



Board Briefs

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Report from the Regular March 24, 2011 Board of Education meeting:

1. Administrative Reports

- A. PTA Report – Mrs. Linda Parkowski reported on the recent Dance It Up 4 Kids and thanked Darla Haviland (OFCS School Nurse) for her efforts. Also reported that the Bargain Bonanza brought in between \$8,000-\$10,000.
- B. Administrative Reports
 - (1) **Mr. Hullman** – Approval of financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2011.
 - (2) **Mr. Lewis** - reported that the Transportation Supervisor position has been posted. A meeting with the principals has been scheduled to try and finalize some teaching assignments. It has been recommended and approved that Cathy Samuel move into Joyce Thomas' vacated position abolishing her current OAPSE position. The District received a favorable ruling from the arbitrator on the bus driver layoff issue. Mr. Tom Caito is in the process of preparing our RFP for insurance bids. We will not have firm bids until sometime in May.
 - (3) **Mr. Atkinson** – Transportation – The State Highway Patrol conducted the last “spot” inspection of this school year and has provided us with dates for our annual bus inspections this summer. The annual “drug awareness” required training for all CDL holders took place on March 21, 2011. The District is currently reviewing equipment inventory provided by SORSA to determine accuracy in order to solicit bids for our fleet liability insurance.

Buildings and Grounds – An agreement between the OCO (Olmsted Community Outreach) and the Olmsted Falls Board of Education has been approved. The agreement addresses all concerns related to kindergarten before and after school care and kindergarten – 5th grade after school care. The agreement addresses costs, hours of operation, minimum and maximum number of students as it relates to the program and building capacity, food service, transportation service, descriptions of the areas to be occupied, student discipline, supervision, terms of the agreement, maintenance, alterations and improvements, insurance, subrogation, damage or destruction, severability, calamity and Holiday non usage of building. In the process of working with the treasurer to establish new budgets in Transportation and Custodial/Building and Grounds areas. Construction Core Team meeting has been scheduled for April 7, 2011 to discuss current status on open issues. Meeting was held with the Hot Stove Baseball representative to discuss field status as we approach the baseball season. Representatives from the Berea Schools custodial department were given a tour of our Middle School/Intermediate School geothermal operation on March 15, 2011. Met with Grounds Maintenance and Athletic Director to review all spring activities. Discussed were the school grounds fertilization quotes, east High School stadium light bulb replacement, one gate replacement by High School long jump pits, and quote for the repair of the Board Office basement stairwell wall. Also discussed were ways to utilize funds that will be

provided by the Laneve Family in memory of their mother. Meeting to review modifications to room W-6 at the High School was held. This is the room utilized for the pre-engineering class. As part of the OSFC Middle School project, Four Seasons completed thermal imaging of the Middle School roof, walls and windows. Grounds Maintenance will have a fair amount of restoration work due to snow plowing damage. District liability insurance applications are being completed in an effort to secure quotes for the time period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. We are awaiting electricity quotes from OSC and Glacial. Our current contract will expire at the end of May.

Personnel Discussed staffing needs in relation to retirements in Transportation. Posted Transportation Supervisor position.

- (4) **Dr. Lloyd – Curriculum** – The K-2 teachers have made considerable progress with their portion of the English Language Arts curriculum study/adoption. The teachers are using their research-based criteria to begin to preview potential programs. The upper grades have visited Solon schools to determine how they are teaching literacy and have begun the “forced consensus” process to prioritize how ELA should be taught. The goal across the district is to create a more coherent framework to teach literacy throughout the district. It is critical that this initiative is teacher led.

Instruction & Assessment There are 11 staff members from Washington Local Schools who visited OFMS on March 15. They watched our staff plan a unit of instruction on Westward Expansion and visited several classrooms across 6th through 8th grade to see implementation. The 8th grade middle school teachers and Instructional Coach, Lisa Williams, facilitated a discussion with the teachers from Washington Local on the value of the teams’ utilization of the district's Unit Design Framework.

Miscellaneous The board has been asked to review the 1st Grade Early Entrance policy. The revised policy has a greater degree of flexibility within it yet it still has a standard for early entrance. There are approximately 200 students who have registered for kindergarten. This number is slightly greater than last year. There will be an effort to increase parental communication regarding student achievement regarding the kindergarten screening. We will provide parents with immediate feedback regarding how their child fared immediately after screening. Lastly, if anyone is looking to more actively participate in the 2nd Annual Relay for Life, the Little Bulldogs of the ECC would be more than happy to have you be on their team.

