

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS 11412

SPECIAL SESSION

April 30, 2022

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education met in Special Session on April 30, 2022 at the Gahanna-Jefferson Clark Hall, 380 Granville Street. President Beryl Piccolantonio called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL:	Mrs. Kara Coates	Present
	Mrs. Sue Horn	Present
	Mr. Dion Manley	Present
	Mrs. Daphne Moehring	Present
	Mrs. Beryl Piccolantonio	Present

BOARD ACTION(S)/INFORMATION ITEM(S)

A. GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (2)

22-04-065

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

1. Resolution

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

Authorizing an Increase in the Owner Contingency for
Phase 2 of the Master Facilities Project

The Superintendent recommends that the Board increase the Owner's Contingency for Phase 2 of the Master Facilities Project (the "Project") from \$1,000,000.00 to \$5,000,000.00

Rationale:

1. The Board previously authorized the Superintendent, in consultation with other District administrators and legal counsel, to approve and execute Amendments to the Architect ("A/E") agreement with DLR Group, Inc. ("DLR") and to Consultant agreements for those consultants approved by

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the Board under separate Board resolution (“Consultants”), as well as Construction Change Directives and Change Orders to the Construction Manager at Risk (“CMR”) agreement with Ruscilli Construction Co., Inc. (“Ruscilli”) (collectively, “Modifications”) for the Project, in an amount not to exceed the Owner Contingency for the Project of \$1,000,000.00.

2. The Superintendent requests authority to increase the not exceed the amount of the Owner Contingency for the Project from \$1,000,000.00 to \$5,000,000.00.

The Gahanna-Jefferson Public School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the increase of the Owner Contingency for the Project to \$5,000,000.00 from \$1,000,000.00.
2. The Superintendent will inform the Board of Modifications via email.

22-04-066

Moved by Mr. Manley, and seconded by Mrs. Horn, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved to amend Motion 22-04-065 Resolution #2 by inserting paragraphs 9 and 10 from the original Resolution provided on the agenda to the following:

Roll Call: Ayes – Piccolantonio, Moehring, Coates, Horn, Manley
Nays – None
Motion carried.

2. Resolution

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

Resolution in Opposition to HB 616, HB 322 and HB 327

WHEREAS, House Bill 322 (Regards the teaching of certain current events, race, and sex) was introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives on May 25, 2021 and referred to the House, State and Local Government Committee on June 10, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, House Bill 327 (Prohibits teaching, advocating, or promoting divisive concepts) was introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives on May 25, 2021 and referred to the House State and Local Government Committee on June 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 616 (Regards promotion, teaching-divisive, inherently racist concepts) was introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives on April 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, all three bills represent an unprecedented intrusion into the ability of local communities through locally elected school boards to determine and regulate curriculum and instruction; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of the bills have not identified anything within the Ohio state standards for K-12 Education or in any Ohio public school district that prompted the need for these pieces of legislation and instead include false assumptions about curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the language contained in these pieces of legislation is likely unconstitutionally overbroad and vague; and

WHEREAS, the legislation would have a chilling effect on dialogue and inject fear and instability into a system of public education that is already under-resourced, under-staffed, and under tremendous strain; and

WHEREAS, the language contained in these bills would jeopardize the ability of the Gahanna-Jefferson school district to ensure all students feel a sense of belonging and build an egalitarian culture that embraces differences and promotes a safe environment in which all students and educators can be their authentic selves; and

WHEREAS, the language in these bills opposes our American value of equality by intending to censor, marginalize, exclude and discriminate against our diverse communities, including LGBTQ+ and people of color; and

WHEREAS, the result of these bills moving forward risks furthering the current mental health crisis through isolation, silence, and normalizing discrimination by creating a culture where students and educators do not feel valued and respected; and

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WHEREAS, educators and students can and should have appropriate conversations about difficult issues, and neither should be punished for doing so; and

WHEREAS, District staff must be able to receive quality training on these and other challenging topics as they work to support the needs of our students, and these bills prohibit such training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Gahanna-Jefferson City School District, that the Board formally opposes and rejects HB 322, HB 327, and HB 616 of the 134th General Assembly as an unprecedented and unlawful overreach and intrusion into public education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio State Senate (including House Speaker Bob Cupp; Senate President Matt Huffman; Representative Scott Wiggam, Chair of the House State and Local Government Committee; State Representative Brigid Kelly, Ranking Member of the House State and Local Government Committee; State Representative Mary Lightbody; State Representative Richard Brown; and State Senator Tina Maharath); and to the office of Governor Mike DeWine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board, which may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll Call: Ayes – Piccolantonio, Coates, Horn, Manley, Moehring
Nays – None
Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

22-04-067

Moved by Mrs. Horn, and seconded by Mrs. Coates, that the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education went into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) for the purpose of:

- The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing.
- The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding.
- Conference with the Board's attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- Preparing for conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.
- Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law rules or state statutes.
- Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office.
- Discussion of trade secrets of certain hospitals.
- Consider certain Confidential information, including trade secrets, of applicants for certain types of economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions concerning such applications.

Roll: Ayes – Moehring, Piccolantonio, Coates, Horn, Manley
Nays – None
Motion carried.

Mrs. Piccolantonio declared the Board into Executive Session at 9:17 a.m. and back into Special Session at 1:21 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

22-04-068

Moved by Mrs. Horn, and seconded by Mr. Moehring, the Special Meeting of the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Roll: Ayes – Manley, Moehring, Piccolantonio, Coates, Horn
Nays – None
Motion carried.



President



Treasurer