

# **James A. Garfield Local School District**

## **Regular Meeting - February 8, 2024**

**Opening:** The James A. Garfield Board of Education met in the Charles C. Klammer Professional Development Center for the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

President, Guy Pietra, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mrs. Schweikert's class led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pietra asked for a moment of silence for board member Deral White.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Guy Pietra, Patricia Brett, Colleen Khairallah, and David Vincent. Deral White was not present.

Also present was the Superintendent, Treasurer, Staff, Students & Community Members

**24-17** Moved by P. Brett, seconded by D. Vincent to accept and approve the Board Meeting Agenda and Addendum for February 8, 2024.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Khairallah, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### **Committees and Reports**

President Pietra introduced Mr. Steve Farnsworth, who shared information with the board about his company Leadership & Learning, LLC.

Mrs. Brett gave the Maplewood Career Center report.

Mr. White was not present for the Legislative Liaison report.

Tracy Knauer gave the Treasurer's report

Ted Lysiak introduced Ryan Shackelford, Portage County Emergency Management Director, who spoke with the board about the new Marcs tower being constructed on school grounds and plans for the April 2024 eclipse.

### **Visitor Recognition and Public Comment**

No visitors asked to be recognized

### **Educational Excellence**

Mrs. Schweikert's class had salads served by the students; the class also shared information about their new lettuce farming project with a hydroponic grower purchased in cooperation with the school cafeteria.

Superintendent Ted Lysiak and the assembly recognized Board Members for their dedication to the school and community: Patricia Brett (26 Years), David Vincent (22 Years), Guy Pietra (22 Years), Deral White (21 Years), Colleen Khairallah (first year of service). The board members were presented with a Gmen mug and cards from students.

Mrs. Westover and three of her students shared a presentation about the programs learned at the AT&T Classroom and provided demonstrations.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Khairallah, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**24-18** Moved by P. Brett, seconded by G. Pietra to recognize Alisa Westover for her innovative and creative exploration of educational technology to engage students while at the AT&T Classroom at Kent State University

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Khairallah, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**24-19** Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by P. Brett to recognize Core Value Recipient: Jason Downey - Kindness, Matt Minnick - Kindness

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Khairallah, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### **Treasurer's Recommendations**

**24-20** Moved by D. Vincent, seconded by G. Pietra to consolidate and approve the following recommendations: A-G (item B was removed from the agenda):

A. Approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 11, 2024

~~B. Approve monthly reports for January 2024.~~

C. Accept the American Express Incentive payment for 9/2023 to 11/2023; \$340.84

D. Accept donations: accept \$1000.00 from Communication Factory, Brad Turner, to help fund Alisa Westover's Ozobot initiative; Terracycle US LLC \$111.10 to the Elementary Principal's account

E. Approve a contract with the Cleveland YMCA for occupancy at the Park Avenue building from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025

F. Approve depository agreement for active and/or inactive funds commencing 2/1/2024 and ending 1/31/2029: The Middlefield Banking Company.

G. Accept a grant in the amount of \$4,493.93 for Transition funds through State Support Team Region 8.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Khairallah, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

### **Superintendent's Recommendations**

**24-21** Moved by P. Brett, seconded by G. Pietra to consolidate and approve superintendent's recommendations: A-F

A. Approve Open Enrollment Students; Daniel and Hadleigh Lassiter - Streetsboro

B. Grant supplemental contracts (split) to Scott Eberly (Step 3 - \$1676.44) and Kyle Workman (Step 2 \$1611.96) - HS Baseball Asst.

C. Approved continued membership to the OHSAA

D. Hire Kathy Howerton as a substitute custodian

E. Accept Lisa Maynard resignation for tutor

F. Approve full-time classified bus driver contract for Sherry Sipus.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Khairallah, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**24-22** Moved by C. Khairallah, seconded by P. Brett to approve a three-day early release for seniors; their last day will be May 23rd

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Khairallah, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**24-23** Moved by P. Brett, seconded by C. Khairallah to approve the following students for graduation on May 25, 2024 provided they meet all local and state requirements:

Tyler Baczkowski  
Ella Badovick  
Leah Bailey  
Owen Bass  
Megan Berecek  
Ethan Bittence  
Andrew Borucki  
Zachary Brachna  
Kourtney Brahler  
Sophia Butto  
Caleb Canan  
Jack Carmichael  
Alex Carter  
Dallas Chapman  
Perry Colbert III  
Miley Collopy  
Kiera Coyle  
Justice Craver  
Michelle Crawford  
Maria D'Ambrosia  
Zachary Dean  
Zachary Dickerson  
Emily Dykes  
Reagan Eisenmann  
Landon Emerine  
Hines Estes  
Lauren Evans  
Jordyn Fedor  
Mykola Fedorchuk  
Maxwell Feller  
Luke Finney  
Alexz Gagnon-Glendenning  
Christian Gallagher