- (5) **Dr. Hoadley – Day Care Partnership** - Dr. Hoadley provided an overview of the details for the proposed child care partnership with Olmsted Community Outreach (OCO). This partnership will provide ½ day care for OFCS kindergarten students and this service will be housed at the ECC. Afterschool daycare services for students in grades K-5 will also be available under this partnership. John Hawkins and Donna Winter from Olmsted Community Outreach were in attendance and they also shared details of this program with the Board of Education. This will be a “zero cost” program for OFCS and through the “lease payments” from OCO, OFCS will be hiring a 4 hour utility person, which will allow the ECC to remain open until 9:00 p.m. each evening.

2.8 Mill Permanent Improvement Levy Update – Dr. Hoadley shared with the Board of Education that he made a levy presentation to the Olmsted Falls City Council on Tuesday evening. Additionally, a levy presentation was conducted at the High School on Wednesday evening. Finally, Kim Petrina shared that levy yard signs had arrived and will be delivered on Friday morning to each building so that OFCS employees will have yard signs on their property promoting this levy.

Recreation – Dr. Hoadley shared that work has continued with the Recreation committee. This committee is composed of Board member, Jim Weisbarth, Olmsted Township trustee, Sherri Lippus, and Olmsted Falls city councilwoman Ann Marie Donegan. This committee met Monday evening and the formation of several summer camp opportunities for OF children have been developed. These summer camp opportunities will be provided by the OF Athletic Department, the Olmsted Community Center, and the Greater Cleveland YMCA.

HB153 Update – HB153 is the budget bill introduced by Governor Kasich. Dr. Hoadley shared that currently, this is simply the Governor’s proposed budget and the state legislature bill has not conducted any hearings, nor made any changes. The two main issues from this proposed budget effecting OFCS are the phasing out of the reimbursement of the Tangible Personnel Property and the 88.2% reduction in funding for Gifted Education.

- (5) **Polaris** – Discussed the 18th Annual Associate School Board of Education Dinner at Polaris on April 6, 2011.
- (6) **Legislative Reports** – No report given.

2. Honors and Acknowledgements

- A. Senior, Amanda Paliska, competed in the State Swimming Championships, which took place on February 26th and 27th. Amanda competed in the 200 yard Individual Medley and the 100 yard backstroke. Recently, Amanda broke the school record in each of these events. This was Amanda’s second trip to the State Swimming Finals.
- C. Senior, P.J. Mueller, and sophomore, Chase DuPratt, competed in the State Wrestling Championships which was held at Ohio State University March 3rd through March 5th. They each placed 8th and became the 55th and 56th All-Ohio Wrestlers in Olmsted Falls High School wrestling history.
- D. Junior, Pam Keller, was named a semi-finalist and Junior, Hayleigh Sanders, was named a finalist in the third annual Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage *Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out* essay contest.
- D. 2010/2011 PTA Leadership: Mercedes Hathcock (PTA Council President), Leslie Ziegler (Early Childhood Center PTA President), Linda Parkowski (Fall-Lenox PTA President), Leanne LaPinta (Olmsted Falls Intermediate School PTA President), Deb Woodruff (Olmsted Falls Middle School PTA President) and Pam Portik (Olmsted Falls High School PTA President).

3. Donations

- A.. Olmsted Falls Middle School PTA generously donated \$1,000.00 to help fund the Rachel’s Challenge Assembly.
- B. Olmsted Falls Public Library for supporting “Right to Read Week” at the Early Childhood Center by providing \$50.00 worth of supplies for the students.

