of the month, all employees who have a District e-mail account will have their e-mail address converted from *leeca.org* to *ofcs.net*.

- (3) **Dr. Lloyd/Dr. Hill, Mr. Sheets, Mr. Von Gunten, and Ms. Meinhardt** gave a presentation to the Board concerning the High School Program of Studies incorporating some new aspects including: (1) a change in PE policy that will allow a student to exempt taking PE if they participate in certain extra curricular activities; (2) elimination of German program (Note: HS Guidance Department is developing options that would allow some students to take German III and IV either through the PSEO or online options); (3) elimination of Latin III and Latin IV; (4) beginning 2010-11 school year, students who attend OFHS full-time will be required to take the four core subjects during each of their HS years (unless students attend JVS or are enrolled in OWA/OWE program); (5) transition of Family Consumer Science classes to the Health Department; (6) elimination of Business Education Program; and (7) introduction of Polaris satellite program: *Project Lead the Way Bio-Medical Science*. This will be taught by an OFHS science teacher and funded by Polaris (Note: students who participate in this program for 4 years will earn 13 hours of college credit). Also, a couple of additional elective courses that have been discussed but **are not moving forward** this year are: (1) Introduction of Polaris satellite program: *Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering Science*. This will most likely be taught by an OFHS math teacher and funded by Polaris (Note: students who participate in this program for 4 years will earn 13 hours of college credit); and (2) Introduction of Polaris satellite program: *Teaching Professions*.
- (4) **Mr. Atkinson** - his report was sent to the Board in “written” format and included the following: **Transportation:** work has begun to assemble the details necessary to move from a three-route system to a two-route system for busing; work has also begun to confirm and establish our two-mile cutoff points from our school buildings – including our new Intermediate School; reported that Title I transportation began February 9 for 6 Fitch students who get picked up at Fitch at 3:15 p.m., are taken to the Middle School where they each get on their appropriate bus that takes them home; **Buildings and Grounds:** Heath Krakowiak updated the custodial substitute booklet which covers all 4 schools; he will also update all of our MSDS (material safety data sheets) books located in each building; much time is spent in construction related meetings which now includes the Middle School addition, and the move of the Middle School mobile classrooms to the High School site; met to discuss plans and dates for the implementation of Level A reductions in the Educational Reduction Plan; **Personnel:** bus driver and custodial appraisals have begun; an OAPSE labor management meeting was scheduled; and grounds maintenance/athletic monthly meeting was scheduled to discuss our spring course of events and winter closeout activities.
- (5) **Dr. Hoadley** – gave an overview of the construction project including the completion timeline for the Intermediate School as well as the timeline for the move of the preschool and kindergarten units; gave a follow-up report on 9<sup>th</sup> graders with the 50 lowest GPA’s which showed that: 36% are SPED; 16% are on free/reduced lunch; absence ranged from 1.5 to 18 days; there were a total of 22 suspension days; 6 of 50 are first year students in the District; and only 34% have earned 3 or more credits; thanked the Board for their service as January was “School Board Recognition Month” and handed out certificates; also thanked them for attending the 40<sup>th</sup> HS anniversary recognition celebration the evening of Friday, February 13, 2009; mentioned that he attended the ceremony on Sunday, February 15, 2009 for junior Anthony Castro who received the *Eagle Scout Award*; spoke to the Board about the contracted outside use of our facilities and how it will be addressed in our Educational Reduction Plan at our next Work Session; asked the Board to address the possibility of a Board ad hoc committee concerning community economic development; and reviewed some of the decisions that need to be made over the next couple of months including a decision about an August or November levy; extra curricular activities; the use of facilities by various outside groups through a rental application; transportation changes; and health insurance.

- C. Polaris Career Center Report – Mr. James Weisbarth
- D. Legislative Report – Mr. Frank Pedicini

4. **Consent Agenda**

A. **Donations**

- (1) For *Power of the Pen Tournament* -\$50.00 gift cards for volunteer judges were donated by:
  - (a) Dr. Melissa Kronholz – 8247 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
  - (b) Mr. Geoff Moyse – Razzles/Rockers Café – 27128 Bagley Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
  - (c) Ms. Elaine Wilkinson – Olmsted Falls Library – Manager, 7850 Main Street, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
  - (d) Mr. Nicholas H. Schneider, N.H. Schneider Consultant – 9530 Brook Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
- (2) From John and Cathy Stark (9122 Fern Cove East, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138) one (1) Yamaha DGX500 portable grand piano including keyboard on a fixed stand, bench, all cords, manual, headphones, and music rack for use by the Music Department at Olmsted Falls High School.
- (3) From Mrs. Beverly McMahon (26970 Arbor Lane, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138) one (1) bass drum with case, one (1) Tri-Tom with case, three (3) snare drums each with case, and one (1) case of “extras” – mallets, sticks, triangle, snare heads, etc. for use by the Music Department at Olmsted Falls High School.
- (4) From the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Thomas Nightengale – U.S.D.A., 3800 Orange Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115) furniture including: 2 double pedestal desks; 1 L-shaped office desk; 3 blue side chairs; 3 black side chairs; 1 gray office chair with wheels-no arms; 2 black 4-drawer lateral file cabinets; 1 tan w-door storage cabinet; 1 6-foot table; 1 5-foot table with metal mail divider; and 1 metal coat tree for use in the District.

B. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2009 and Regular Meeting/Work Session of February 5, 2009 were approved.

C. **Recommendations of the Treasurer**

- (1) Approved Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2009 and Any Cash Advances and/or Transfers
- (2) Approved Financial Bank Reconciliations
- (3) Approved 5-Year Forecast Analysis
- (4) Adopted 412 Certificate and Appropriation Modifications for FY 2009 (SY 08-09)
- (5) Approved Analysis of New Intermediate School Project
- (6) Approved “Then and Now Certificate” for Expenditure Greater Than or Equal to \$3,000.00

D. **Recommendations of the Superintendent**

- (1) First Reading of New/Revised/Replacement Policies of the Board of Education
- (2) Declaration of March 2009 as *Music in Our Schools Month*
- (3) Approved “Amendment to Agreement for Professional Design Services for the New Intermediate School Between the Olmsted Falls City School District Board of Education and Architectural Vision Group Ltd.”
- (4) Adopted Resolution Authorizing the Board to Advertise for Bids for Classroom Furniture, Office Furniture and Playground Equipment for the District’s New Intermediate School

- (5) Approve High School Program of Studies for 2009-2010 School Year (**This Consent Agenda item was pulled from the agenda and will be revised and re-submitted at the Special Meeting on February 24, 2009.**)
5. **Personnel Items** (see below)
6. **Hearing of the Public on Agenda Items**
7. **For the Board's Discussion**
- A. Set Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting(s)
- (1) **Special Meeting** – set date of February 24 – for a Special Meeting to accept the technology bid for the new Intermediate School, for **7:30 a.m.** at the offices of the Board of Education, 26937 Bagley Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
  - (2) **Regular Meeting/Work Session** – Tuesday, March 3, 2009 – 7:00 p.m., offices of the Board of Education, 26937 Bagley Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
  - (3) **Regular Meeting – Tuesday, March 17, 2009**, at 7:30 p.m. at Olmsted Falls High School Media Center, 26939 Bagley Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138.
  - (4) Discuss Educational Reduction Plan and Implementation Timeline
8. **Reconvened into Public Session**
9. **Summation of Decisions Made**(not by resolution); and Adjournment.

5 – Personnel Items

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**Resignations:**

**JOHNSON, MARGUERITE** – Teacher, due to retirement  
**RUNYAN, KATIE** – Teacher  
**STICH, RUSSEL** – Assistant Dramatics/Stagecraft Advisor  
**TOTH, KRISTEN** – Lunch Room Asst. (Stipend)  
**VON GUNTEN, MICHAEL** – Guidance Counselor

**Certificated Personnel:****Tutors for Home Instruction:**

**CZUPIK, NANCY**  
**KLAYKO, MARGARET**  
**KOSTRABA, ANGELA**  
**SCHOENHOFER, MICHELLE**  
**VON GUNTEN, MICHAEL** – 2 year contract – Assistant Principal  
 Teaching Substitute List “T”

**Support Staff:****OWA Student:**

Daniel Raiford – High School

**CBI Student:**

Meghan Schneider

Support Staff Substitute List “F”

**Supplementals/Stipends:****Supplementals:**

Budd, Julie – Elementary Instructional Director (57.1%)  
 Crandall, Judy – Solo and Music Ensemble (HS) (51.7%)  
 Stich, Russel – Dramatics/Stagecraft Advisor (.50)  
 Strelau, Timothy – Jazz Band Director (HS) (51.7%)  
 Strelau, Timothy – Band Director(Marching Band & Summer Band) (8.3%)  
 Strelau, Timothy – Pep Band (70%)  
 Strelau, Timothy – Assistant Dramatics/Stagecraft Advisor (50%)

**Stipends:**

Bell, Sharon – Lunch Room Assistant  
 Hallock, William – Asst. Ski Club Advisor – Aux.  
 Skeabeck, Shawn – Stage Technician – Spring Play  
 Smith, Kelsey – Choreographer – Spring Play

**February 24, 2009 – Special Meeting**

1. Awarded Technology Bid for the New Intermediate School with Southwest Security Corporation (1385 Wolf Creek Trail, Sharon Center, OH 44274) in the Amount of \$209,867.00
2. Approved High School Program of Studies for the 2009-2010 School Year