



Board Briefs

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Report from the Regular May 19, 2011 Board of Education meeting:

A. Administrative Reports

1. PTA Report – No report.
2. **Mr. Hullman** – Approval of financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2011 and the five year forecast.
3. **Mr. Lewis** – Certified Personnel Update – Pre-School Intervention Specialist – We are down to four finalists (one-internal). Merritt Waters and Jim Lloyd will be conducting building-level interviews soon.

High School Science Teacher – We had around 80 applicants for this position I interviewed 12. Five were selected as finalists and will interview at the building level this week.

High School Language Arts Teacher(s) – We had 238 applicants and all were notified on May 5 that this position is on hold for awhile because we are finishing up other interviews. Even though we have two openings, the section numbers may only require us to fill one of the positions.

Instructional Coach – This position is open now that Lisa Williams has been named Assistant Principal at Falls-Lenox. Since this position is funded through Title I, we still need to make a decision on whether or not it will be filled. We may decide the funds could be better utilized in other areas.

OWE – We have not done anything with this position because we have placed a priority on some of the other open positions. The position has been posted.

Middle School Choir – This position was vacated when Jen Call submitted her resignation. It has not been posted yet.

Scott Wallace conducted focus groups in all of the buildings last week. He met with each principal at the end of the day to debrief on his observations. This week he will submit a summary of his findings and we will begin to strategize how to develop action plans. The survey data was presented to the staff on May 16. Scott asked us to wait until after he was finished with the focus groups to share the data.

4. **Mr. Atkinson – Transportation** – Six drivers participated in the 2011 School Bus Regional Roadeo at Buckeye High School. We are pleased to announce that Joyce Bigley received the honor of OAPT North Region “Driver of the Year.” She had also received the distinction of our “Driver of the Year” a month earlier. School bus driver physicals have been completed without a problem at the Southwest Urgicare facility in Strongsville the week of May 2, 2011. Preparations continue with our buses for the first of three bus inspections. The first inspection is slated for June 8, 2011.

Buildings and Grounds – On April 4, 2011 we experienced a power outage at the High school, Middle school and Board of Education. When power was eventually restored, we lost 11 overhead projectors at the High school due to the power surge. SORSA recently sent a replacement check to cover the loss. Plans and permit requests were submitted to the Township Building department for the renovation of W6 at the High school – the pre-engineering room. Submission was made on May 10, 2011. High school night security began at 11:00 p.m. on May 13, 2011 and will run through until 5:00 a.m. June 2, 2011. Musco is planning to replace the east stadium lights on May 18, 2011. Classrooms at ECC to be occupied by Olmsted Community Outreach this summer are being emptied and prepared for their occupancy. SORSA reviewed, at no cost, our buildings and grounds rental application. The District wanted to make sure that everything was in place, in light of our subsequent approval of allowing fireworks to occur on our High school field one during the June 11, 2011 “Relay for Life.” The American Cancer Society will provide a certificate of insurance with the Olmsted Falls City Schools named as an additionally insured entity. Evaluations of our driveway and parking lots are complete and once authorized, we are prepared to seek bids for repair and subsequent work in the months of July and August. A Construction Core Team meeting was held on April 27, 2011 and have scheduled our 11 month walk through of the Middle school on June 16, 2011. Progress towards closure is moving along on a rather steady path and this project will definitely end with positive remaining cash, which will be converted to the PI funds for the Middle school and Intermediate school complex, as mandated by OSFC and the ballot language. Despite the wet and undersirable weather, our grounds crew has been working to stay ahead and have definitely met some challenges.

Personnel – Summer staff is tentatively set awaiting your approval. There are 43 assigned. Appraisals of custodial and transportation staff are almost complete. Our last Custodial Improvement meeting of the school year was May 12, 2011. Monday, May 23, 2011 will conclude our monthly school bus driver meetings. Topics will predominately cover end of year school year details. The grounds maintenance position opening has been closed. There were approximately 110 applicants. We will be scheduling interview for June 13, 2011. Our summer staff meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. We will have our utility worker in place at the ECC by June 8, 2011 to accommodate the additional hours of operation needed by the Olmsted Community Outreach summer camp.

