# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS 11347

**REGULAR SESSION**

**March 17, 2022**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 17, 2022 at the Gahanna-Jefferson Clark Hall, 380 Granville Street. President Beryl Piccolantonio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**22-03-034**

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

- February 8, 2022 Special Board of Education Meeting
- February 15, 2022 Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting
- February 17, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting

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

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

**A. GLHS Music Department** **Kevin Dengel/Students**

- Mr. Dengel thanked the Board for the Resolution designating March as Music in our Schools month. Students Larson Becker, Sofia Rivera, and Defang Ndematebem thanked the Board for their support of the Gahanna music program. Task Force, a saxophone quartet performed.

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**B. Student Council President — Varun Miriyala**

- GahannaThon is cancelled – looking for a replacement to supplement donations to Children's Hospital. Prom is May 14th at Valley Dale Ballroom for Juniors and Seniors. A luncheon is being planned for Teacher Appreciation Week and new this year will be a Mindful Minute on April 8th to help students destress.

**C. Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation — Sharon Tomko/Trish Twigg**

- Gala was a huge success with over $160,000 raised; $41,000 for the Gear Gardens. Currently reviewing projects to award grants to teacher. A summer Job Fair was a success with over 20 businesses and students being hired on the spot. Hosting in April, What's Next? to present students with various pathways after graduation.

**D. Gahanna-Jefferson Education Association — Joan Miller**

- Collecting scholarship applications to award to graduating students pursuing Education. OEA VP visited Gahanna Schools; discussed the dire need for teacher retention and supporting Related Arts in our schools for all students.

**E. Finance/Facilities Committee — Daphne Moehring**

**F. Policy and Governance Committee — Dion Manley**

**G. Student Learning & Achievement — Kara Coates**

## Public Participation

- Deana Tilahun/Ariam Knife discussed Mr. Browning's teaching skills and his impact on their class.
- Lamine Komara spoke about Mr. Browning.
- Kendyl Cripe spoke about Mr. Browning.
- Teri Cohee spoke about Mr. Browning.
- Elizabeth Daniels discussed the ODE scorecard.
- Lynn Fogel discussed accessibility in the new stadium.
- Angela Sullivan spoke about Finance.
- Ian Phillips spoke about Mr. Browning.

## Adoption of Agenda

**22-03-035**

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

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

## A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Here is the link to the Superintendent's Report that starts at 1:20:23.

## B. TREASURER'S REPORT

Here is the link to the Treasurer's Report that starts at 1:32:44.

## C. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

### ITEM FOR INFORMATION

**1. February 2022 Monthly Financial Report**

### ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (4)

**22-03-036**

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

**1. Appropriations FY22**

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

| | 03/17/22-FY22 Amended Appropriations | |
|---|---|---|
| **FUND** | **Description** | **Amendment** |
| 018 | PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT | $ 16,050.00 |
| 499 | CELEBRATING OHIO BOOK AWARDS & AUTHORS GRANT | $ 1,292.00 |

## 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 SUPPORTERS | AMOUNT/ITEM | DONATED TO |
|---|---|---|
| The Bee Cause Project | $1,500.00 | LHS Beekeeping Club |
| Anonymous | $660.00 | LHS Lions Locker |
| Gahanna Bridges | Cell Phone Valued at $50.00 | LHS Student |
| Lincoln Elementary PTO | $833.00 | Lincoln Elementary 1st Grade Field Trip |
| Anonymous | $50.00 | Royal Manor Elementary Staff |

## 3. Resolution

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

Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by
the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary
Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Franklin County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Gahanna-Jefferson School District, Franklin County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation for tax year 2022 (collection year 2023) as follows:

Summary of Amounts Required from General Property Tax Approved By The Budget Commission, and County Auditor's Estimated Tax Rates

| FUND | Amount to be Derived from the Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation | Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation | County Auditor's Estimate of Full Tax Rate to be Levied | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Inside 10 Mill Limit | Outside 10 Mill Limit |
| General Fund | $72,937,134.00 | $8,584,342.23 | 4.40 | 74.24 |
| Bond Retirement | 11,033,327.22 | | | 5.66 |
| Permanent Improvement | 5,798,507.13 | | | 3.66 |
| Classroom Facilities | | | | |
| TOTAL | $89,768,968.35 | $8,584,342.23 | 4.40 | 83.56 |

**4. Grady Enterprises, Inc. Contract**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved a one-year extension on the existing contract with Grady Enterprises, Inc. (Grady Benefits) from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for healthcare consulting services to be paid out of the Self Insurance fund, as presented.

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

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

### ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (3)

**22-03-037**

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. Overnight/Extended Student Trip(s)**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following overnight/extended student trips for the 2021-2022 school year.

LHS - Softball team
Softball Tournament at the Cal Ripken Experience
Pigeon Forge, TN
April 1 - 3, 2022

LHS - Theater students
2022 Theater Workshop
New York, NY
May 31 - June 3, 2022

**2. Licking County Educational Service Center**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved a contract with Licking County Educational Service Center - Phoenix Central to purchase three program seats at $42,000.00 each for the 2022-2023 school year. Additional students enrolled during the school year would be at a daily rate of $275.00, to be paid out of the general fund.

**3. Amendment of Motion 22-02-030 (D-2) Non- Addendum Clubs and Activities**

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

To include Lions on the Move and Girls on the Run

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

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. Resignations**

The following individuals resigned from the Educational Service Center-Council of Governments (ESC-COG):

Tracy Hairston, Preschool Educational Aide, Clark Hall, effective at the end of the day on February 17, 2022

Monique Rhodes, Preschool Educational Aide, Clark Hall, effective at 11:15 a.m. on February 23, 2022

## E. HUMAN RESOURCES

**ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (34)**

**22-03-038**

Moved by Mr. Manley, and seconded by Mrs. Coates, 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:

Amanda Aldis, Kitchen Helper, Lincoln High School, effective at the end of the day on March 9, 2022

Thomas Bates, Principal, Chapelfield Elementary, effective at the end of the day on July 31, 2022

Jocelyn Bowie, Grade 7 Math, Middle School West, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

Christine Christman, Intervention Specialist, Middle School West, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

Pamela Cook, Spanish, Lincoln High School, effective January 1, 2022 for disability retirement purposes

August Drobney, Art, Middle School West, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

Michael Gallick, Bus Driver, effective at the end of the day on May 31, 2022 for retirement purposes

Rachael Gaudio, Grade 6 Language Arts, