

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS 10492

REGULAR SESSION

April 16, 2020

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education met in Regular Session on April 16, 2020 by Teleconference. President Beryl Piccolantonio called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Matthew Campbell	Present
	Mrs. Jennifer Chrysler	Present
	Mr. Bryan Hairston	Present
	Mrs. Daphne Moehring	Present
	Mrs. Beryl Piccolantonio	Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes

20-04-040

Moved by Mr. Campbell, and seconded by Mrs. Chrysler, that the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following minutes:

- March 17, 2020 Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting
- March 19, 2020 Regular Board of Education Meeting

Roll: Ayes – Piccolantonio, Campbell, Chrysler, Hairston, Moehring
Nays – None
Motion carried.

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY REPORT(S)/PRESENTATION(S)

A.	Finance Committee	Daphne Moehring
B.	Policy and Governance Committee	Matt Campbell
C.	Student Learning and Achievement Committee	Jennifer Chrysler

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Public Participation

- Jill Miller wants to know why high school online learning was switched. Her high schoolers' work time on assignments has dropped and she is concerned that online learning is not happening.
- Steve Eckert expressed his concern about remote learning and the lower expectations and accountability for all students. He thinks that higher-level courses should maintain academic rigor. He is also concerned about the message that it sends to students that expectations will be lowered in the face of adversity.
- Donya Dickerson would like to know the plan that is set in place to ensure no school wide spread of COVID-19 if the schools were to reopen on May 1st.
- Lisa Robinson left only a topic comment "Kids back to school."

Adoption of Agenda

20-04-041

Moved by Mrs. Moehring, and seconded by Mr. Hairston, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved this agenda as presented or approved as amended.

Roll: Ayes – Moehring, Piccolantonio, Campbell, Chrysler, Hairston
Nays – None
Motion carried.

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. **Opening:** I am so proud of our school community. I am proud of our teachers and staff. The work they are doing to reach out to students and connect with them is very important, not just academically, but socially and emotionally. We genuinely miss school, miss our students, miss each other. However, we know it is not safe to congregate in groups right now. We are all poised to do the best we can with distance learning.

Teachers have done some creative videos and photos to stay connected with their students.

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- Blacklick Elementary video:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ca9o8qhlWubVS2kAK1Jli0rpmxJi7ySy/view?ts=5e90694d>
- Royal Manor Elementary video:
<https://youtu.be/djmeXBZwr9U>
- Goshen Lane Elementary and Jefferson Elementary have continued broadcasting their morning news for students and staff to stay connected.
- Lincoln Live, Living Room Edition, is also broadcasting by Lincoln High School students.

2. The First Ever GJPS Virtual Spirit Week Was a Huge Success:

- Flyer of events:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1uzZK4ko_eiMnWGhmvg2bc4lvhQ-EpCZj
- The intent was to bring the GJPS community together the Monday after Spring Break and the first day back to distance learning.
- Teddy Bear Tuesday was especially a big hit. Over 50 photos of teddy bear sightings were shared on social media.
- #gjpsBetterTogether is our official social media tag to use during this time away from our classrooms.

3. We Are Proud of Abby Flannery and Sarah Hanson: They are fourth grade teachers at Lincoln Elementary, who received the 2020 AEP Ohio Energy Efficiency Champion Award!

- This award is given based on annual participation in Ohio Energy Programs (OEP).
- Abby and Sarah are the only two INDIVIDUALS who won this award in the state of Ohio.
 - All other winners are school districts or businesses.
- They earned this award by continuing to educate our students and their parents about energy and energy conservation.
 - Led student experiments to learn about forms of energy, the energy they consume, and ways they can conserve energy in their own lives.
 - They have participated in professional development sessions every summer for several years.

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4. **2020 Census:** Several principals (AND YOU) have recorded videos encouraging everyone to complete the 2020 Census.

5. **Great Stories Have Been Added to Our Website**
 - Becky Leffler's 7th grade language arts class at Middle School South has written some impressive poetry about this unique time in history.
 - <https://spark.adobe.com/page/xKxK1sICGH2gb/>
 - Art work contributions by both Becky Leffler's class and Doug Parker's art class.

