

James A. Garfield Local School District Regular Meeting - December 14, 2023

Opening: The James A. Garfield Board of Education met in the Charles C. Klammer Professional Development Center for the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.

President, Guy Pietra, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

President Pietra asked for a moment of silence.

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

Also present was the Superintendent, Staff & Community Members

Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by Deral White to appoint Guy Pietra as Treasurer Pro Tem.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

23-131 Moved by P. Brett, seconded by G. Foy to accept and approve the Board Meeting Agenda and Addendum for December 14, 2023.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Committees and Reports

President Pietra gave the President's report.

Mrs. Brett gave the Maplewood Career Center report.

Mr. White gave the Legislative Liaison report.

Tracy Knauer was not present for the Treasurer's report

Ted Lysiak gave the Superintendent's report.

Visitor Recognition and Public Comment

No visitors asked to be recognized

Educational Excellence

23-132 Moved by P. Brett, seconded by D. Vincent to pass a Resolution of Sincerest Appreciation to Gary Foy

WHEREAS, Gary Foy, a distinguished alumnus of James A. Garfield Schools, Class of 1968, was elected to the Board of Education in November 1999 and has served with unwavering commitment and dedication from the year 2000 through 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foy's tenure as a Board Member has been marked by exemplary service, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to the betterment of James A. Garfield Schools, its students, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Gary Foy has successfully completed numerous contract negotiations, showcasing his adept leadership skills in navigating complex matters for the benefit of the school district; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foy served as an active and instrumental member of the athletic facility improvement committee, contributing significantly to the enhancement of the football stadium with the installation of new bleachers and a modern concession stand; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foy played an integral role in the creation of our esteemed boys and girls high school bowling program that has since become a regional model of success and opportunity for young men and women; and

WHEREAS, Gary Foy, throughout his tenure, has been a consistent and passionate supporter of the G-Men, actively participating in and cheering for the athletic endeavors of James A. Garfield Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foy's approachability and openness to the community have made him a beloved figure within the JAG community, fostering positive relationships and effective communication; and

WHEREAS, Gary Foy's commitment to service was made possible through the unwavering support of his loving family, including his wife, Sharon (Class of '67), and daughter Samantha (Class of '99); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foy's 24 years of dedicated service have left an indelible mark on James A. Garfield Schools, embodying the values of excellence, integrity, and community engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of James A. Garfield Schools expresses its deepest gratitude to Gary Foy for his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the school district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends its heartfelt best wishes to Gary Foy upon his well-deserved retirement, acknowledging the impact of his service on the James A. Garfield Schools' community; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Board of Education of James A. Garfield Schools, and a copy thereof be presented to Mr. Gary Foy as a token of the sincere appreciation of the entire school community.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Education of James A. Garfield Schools, this 14th day of December 2023.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

23-133 Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. White to recognize Core Value recipients:

Matt Massey - Engagement

Carly Fleck - Kindness

Abra Schweickert - Creativity

The Transportation Department - Teamwork

Theo Cebulla - Creativity

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Treasurer's Recommendations

23-134 Moved by P. Brett, seconded by D. White to consolidate and approve the following recommendations: A-F:

- A. Approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 9, 2023
- B. Approve monthly reports for November 2023.
- C. Accept the American Express Incentive payment for 6/2023 to 8/2023; \$470.27
- D. Accept donations:
 - All Sports Boosters for the Event/Commons Entrance \$4,841.14
 - Boxcast donations to media class \$133.40
 - Gough family donation to Camp Fitch \$308.00
 - Donation (various) to High School Drama- \$305.00
 - \$26.00 Nick Derritt to Elementary Principal's account
- E. Approve continued membership with Ohio School Boards Association for 2024
- F. Approve Contract with State of Ohio for MARCS Tower
 - Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White
 - Nays: None
 - Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

The Board set the January 2024 Organizational Meeting for Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent's Recommendations

23-135 Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by D. White to consolidate and approve superintendent's recommendations: A-K

- A. Approve Open Enrollment Students: Alexander Farr - Southington, Brooke Hall - Joseph Badger, and Oliver and Piper Hrubik - Liberty
- B. Grant certified contract to Maureen Ray, school psychologist
- C. Grant classified contract for Mary Swanigan, bus driver
- D. Hire substitute teachers - Kimberley Sheller, Sydney Spitler, Krista Hardway
- E. Approve volunteer coaches for indoor track - Jim Pfleger, Matt Pfleger and Kelliann Collins
- F. Hire head dietary cook, Melanie Kleinhen due to retirement
- G. Grant supplemental contract to Jessica Early and Kelly Palmer as academic tutors
- H. Hire substitute custodians Janine Lambert, Destiny Phillips, Mike Sieczkowski and Michele Kehoe
- J. Hire Mark Hayhurst as a substitute dietary aide
- K. Grant a tutor contract to Lisa Maynard for the 2023/2024 school year
 - Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White
 - Nays: None
 - Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

23-136 Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. White to accept the resignation of Mary Swanigan, bus driver, effective December 12, 2023

- Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Foy, Vincent, White
- Nays: None
- Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

The Superintendent presented 2023-2024 School Calendar for Public Comment (attached).

Moved by P. Brett, seconded by D. Vincent to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and this meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Guy V. Pietra, President

Date

Tracy L. Knauer, Treasurer

James A. Garfield Local School District

2024-2025 School Calendar

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HOOR REQUIREMENTS

ELEMENTARY - 910 Hours
MIDDLE/HIGH - 1,001 Hours

AUGUST

- 21 - Staff Work Day
- 22 - Staff inservice
- 23 - Staff Convocation
- 26 - First Student Day Grades 1-12
- 29 - First Day for Kindergarten Group 1
- 30 - First Day for Kindergarten Group 2
- 30 - First Day for Preschool Students

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)

OCTOBER

- 11 - NEOEA DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 24 - End of First Quarter - 42 days
- 25 - Teacher Inservice (NO STUDENTS)

NOVEMBER

- 28-29 - Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

DECEMBER

- 2 - Conference Day Credit (NO SCHOOL)
- 23-31 - Winter Break

JANUARY

- 1-3 - Winter Break
- 16 - End of Second Quarter - 46 days
- 17 - Teacher Inservice (NO STUDENTS)
- 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL)

FEBRUARY

- 17 - Presidents' Day (NO SCHOOL)

MARCH

- 14 - Teacher inservice (NO STUDENTS)
- 28 - End of Third Quarter - 48 days

APRIL

- 14-18 - Spring Break - (NO SCHOOL)
- 21 - Conference Credit (NO SCHOOL)

MAY

- 24 - Graduation (7pm)
- 26 - Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 30 - Last day for students

JUNE

- 2-3 Teacher Inservice (NO SCHOOL)
- 4 - Last day for teachers

173 STUDENT DAYS

CALAMITY DAYS BEYOND FIVE (5) WILL BE MADE UP AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

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2024-2025 Hour Calculation

ELEMENTARY - 5.83 hours/day = 1,008
MIDDLE/HIGH - 6.37 hours/day = 1,102