



SUMMARY OF HOWLAND LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Special Meeting – December 03, 2009 – 12:00 noon – Administration Offices

Regular Meeting – December 14, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. – High School Media Center

Briefings/Discussion Items:

- Vocational Education Programming
- Academic Announcements - by Frank Thomas, Principal, Howland High School
 - National Merit Semi-Finalists
 - Robert C. Byrd Scholarship 2009-2010 – David Draime
- Transition Services – Michele Dohar, Secondary Special Education Supervisor, and Gloria Brown, Transition Services Coordinator
- Recognition of Public Service, Lori Kuszmaul - by John Sheets, Superintendent

Approved the following miscellaneous Treasurer resolution items:

- Approved the minutes of the November 23, 2009 regular board meeting and the financial reports for November.
- Approved the following donations:
 - From Mines PTO, \$16,000, for Mines playground equipment
 - From Karen Coleman, \$35, to Mines library in memory of Aurora F. Carnino
 - From "Anonymous", \$100, to Mines library in memory of Aurora F. Carnino
- Approved the disposal of obsolete equipment as presented.
- Approved the Middle School activity budgets as presented.
- Approved the revision of the 5-year Financial Forecast to show the passage of the renewal levy on November 03, 2009.
- Approved Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, First Place Insurance Agency, to provide property, liability, vehicle, and \$1,000,000 umbrella coverage for calendar years 2010, 2011, and 2012 at a rate of \$56,532 per calendar year.

Approved the following personnel resolution items:

- Approved **Alicia Thomas**, Educational Assistant, for an unpaid leave of absence effective December 02, 2009 through January 03, 2010, per her request.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of **Edd Roman**, Head Night Custodian at Howland High School, with regret, effective January 01, 2010, per his request.
- Approved the following persons as Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) tutors, at a rate of \$80 per day for days in session, during the time frame of January 19, 2010 through April 30, 2010:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Justin Kay	OAA Tutor – Math – Middle School
Amelia Tsilimos	OAA Tutor – Math – Middle School
Holly Hostetler	OAA Tutor – Language Arts – Middle School
Terri Turney	OAA Tutor – Language Arts – Middle School
Elizabeth Zagorski	OAA Tutor – North Road Intermediate
Sheila Magura	OAA Tutor – H. C. Mines Intermediate

- Approved the following persons as substitutes in the classified position(s) indicated for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Amy Reeves	Secretary, Educational Asst., Monitor, Library Asst., Cook/Cashier
George Thomas, Jr.	Janitor

Miscellaneous Items for Board Action:

- Appointed **Tara Keating** as the 2010 Legislative Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association.
- Appointed **Paul Dieter** as President Pro Tem for the 2010 organizational meeting.
- Authorized the Superintendent to sign a Field Experience Agreement with Kent State University to place teacher education students in classrooms in the district.
- Adopted the revision, replacement and addition of various Board of Education policies/bylaws.
- Endorsed the following district philosophy of English Language Arts as developed by the English Language Arts Committee:

The Howland Local School District believes that reading is an essential ingredient to a successful education and that all teachers are reading teachers. Reading instruction is an on-going process that requires differentiation based on individual needs as determined by a variety of assessments. The district will ensure:

- *the use of an aligned, standards based curriculum.*
 - *instructional materials are aligned to the district curriculum.*
 - *curriculum materials encourage the use of higher order thinking skills – 21st Century Skills.*
 - *a Language Arts block.*
 - *high-quality professional development.*
 - *student performance will be monitored to properly differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all learners.*
- Adopted the following resolution:

Resolution to Provide Notice of Election not to Renew Vocational Education Agreement

Being that the Board is party to an agreement for the provision of vocational education with the Ashtabula Joint Vocational School District Board of Education ("ACJVSD") effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2012; and pursuant to the terms of that Agreement, the renewal of said Agreement is automatic unless action is taken by this Board to provide notification of an election to non-renew thirty (30) months prior to expiration of the Agreement; and, does not reflect any specific dissatisfaction with the services provided by ACJVSD, it would be imprudent for the Board to commit to a continuation of the aforementioned Agreement without first undertaking a thorough review of the available options for Howland students; and, the spectrum of available options for vocational education cannot be fully and fairly explored during the time allotted by the Agreement notification deadline:

Be it resolved, that the Superintendent is authorized and directed to provide formal written notification on or before December 31, 2009, to the Ashtabula Joint Vocational School District Board of Education ("ACJVSD") of the Board's election to non-renew the Agreement to provide vocational education with ACJVSD, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Organizational Meeting – January 04, 2010 – 12:00 p.m. – administration offices

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