 - Cailin Sendelbach-Shelton, 7th grade science teacher at Middle School South, wrote an article about her trip last summer to Thailand as part of her graduate school work.
 - <https://spark.adobe.com/page/J98JBNrRJ8GbL/>
 - Brought back many strategies to incorporate into her classroom
 - Conservation
 - Environmental issues
 - Meditation and mindfulness strategies

 - Rebecca Cardaman's 4th grade class at Chapelfield Elementary completed an Extreme Weather Non-Fiction Unit.
 - Researched and gathered data on types of extreme weather.
 - Created scripts for their own weather forecast which they recorded and edited using a green screen.
 - The culminating activity was a Skype interview with Ginger Zee, Chief Meteorologist for ABC Good Morning America.

6. **April Is Designated as Month of The Military Child**
 - To honor the contributions and sacrifices of our military families - in particular military children.
 - To show our support, GJPS will PURPLE UP FOR MILITARY KIDS, by wearing purple tomorrow, Friday, April 17th.
 - We encourage everyone to wear purple tomorrow and post a picture on social media with the hashtags #theGJPSWay and #PurpleUpOhio
 - Flyer:<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1c3DwahlMeMF8FS507akpRAqAxg3c7VcF>

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7. Progress on Lincoln Elementary

- Rain has hampered progress.
- The detention pond is dug out; they have some more to dig out once the new storm line is in place.
- Trucco was able to continue to put in storm drains; they installed headwall structure #3 on Friday.
- The foundation rebar was delivered on Thursday and they started pre-tying the rebar.

8. High School Update

- Mrs. Williams has met with a group of 35 students to discuss PROM and Graduation.
- PROM was scheduled for Saturday, April 18th; depending on what Dr. Acton and Governor DeWine decide, we hope to reschedule it.
- Graduation was scheduled for Saturday, May 25th and the new date is July 25th.

9. **School Closure:** The extended closure was ordered by Dr. Acton and we will ensure our schools are deeply cleaned and ready for teachers, students and staff. However, we will depend on guidance from Dr. Acton and Public Health Officials.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Cash Balances:

- Cash Balances are \$64.9M. The General fund balance is \$28.8M vs \$26.8M in the previous year. Lower yields will continue into the foreseeable future. Although Interest earnings are \$81k higher than the previous year, returns will be trending lower over the next few years. For example: recent CD purchases were at 1.00% and 1.05% respectively for a 2-year term. Star Ohio returns have dropped from 1.76% on 02/19, to 1.22% on 03/18, to 1.00% on 04/01.

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2. Revenues:

- Revenues remain ahead of prior year levels due to increased property tax receipts and Tax abatement revenues. It is projected that FY 2020 receipts will be slightly higher than estimates.
- The economic downturn due to the Corona Virus may result in negative impacts to tax collections, State funding, grant allocations, property valuations, etc. which may have a material effect on the forecast
- Food service revenues will decline from prior year levels due to the shutdown and result in operating losses for the fiscal year. Given that the Food Service fund has a \$506k cash balance as of March 31, there is no current risk to the General fund. (See attached Food Service Summary)

3. Expenditures:

- Salaries & Wages are tracking higher than prior year by 3.25%. Forecasted Salaries and Wages will be lower than plan for FY2020 and favorably impact the May forecast.
- Employee benefit costs are tracking lower than forecast. Savings will be realized which will also improve the May forecast. Offsetting the underrun will be transfers required to eliminate projected deficits in the Self Insurance 024 Fund.
- No other material variances from forecast are expected at this time

4. Appropriations:

- Adjustments to Estimated Revenues and Appropriated Expenditures are being requested due to:
 - Increases to 4 Federal Grants allocations for 4 Grant totaling \$50,827.04

5. Account Activity

- There is 1 special cost center to close. The balances are being moved from the Class of 2019 fund to the Class of 2021 fund.

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6. Activities:

- Budget worksheets have been distributed. Meeting with the buildings were made optional due to Corona restrictions. Virtual meetings are scheduled as necessary. Target date for completion is late-April.
- Five Year Forecast data is being compiled. Preliminary Forecast information will be distributed in early May for discussion at the Finance Committee meeting, then subsequently approved at the May Board meeting.

C. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (5)

20-04-042

Moved by Mr. Campbell, and seconded by Mrs. Moehring, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, that the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following:

1. Financial Report

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the March 2020 Monthly Financial Report as submitted by the Treasurer.

2. Donations

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education accepted the following donations and that the Board of Education thanks the donors for their contribution to the District:

GJPS SUPPORTER	AMOUNT	DONATED TO
Anonymous	\$20.00	LHS Theatre
Gahanna Middle School South	\$201.23	Gahanna Middle South Art Club
Blacklick School Pride Partners PTO	\$415.00	Blacklick Elementary 4th Grade Field Trip
Mr. & Mrs. Ricky & Lisa Officer	\$150.00	Fill My Tummy Fund
Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation	\$84,521.00	Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

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3. Close Inactive Accounts and Transfer Funds

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved to close the following inactive accounts and transfer remaining funds as follows:

Class of 2019 200-9019 \$9,341.11 Transfer to class of 2021 200-9821

4. Appropriations/Revenues

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved to amend the appropriations/revenue as follows:

04/16/2020-FY20 Amended Appropriations						
FUND	Fund Type	Description	Previous Appropriations	Amendment	Total Appropriations	Revenue
551	GOV/Special	LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	\$ 136,653.69	\$ 4,748.77	\$ 141,402.46	\$ 4,748.77
572	GOV/Special	TITLE I DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN	\$ 1,291,379.73	\$ 32,495.80	\$ 1,323,875.53	\$ 32,495.80
590	GOV/Special	IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY	\$ 259,827.72	\$ 11,809.10	\$ 271,636.82	\$ 11,809.10
599	GOV/Special	MISCELLANEOUS FED. GRANT FUND	\$ 81,703.90	\$ 1,773.37	\$ 83,477.27	\$ 1,773.37

Roll: Ayes – Hairston, Moehring, Piccolantonio, Campbell, Chrysler
 Nays – None
 Motion carried.

D. EDUCATIONAL/PUPIL PROGRAM(S) AND SERVICE(S)

ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (2)

20-04-043

Moved by Mr. Hairston, and seconded by Mrs. Chrysler, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following:

1. Panorama Education Agreement

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the agreement with Panorama Education for a one (1) year subscription to Social and Emotional Learning software and Professional Development at a total cost not to exceed \$17,958, to be paid out of the general fund.

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2. Amendment of Motion 20-02-024 (D-2) Soliant Health

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved to amend as follows:

Extend Soliant Health services, not to exceed 385 hours due to the extension of a medical leave.

3. Licking County Educational Service Center

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved a contract with Licking County Educational Service Center - Phoenix Central to purchase one program seat at \$38,900 for the 2020-2021 school year. Additional students enrolled during the school year would be at a daily rate of \$225, to be paid out of the IDEA-B fund.

Roll: Ayes – Chrysler, Hairston, Moehring, Piccolantonio, Campbell
Nays – None
Motion carried.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (11)

20-04-044

Moved by Mrs. Moehring, and seconded by Mr. Campbell, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following:

1. Resignations

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education accepted the following resignations:

Emily Obrovac, Grade 2, Blacklick Elementary, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Melissa Shotts, Grade 6 Language Arts, Middle School West, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year

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Cheryl Bower, Kindergarten, Blacklick Elementary, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year for retirement purposes

Ronald Foltz, Assistant Principal, Lincoln High School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2020

2. Additional Hours

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved additional hours for Sandra Pershing, Campus Supervisor, Lincoln High School, at her current rate of pay to assist with parking duties during the 2020 summer session, not to exceed 48 hours, to be paid out of the general fund.

3. Employment – Addendum Assignment

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following personnel for the position listed, according to the current adopted Addendum Salary Schedule, effective for the 2019-2020 school year:

Group VIII

Name	Bldg.	Title	Step	Salary
Kalena Falk	LHS	Dept. Chairperson - School Counseling	0	\$685.77 (25%)

4. Rescind Motion 20-02-025 (E-16) – Unpaid Leave of Absences

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved to rescind motion 20-02-025 (E-16) for the following unpaid leave of absences:

Amanda Aldis for a half day PM on April 27, 2020 and from April 28, 2020 through April 30, 2020