Eric Geddes  
Landen Gedeon  
Aaron Gissingner  
Leo Grandizio  
Sierra Greathouse  
Gabriel Groves  
Dezaray Hall  
Roy Harvey III  
Jacob Holiday  
Wyatt Jones  
Angel Justham  
Aiden Kissell  
Colton Leasure  
Sarrah Master  
Zoey May  
Montana McGranahan  
Andrea Menken  
Addisyn Miller  
Eliabeth Moore  
Owen Norris  
Landon Norton  
Christian Owens  
Gavin Peska  
Dominic Proya  
Giovanni Proya  
Thomas Proya  
Jakob Reeder  
Evan Ridenbaugh  
Onid Rinaldi  
Aaron Rodhe  
Cyrus Romecki  
Emma Scherick  
Grace Scirocco

Sophia Scott  
Keegan Sell  
Lilleann Shackelford  
Rylen Sharpnack  
Elizabeth Shay  
Sean Shea  
Hailey Smith  
Deacon Sommer  
Mikayla Swigonski  
Kali Tasker  
Hannah Thompson  
Haleigh Trask  
Aiden Turnbull  
Kaid Turnbull  
Ryland Turner  
Jennifer Wade  
Stella Wallace  
Dawson Walstad  
Jonathan Wiczen  
Jordan Williams  
Madeline Wilson  
Madison Woconish  
Hannah Wojtasik  
Savannah Wolff  
Robert Wright  
Vincent Yukich  
Austin Zarrelli  
Nicholaus Zarrelli  
Lola Zicari

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Khairallah, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**24-24** Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by D. Vincent to approve the Preschool Calendar for 2024/2025

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Khairallah, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

**24-25** Moved by G. Pietra, seconded by C. Khairallah to consolidate and approve superintendent's recommendations: A-D

A. Grant supplemental/personal service contracts for 23/24:

Jim Pfleger - HS Head Girls' Track Coach (Step 13 - \$5,843.36)

Matt Pfleger - HS Head Boys' Track Coach (Step 7 - \$5,641.86)

Kelliann Collins - HS Assistant Track Coach (Step 4 - \$3,352.88)

Erica Jarvis - MS Girls' Track Coach (Step 1 - \$3,223.92)

Hayden Nichols - MS Assistant Track Coach (Step 4 - \$2,095.55)

B. Accept the resignation of Doug Engelhart's supplemental contract as the HS Boys Golf Coach for the 24/25 school year.

- C. Approve Randy Ward as a volunteer for the 23/24 baseball team.
- D. Hire Sherry Sipus as a substitute custodian for the 23/24 school year.

Ayes: Pietra, Brett, Khairallah, Vincent

Nays: None

Mr. Pietra declared the motion passed

Moved by P. Brett, seconded by C. Khairallah to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and this meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Guy V. Pietra, President

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Date

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Tracy L. Knauer, Treasurer

**James A. Garfield Local School District  
2024-2025 Prechool Calendar**

**August**

26-First Day for Students Grades 1-12  
28-Preschool Orientation  
30- First Day For All Preschool Students

**September**

2-Labor Day (No School)  
20-Preschool (No School) Cleaning  
20-Preschool Screening (No School)  
11-NEOE Day (No School)  
24-End of First Quarter  
25-Teacher Inservice (No Students)  
25-Preschool (No School) Cleaning

**November**

15-Preschool (No School) Cleaning  
28-29 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

**December**

2-Conference Day Credit (No School)  
13-Preschool (No School) Cleaning  
23-31-Winter Break

**January**

1-3-Winter Break  
16-End of Second Quarter  
17-Teacher Inservice Day (No Students)  
20- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

24-Preschool (No School) Cleaning

**February**

14-Preschool (No School) Cleaning  
17-Presidents' Day (No School)

**March**

14-Teacher Inservice (No Students)  
21-Preschool (No School) Cleaning  
21-Preschool Screening (No School)  
28-End of Third Quarter

**April**

11-Preschool (No School) Cleaning  
14-18-Spring Break (No School)  
21-Conference Credit (No School)

**May**

16-Preschool (No School) Cleaning  
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

**161 Student Days**

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