5. **Dr. Lloyd – Curriculum** – I sent the first of a few curriculum recommendations to Dr. Hoadley. This one pertains to the phonemic awareness portion of our ELA adoption. Remember that phonemic awareness refers to the ability to focus on and manipulate the smallest parts of words—sounds. This serves as THE foundational skill in reading and while these skills are taught in grades K-2, kindergarten and first grade serve as the focus. Our intention is to spend approximately 20 minutes at the board meeting to review how this will have a great impact on our student achievement. I think you'll be very impressed with our work; especially the leadership from our teachers.

We have a District Leadership Team meeting scheduled for May 25th. We will use this time to reflect on our CIP progress and determine what changes we may need to make in our plan in order to begin to more formally address the Common Core Standards and the continuation/further refinement of our professional development efforts in the area of clarity of learning targets and formative assessment.

Instruction

We have continued to gather video of teachers engaging in high quality instruction in all buildings. Recently added were:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5a9TNjOxsd8&feature=related>

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5a9TNjOxsd8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MnjHOvMfnrI>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_AE1K19FIEg

These additions focus more on students explaining the benefits of our professional development programs.

Assessment

Last month I communicated that several of our staff members will be taking part (through attending and presenting) in the *Assessment for Learning: From Theory to Practice* conference on May 17th that is being put on by the Greater Cleveland Educational Development Center. Included with my report is a draft version of the conference announcement and specifics. You will see that Olmsted Falls is very much represented. Further, Jan Chappuis is one of the most formidable experts on Assessment for Learning in the world and has authored a few books that have sold several millions.

Also included with my report is the most recent edition of GCEDC's quarterly newsletter. Dr. Dennis Kowlaski asked that we write a brief story pertaining to our assessment for learning efforts.

Miscellaneous

First Grade Early Entrance Policy—2nd Reading

6. **Dr. Hoadley –**

Spoke about the high school commencement at CSU scheduled for June 2, 2011. Confirmed that Michelle Theriot will speak on behalf of the board.

Distributed the preliminary 2011 OGT scores from the high school which showed continued increase in student achievement and congratulated that high school faculty on this accomplishment.

Shared with the board that the building level focus group reports were sent to them earlier that day. Discussed the need for an elected officials meeting in late June 2011 and shared with the board details from a meeting that I had earlier in the week with myself, Mayor Blomquist and Trustee Sherri Lippus regarding recreation.

Finally, shared with the board that Senator Tom Patton and Representative Mike Dovilla have been invited to our June 8, 2011 Records Day.

7. Polaris Career Center Report – Mr. James Weisbarth
8. Legislative Report – Mrs. Rhonda McCrone

B. Donations

1. Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood, Ohio 44122, donated to the high school library in the name of Hayleigh Sanders, books valued at \$146.80 relating to discrimination.
2. OFMS PTA has donated \$500.00 for student scholarships for the Washington D.C. trip, and \$4,000.00 to help fund field trips for 6th and 7th grade.
3. Olmsted Falls Kiwanis purchased an Elmo device valued at \$750.00 for the 5th grade. The device connects to the computer and Smartboard as a document camera. It takes an image on the teacher's desk and projects it onto the Smartboard in real time.
4. OAPSE Local 361 donated \$350.00 for Safety Town.

C. Minutes

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2011 and Special Meeting held on May 11, 2011.

D. Recommendations of the Treasurer

1. Approved Financial Report for the Period Ending April 30, 2011 and any Cash Advances and Transfers
2. Approved 5-Year Forecast Analysis
3. Approved Analysis of Intermediate/Middle School Project
4. Approved May 2011 5-Year Forecast

E. Recommendations of the Superintendent

1. Approved High School Graduation List for the Class of 2011 Pending Completion of All Requirements.
2. Approved contract between North Coast Therapy Associates, Inc. and the Olmsted Falls City School District Board of Education for the 2011-2012 school year.
3. Approved Extended School Program Contract between HELP Foundation and Olmsted Falls Board of Education for commencing on June 21, 2011 and ending on August 5, 2011.
4. First Reading of New/Revised/Replacement Policies of the Board of Education.
5. Second Reading of New/Revised/Replacement Policies of the Board of Education - Policy 5112 Entrance Requirements.