Melissa Hinds for a half day PM on March 12, 2020 and on March 13, 2020

Madison Miller on April 17, 2020

Tiffany Nordaby from November 3, 2020 through May 26, 2021

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5. Rescind Motion 19-09-103 (E-35) – Unpaid Leave of Absences

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved to rescind motion 19-09-103 (E-35) for an unpaid leave of absence for Angela Buchert from April 8, 2020 through April 9, 2020 and on April 15, 2020

6. Rescind Motion 20-03-034 (E-6) – Employment through the Educational Service Center-Council of Governments for the 2019-2020 School Year

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved to rescind motion 20-03-034 (E-6) for the hiring of DeMetris Hazly-Ward as a Title 1 Aide at Middle School West

7. Unpaid Leave of Absences

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following unpaid leave of absences:

Jason Johnson, Custodian, Lincoln High School, effective January 10, 2020 through June 30, 2020

Amber Mocarski, Spanish, Middle School East, effective for the 2020-2021 school year

Dejae Wilhelm, Educational Aide, Middle School South, effective March 3, 2020 through March 17, 2020

8. Additional Hours - Testing Early Entrance to Kindergarten Applicants

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved Kristin Strawser to administer testing for Early Entrance to Kindergarten during the summer of 2020, not to exceed 15 hours, at the hourly rate of \$31.88, to be paid out of the general fund.

9. Additional Hours – Kindergarten Round Up

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved additional hours for the following personnel for Kindergarten Roundup not to exceed the

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maximum hours indicated, at the hourly rate of \$27.64, to be paid out of the general fund.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Maximum Hours</u>
Cheryl Bower	2
Olivia Czezele	2
Desiree Schirg	2
Sue Park	2
Jeff Bower	2
Susan Van Dop	2
Brittany Schwarck	2
Shellie Ball	2
Paula Madison	2
Amy Scott	2
Beth Brant	6.5
Stephanie Bhatt	2
Megan Campbell	2
Kristin Oberlin	2
Tracie Weaver	2
Jon Grundtisch	2
Kelly Weber	2
Tracy Herrmann	2
Molly Ryan	2
Amanda Pape	2.5
Katie Brown	2.5
Chris Rincon	2.5
Mindy Wise	2.5
Erin Scott	2.5
Jenn Diol	2.5
Stacy Murphy	2.5
Rachel Mooney	2.5
Grant Jones	2
Megan McLean	2
Audrey Merz	2
Jen VanHorsen	2
Liz Jaffee	2
Doug Palmer	2
Jenny Davison	2
Hannah Lemont	2
Beth Sheraw	2

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Lauren Wolford	2
Reed Franklin	2
Heather Repasky	2
Kyle Bentley	2
Haley Weathers	2
Sarah Mowery	2
Lindsay Dexter	2
Connie Magnuson	2
Meghan Fox	2
Sara Shininger	2
Tammy Huyghe	2
Jennifer Marshall	2
Laura Rogers	2
Lindsay Baker	2
Amanda Cook	2
Maggie Paskett	2
Lauren Lunka	2
Suzanne Costas	2
Lindsey Kelly	2
Jen Walker	2
MaryBeth Friedrich	2
Theresa Jones	2
Trish English	2
Monica Baker	2
Kelly Long	2
Susan Hielkema	2
Christina Wintersteller	2
Ashley Light	2
Danielle Ward	2
Becky Rader	2
Patty Brohard	2
Christina Eckstein	2
Hilary Witchousky	2
Ginny Davis	2
Molly Stiffler	2
Sarah Mowery	2

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10. Employment – Additional Hours/Days for After-School Kindergarten Roundup

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved additional hours/days as needed for the following classified employees to work at their current rate of pay as after-school Kindergarten Roundup secretaries for the 2020 summer session:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Maximum Hours</u>
Carla Carr	High Point	2.5 hours
Erin Reetz	High Point	2.5 hours
Carol Baumann	Jefferson	2 hours
Lynnette Reventlow	Jefferson	2 hours
Jill Rak	Lincoln	2 hours
Britt Ramsey	Royal Manor	2 hours
Ashley O'Rourke	Royal Manor	2 hours
Amy Canan	Blacklick	2 hours
Kim Lindsey	Blacklick	2 hours
Lesa Maloon	Chapelfield	2 hours
Stephanie Gilzow	Chapelfield	2 hours
Emily McFadden	Goshen Lane	2 hours

11. Amendment of Motion 20-03-034 (E-12) - Additional Hours

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved to amend as follows:

To include the following staff to serve on the Grades 3-5 Classroom Book/Text Selection Task Force:

Jennifer Younker
Jordan Jaeckin
Rachel Garrison

Roll: Ayes – Campbell, Chrysler, Hairston, Moehring, Piccolantonio
Nays – None
Motion carried.

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F. GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (18)

20-04-045

Moved by Mr. Campbell, and seconded by Mrs. Chrysler, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following:

1. Classroom Conversion

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved classroom conversion for Pre-K from Triad at a cost not to exceed \$40,478, to be paid out of permanent improvement (PI) funds.

2. Restroom Renovation

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the contract with Kirk Design & Construction for restroom renovation projects at Goshen Lane Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, and Middle School South, at a cost not to exceed \$261,134, to be paid out of bond funds.

3. Sidewalk Expansion

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the sidewalk expansion by Mark Taggart at Royal Manor, at a cost not to exceed \$16,000, to be paid out of permanent improvement (PI) funds.

4. Scoreboards

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the replacement of scoreboards by Daktronics at Middle School South, Middle School East, and Middle School West at a cost not to exceed \$15,600, to be paid out of permanent improvement (PI) Funds.

5. Flooring Project

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the proposal from Rite Rug to furnish and install flooring in Chapelfield Elementary and Middle

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School East, at a cost not to exceed \$559,203.12, to be paid out of bond funds.

6. Middle School West Track

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the removal of the existing track and replacing a new track at Middle School West by Fisher Track, Inc. (Subcontractor: Heiberger Paving, Inc./ Mid America Sports Surfacing) purchased through BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative at a cost not to exceed \$400,691, to be paid out of permanent improvement (PI) funds.

7. Media Centers

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved Rite Rug to install flooring in media centers throughout the district at a cost not to exceed \$45,552.10, to be paid out of bond funds.

8. Key Card Access

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved All Secured Security Services, LLC for the installation of key card access though out the District, at a cost not to exceed \$259,590.00, to be paid out of permanent improvement (PI) funds.

9. Abatement

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved Total environmental Services, LLC for abatement and related work at Middle School East and Chapelfield Elementary at a cost not to exceed \$129,413, to be paid out of bond funds.

10. Furniture

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved furniture from Educational Furniture for Goshen Lane and Chapelfield Elementary at a cost not to exceed \$438,548 to be paid out of bond funds.

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11. Library Furniture

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved library furniture for Goshen Lane, High Point, Royal Manor, Blacklick Elementary, Chapelfield Elementary and Jefferson Elementary from Educational Furniture at a cost not to exceed \$236,026.61, to be paid out of bond funds.

12. Bell Glides

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved Bell Glides for Middle School South, Middle School West and Middle School East, from Educational Furniture at a cost not to exceed \$24,750, to be paid out of bond funds

13. Resolution

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD TO CARRY OUT BOARD MEETINGS VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the Governor of the State of Ohio issued Executive Order 2020-01D (the "Order"), declaring a state of emergency to protect the well-being of the citizens of the Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to issuance of the Order, the legislature put in place uncodified emergency provisions via passage of Ohio House Bill (HB) 197 ("HB197") providing public bodies the authority to hold and attend meetings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology ("electronic means") in lieu of carrying out such meetings in person; and

WHEREAS, HB 197 provides public bodies the authority to carry out meetings by such electronic means during the period of the emergency declared by the Order issued March 9, 2020, but not beyond December 1, 2020, if the period of the emergency continues beyond that date; and

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WHEREAS, HB 197 provides that board members attending meetings by electronic means are considered present as if they were attending in person, are permitted to vote, are counted for quorum, and any public action taken by such electronic means under such emergency provisions has the same effect as if it were taken in an open meeting of the public body; and