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4. **Minutes**
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2011.
 5. **Recommendations of the Treasurer**
 - A. Approved Financial Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2011 and any Cash Advances and Transfers
 - B. Approved 5-Year Forecast Analysis
 - C. Approved Analysis of Intermediate/Middle School Project
 - D. Approved Resolution Entitled “Resolution Accepting the Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor”
 - E. Approved recommendation for four Ludwig Universal Timpani Drums, valued at \$2,500.00, declared as excess property to be donated to the Olmsted Falls Music Boosters.
 6. **Recommendations of the Superintendent**
 - A. Approved Memorandum of Understanding between the Olmsted Falls Education Association (OFEA) and the Olmsted Falls Board of Education for the purposes of defining the timelines associated with the Insurance Waiver Payment.
 - B. Corrected error in the Administrator Benefit Handbook. (Originally approved November 2, 2010.)
 - C. Approved Declaration for March 2011 as *Music in Our Schools Month*.
 - D. Approved Agreement for the 2011-2012 School Year with the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County for the employment of Karen Gaede as Transition Coordinator.
 - E. Approved Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County Agreement for school year 2011-2012.
 - F. Approved contract with Spectrum Consulting Services, LLC.
 - G. Adopted resolution of support for Olmsted Township trustee grant application for playground equipment at ECC.
 - H. Approved of Agreement between Olmsted Falls City Schools and Olmsted Community Outreach regarding the leasing of a portion of the ECC in order to provide childcare services for Olmsted Falls City School District students.
 7. **Personnel** Items (as shown below)
 8. **Hearing of the Public on Agenda Items** (None)

9. **For the Board's Discussion**
 - A. Regular Meeting – April 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. – Olmsted Falls High School, Library, 26939 Bagley Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138.
 - B. Continuation of discussion regarding strategic planning for the Olmsted Falls City Schools.
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF PERSONNEL**
11. **Adjournment**

7-Personnel

Resignations:

Brady, Lisa – Secretary, effective end of 2010-2011 school year

McGrain, William – Teacher, effective end of 2010-2011 school year, due to retirement

Roseberry, Neil – Principal, effective June 30, 2011, due to retirement

Sedlay, Leslie – Teacher, effective end of 2011-2012 school year, due to retirement

Certified Personnel:**For 2010-2011 School Year**

Dieckman, Kaela – Long term substitute teacher for Katie Duray effective around March 7, 2011 through on or around May 6, 2011

Evans, Irene – Long term substitute teacher for Susan Magnone effective February 14, 2011 through on or around March 28, 2011

Frawley, Alice – Long term substitute teacher for Joy Kiedrowski effective February 14, 2011 through on or around March 25, 2011

Ginley, Megan – Long term substitute teacher for Erica Blake effective on or around April 21, 2011 through end of 2010-2011 school year

Hill, Dr. Robert F. – Principal, 2 year contract effective August 1, 2011 through and including July 31, 2013

Kiedrowski, Joy – Unpaid parenting leave effective March 21, 2011 through March 25, 2011

Plaza, Julie – Long term substitute teacher for Erica Caso effective on or around March 21, 2011 through end of 2010-2011 school year

Simon, Ann – Long term substitute teacher for Betsy Volchko effective February 28, 2011 until on or around March 25, 2011

Simon, Ann – Long term substitute teacher for Tanya Netschke effective on or around April 21, 2011 through end of 2010-2011 school year

Svec, Donald R. – Principal, 3 year contract effective August 1, 2011 through and including July 31, 2014

Waters, Merritt M. – Director of Student Services, 3 year contract effective August 1, 2011 through and including July 31, 2014

For 2011-2012 School Year:

Approve Salary Schedule Summary for students participating in OWA, OWE and CBI Programs effective 2011-2012 school year.

For 2010-2011 School Year

Support Staff Substitute List “I”

Samuel, Catherine – Amend Receptionist/Secretary non-exempt 211 day contract to Secretary to the Chief Operating Officer and Director of Business Affairs exempt 260 day contract effective beginning July 1, 2011

Supplementals/Stipends:**For 2010-2011 School Year**

Rescind 9th Grade Softball Coach Supplemental Contracts for the 2010-2011 school year due to lack of enrollment in the program:

Binggeli, Carol – will be paid for the portion of time worked previous to cancellation of this sport

Lavdas, Nicole – no time worked under this contract

Supplementals:

Bartkiewicz, Molly - Asst. Track Coach (Boys & Girls) (.50)

Maver, Jeffrey – Asst. Baseball Coach – Auxiliary

Miller, Michael – 7th – 8th Grade Track Coach

Roberts, Susan – 7th – 8th Grade Track Coach (.50)

Schlitter, Ryan – 7th – 8th Grade Track Coach

Swanson, Sierra – Amend from Asst. Track Coach (.80), Group E, Step 3 to Asst. Track Coach (1.00), Group E, Step 3

Ware, Stacie – 7th – 8th Grade Track Coach (.50)

Whitson, Ross – 7th – 8th Grade Assistant Softball Coach

Stipends:

Galea, Joseph – Assistant Academic Coach

Miskimins, Anne – Assistant Academic Coach