6. Adopted Resolution Authorizing Continued Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2011-2012 School Year.
7. Adopted High School Student Fees for the 2011-2012 School Year.
8. Approved proposed School Breakfast and Lunch prices for the 2011-2012 school year.
9. Approved No Cost Instructional Television and Technology Services Agreement with WVIZ/PBS for the 2011-2012 School Year.
10. Approved Implementation Agreement of Transition from “Help Me Grow” Early Intervention (Part C) to Preschool Special Education Programs (Part B) or Other Appropriate Services commencing on July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
11. Approved Revised Renhill Contract which reflects a reduced rate for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years.
12. Approval to Mr. Jack Clifford (39199 Route 303, Grafton, Ohio 44044) to farm 50+ acres of Board-owned land on Schady Road (formerly known as the Theiss property) for \$1,500.00 for the 2011 farming season.
13. Approved Affiliation Agreement between The University of Akron and Olmsted Falls City School District Board of Education for placement of student teachers.
14. Approved Eighth Grade Washington D.C. Trip on April 3, 4 and 5, 2012.
15. Authorized the Olmsted Falls City School District to Advertise and Receive Bids for Sidewalk Repairs; and Crack Seal, Chip Seal, Sweep, Mill and Asphalt Surface Patch and/or Asphalt Pave District Parking Lots and Driveways for 2011-2012 school year.

F. **Personnel** Items (as shown below)

G. **For the Board’s Discussion**

1. Placement of a 2.8 Mill P.I. Levy on the November 2011 ballot.
 - a. Dr. Hoadley shared with the Board of Education the results from a recent parent survey that was conducted after Election day. Over 60% of parents indicated that a limited duration (5 year or 10 year) levy would be preferable. It was also discussed that November will be a very crowded ballot as all of the OF City Council, as well as an Olmsted Township trustee position are on the ballot.
2. Kindergarten sections numbers for the 2011/2012 school year.
 - a. It was shared that currently, 215 students have registered for next year’s Kindergarten class. This year, there are 230 students, across 10 sections. It was discussed that 20-25 additional students will still register for next year’s Kindergarten. A discussion then occurred about adding either a ½ time or a full-time teaching position to the Kindergarten. While the student enrollment does not mandate this increasing in staffing, the District has an extra Pre-K teacher, who is off this year on maternity leave and returning next school year. With this, if another Kindergarten section is not added, it will necessitate moving 3-4 teachers, across Fall-Lenox, OFIS, and OFMS. It was discussed about the turmoil that these moves create among the faculty as the younger teachers do not have the proper certification to move from Falls Lenox to OFIS, therefore, it would have to be a veteran teacher who is moved.

3. Creation of a supervisor position for the Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center for the 2011/2012 school year.
 - a. Dr. Hoadley shared with the Board of Education his concerns about continuing the practice of having Dr. Lloyd and Mrs. Waters “administrate” the ECC. Both volunteered to handle this assignment and would continue to do so, however, the additional tasks at the ECC are restricting their effectiveness with their main duties. It was also discussed that the District hopes to allow Mrs. Waters to concentrate on the SPED program and look to “bring back” students from out of district placements. These placements are very expensive so the additional cost of this new position could likely be off-set by bringing back some of these students. Also, it was discussed that the District will continue with its Language Arts adoption as well as Core Curriculum exploration. Additionally, with the reduction in grant funding next year, the District is not likely to have any Instructional Coaches and therefore, additional PD activities will likely fall on Dr. Lloyd.

H. Adjournment

Personnel

Resignations:

Call, Jennifer – Teacher, effective end of 2010-2011 school year

Certificated Personnel:

For 2010-2011 School Year

None

For 2010-2011 School Year

Ambrosia, Lindsey – Unpaid parenting leave of absence from May 9, 2011 through May 20, 2011

Caso, Erica – Unpaid parenting leave of absence from May 2, 2011 through May 20, 2011

Moreno, Tina – To pay up to 15 hours of speech language therapy for compensatory education as mandated by Ohio Department of Education

Ware, Stacie – To pay up to 10 hours of Math and Reading instruction for compensatory education as mandated by the Ohio Department of Education

Support Personnel:

For 2011-2012 School Year

Casual Labor

Amend the Casual Labor Salary Schedule

For 2010-2011 School Year

OWE Student:

Damian Susa – Middle School – Effective May 4, 2011 for the 2010-2011 school year, to be paid according to class arrangement

For 2010-2011 School Year

Supplementals – None

Stipends

Atkins, Kevin – Summer School Instructor – Health (One Section)

Hoover, Gregory – Summer School Instructor – Physical Ed. (One Section)

Rahas, Lisa – Summer Health Instructor – (MS)

Ventimiglia-Madsen, Joanna – Summer Art Instructor – (MS)