WHEREAS, the important governance functions and public business of public bodies still must continue even in the exigent circumstances created by the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in an effort to continue the important public business of the public body while still safeguarding the health and well-being of the members of the school district community, wishes to avail itself of the opportunity to hold and attend meetings by electronic means in order to carry out such important governance functions and public business in compliance with HB 197 and all other requirements set forth by Ohio's Open Meetings Act ("OMA") that are not in conflict with the provisions of HB 197; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board policy 0131, Legislative, Ohio Revised Code (RC) 3313.20 and HB 197, and due to challenges created by the necessity to carry out such meetings by electronic means, the Board wishes to temporarily amend the relevant provision of its bylaw 0167, Voting, for the duration of the applicability of the emergency provisions, with regard to the requirement that members be physically present at the meeting to vote; and

WHEREAS, the Board strongly agrees with and abides by the standards set forth by OMA, including such emergency provisions as set forth by HB 197, and endeavors to fully comply with its requirements to the extent possible in light of the exigent public health and safety circumstances created by the COVID-19 epidemic through compliance with OMA provisions not in conflict with the provisions of HB 197.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Ohio House Bill (HB) 197 ("HB 197"), the Board shall carry out its meetings either by a combination of in person attendance (with appropriate social distancing, limitation on the number of in-person attendees, and safety precautions to the extent possible) paired with electronic attendance, or solely by the electronic means set forth in the emergency provisions for the duration of

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the exigent circumstances created by the COVID-19 outbreak, but not beyond December 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for purposes of compliance with Ohio's Open Meetings Act ("OMA") for the duration of the applicability of such emergency provisions, the Board hereby amends the relevant provision of its bylaw 0167, Voting, with regard to the requirement that members be physically present at the meeting to vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President, the Superintendent (or his designee), Chief Operating Officer, and/or the Treasurer are authorized and directed to take all other such actions as are necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an electronic meeting of this Board in full compliance with the provisions of HB197, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action took place in a meeting open to the public by electronic means or in executive session as permitted by Ohio law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

14. Resolution

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN FOR DISTANCE LEARNING AND GRANTING THE SUPERINTENDENT CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE GRADUATION OF STUDENTS ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, TO PROHIBIT RETENTION OF STUDENTS UNDER THE THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO USE THE STATE MINIMUM CURRICULUM STANDARDS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH HB 197 DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

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WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (the "Director") issued an order closing all Ohio K-12 site-based schools to students, from March 17, 2020 through April 3, 2020, to address the COVID-19 outbreak and attempt to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Director issued a subsequent order, which was signed on April 2, 2020, extending the school building closure through May 1, 2020 for the same purposes set forth in the March 14, 2020 order;

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Governor of Ohio signed into law emergency legislation, House Bill 197 ("HB 197"), addressing the urgent needs of the State in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, according to Ohio Revised Code ("RC") 3313.48, Ohio school districts are required to be open for instruction for a minimum number of hours over the course of a school year;

WHEREAS, with respect to education, HB 197 permits school districts that are not internet- or computer-based schools (e-schools) to amend or adopt a plan under RC 3313.482, notwithstanding anything to the contrary under RC 3313.482, to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the district's or school's website in order to make up hours for the 2019-2020 school year when schools were closed in the 2019-2020 school year due to the Director's ordered school closure;

WHEREAS, pursuant to House Bill 197, the Board wishes to adopt a distance learning plan to make up the necessary days or hours due to the closure of the Gahanna-Jefferson City School District ("District") buildings to students as a result of the Director's March 14, 2020 school closure order and the extension of that order up to and through May 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, the District has created an "GJPS Guidance for Distance Learning" due to the building closure and has posted these plans on its website;

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WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code sets forth the minimum requirements for a student to earn a high school diploma;

WHEREAS, with respect to graduation, Section 17(D) of House Bill 197 permits school districts to grant high school diplomas to any student who was enrolled in the twelfth grade in the 2019-2020 school year or was on track to graduate in the 2019-2020 school year, as determined by the school district, if the student's principal, in consultation with teachers and counselors, reviews the student's progress toward meeting the requirements for a diploma and determines that the student has successfully completed the curriculum in the student's high school or the individualized education program developed for the student by the student's high school, or is otherwise qualified under RC 3313.603(D) or (F), at the time the student's school closed pursuant to the Director's March 14, 2020 order;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to authorize the Superintendent to approve the graduation of students in accordance with HB 197 due to the closure of the District buildings to students as a result of the Director's order, and to establish whatever administrative guidelines are necessary to comply with HB 197.

WHEREAS, with respect to application of the state minimum curriculum standards, Section 17(D) of House Bill 197 further permits boards of education that have adopted a resolution under RC 3313.603(E) requiring a more challenging curriculum than otherwise required under RC 3313.603(C), to authorize the district superintendent to elect to require only the minimum curriculum specified in RC 3313.603(C) to determine if a student to whom HB 197 Section 17(D) applies has successfully completed the curriculum under HB 197 Section 17(D);

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to grant authority to the superintendent to elect to require only the minimum curriculum specified in RC 3313.603(C) to determine if a student to whom HB 197 applies has successfully completed the curriculum under Section 17(D) of HB 197;

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WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code sets forth the minimum reading requirements for a student to advance to the Fourth Grade;

WHEREAS, with respect to the third-grade reading guarantee, Section 17(C) of HB 197 prohibits school districts from retaining students in the third grade based solely on a student's academic performance in reading in the 2019-2020 school year, unless the principal of the school building in which a student is enrolled and the student's reading teacher agree that the student is reading below grade level and is not prepared to be promoted to the fourth grade; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to authorize the Superintendent to advance third grade students to the fourth grade in accordance with HB 197 due to the Director's ordered closure of District buildings to students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board:

Section 1. Pursuant to House Bill 197 ("HB 197"), the Board hereby adopts the "GJPS Guidance for Distance Learning", as posted on its website and incorporated fully herein, as its distance learning plan to make up the necessary number of days or hours due to the closure of school as a result of the Director of the Ohio Department of Health's (the "Director") order closing K-12 schools in Ohio up to and through May 1, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. Pursuant to HB 197, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to approve the graduation of students who meet the qualifications for a diploma in the 2019-2020 school year as set forth in HB 197 and the Ohio Revised Code. This authority shall remain intact up to and through September 30, 2020. To the extent that this resolution conflicts with any current Board policy, the directives in this resolution shall prevail over the policy provisions.

Section 3. In accordance with the Superintendent's authority under 5460 ("Graduation Requirements") to establish whatever administrative guidelines are necessary to comply with State rules and regulations regarding graduation, the Superintendent is hereby authorized to modify existing administrative guidelines and to take necessary actions related to the approval of graduation of students for the 2019-2020 school year in

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accordance with the graduation criteria set forth in HB 197. To the extent these graduation criteria conflict with graduation criteria in any current Board policy, the conflicting criteria set forth in Board policy are temporarily suspended solely due to the COVID 19 pandemic and to allow for compliance with HB 197.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section (D)(3) of House Bill 197, to the extent that the Board has adopted a more challenging curriculum requirement in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (“RC”) 3313.603(E), the Board hereby acknowledges that the Superintendent may elect to require only the minimum curriculum specified in RC 3313.603 for purposes of determining if a student successfully has completed the curriculum necessary to be granted a diploma.

Section 5. Pursuant to House Bill 197, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to prohibit the retention of a student in the third grade based solely on a student’s academic performance in reading in the 2019- 2020 school year, unless the principal of the school building in which a student is enrolled and the student’s reading teacher agree that the student is reading below grade level and is not prepared to be promoted to the fourth grade. To the extent that this resolution conflicts with any current Board policy, the directives in this resolution shall prevail over the policy provisions.

Section 6. The Board President, the Superintendent, and/or the Treasurer are authorized and directed to take all other such actions as are necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution, including but not limited to, arranging for the principal to consult with teachers and counselors on a remote basis for them to review students’ progress toward meeting the requirements for a diploma and to determine that students have successfully completed the necessary high school curriculum, and arranging for the principal(s) and reading teachers to consult on a remote basis in order for them to determine whether a student is reading below grade level and is not prepared to be promoted to the fourth grade.

Section 7. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting held electronically by this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive session as permitted by Ohio law.

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Section 8. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

15. Resolution

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE DISTRICT'S DONATION
OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO ELIGIBLE
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PURSUANT TO AND IN
ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 3313.41
DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section ("RC") 3313.17, the Board is a body politic and corporate and capable of acquiring, holding, possessing, and disposing of real and personal property;

WHEREAS, RC 3313.41 provides that when a school district board of education has property that the board, by resolution, finds is not needed for school district use, the board may donate that property if the fair market value of the property is, in the opinion of the board, two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) or less;

WHEREAS, RC 3313.41 further provides that the property may be donated to an eligible nonprofit organization that is located in this State and is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(a) and (c)(3), and before donating any property, the school district board of education shall adopt a resolution expressing its intent to make unneeded district property available to these organizations;

WHEREAS, RC 3313.41 further provides that the resolution shall include guidelines and procedures the school district board of education considers to be necessary to implement the donation program and shall indicate whether the school district will conduct the donation program or the board will contract with a representative to conduct it;

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WHEREAS, RC 3313.41 further provides that the resolution shall include within its procedures a requirement that any nonprofit organization desiring to obtain donated property shall submit a written notice to the board or its representative;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the Governor of the State of Ohio issued Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a state of emergency to protect the well-being of the citizens of the Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, RC 5502.24 provides political subdivision the authority to dispense with certain time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law during certain exigent circumstances.

WHEREAS, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (the "Director") issued school closure orders closing school buildings in the State of Ohio, including the Gahanna-Jefferson City School District (the "District") to students, and subsequently extending such closure until at least May 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Board owns personal protective equipment ("PPE"), which in the Board's opinion, does not exceed the value of two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) and is not currently needed for use by the District due to the ordered closure of Ohio school to students;

WHEREAS, the Governor of Ohio has requested that PPE be donated to assist healthcare workers and first responders due to exigent need for such resources as a result of the PPE shortage, and this request has been published in numerous newspapers, online sites, and social media platforms and in accordance with RC3313.41, such publication serves as written notice to the Board that nonprofit organizations desire to obtain the Board's PPE through donation;

WHEREAS, due to the exigent circumstances associated with the need for donation of PPE to assist healthcare workers and first responders, the

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District, in dispensing with certain time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law including but not limited to notice by publication, on March 25, 2020 donated gloves and disinfecting wipes valued at \$600, to certain eligible nonprofit organizations in Ohio that are exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(a) and (c)(3); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it was in the best interests of the wider school community and society to donate its PPE in accordance with this Resolution and wishes to ratify any such action taken by the District due to such exigent circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board:

Section 1. Pursuant to and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (“RC”) 3313.41 and RC 5502.24, the Board hereby ratifies the District’s donation of PPE, which in the Board’s opinion does not exceed the value of two Thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), to certain eligible nonprofit organizations in Ohio that are exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(a) and (c)(3), because the PPE property is no longer currently needed for District use based on the closure of school buildings to students, and because there exists an exigent need for such PPE by healthcare workers and first responders due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. The Board President, Superintendent, and/or Treasurer are authorized and directed to take all other such actions as are necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive session as permitted by Ohio law.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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16. Public Participation

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved to authorize the Board President, pursuant to Board policy 0169.1 and for the duration of the COVID 19 public health emergency, to amend the public participation rules as necessary for the administration of the Board's business due to the fact the Board is conducting meetings by electronic means pursuant to HB 197.

17. Easement and Right of Way

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved AEP to purchase 15 feet of easement located by Middle School South to run power cables to the new Lincoln Elementary for the purchase price of \$1.00.

18. Chromebooks

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the agreement with Dayton Cincinnati Technology Service for the purchase of Chromebooks, Chromebook enrollment key and white glove service at a cost not to exceed \$564,000. To be paid out of permanent improvement Funds (\$350,000) and general funds (\$214,000).

Roll: Ayes – Piccolantonio, Campbell, Chrysler, Hairston, Moehring
Nays – None
Motion carried.

BOARD REPORT(S)/DISCUSSION(S)

- A. Legislative Liaison
- B. Eastland Fairfield
- C. Gahanna Parks and Rec
- D. Local Government Liaison
- E. Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation
- F. Insurance Committee

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ADJOURNMENT

20-04-046

Moved by Mrs. Moehring, and seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the regular meeting of the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Roll: Ayes – Moehring, Piccolantonio, Campbell, Chrysler, Hairston
Nays – None
Motion carried.



President



Treasurer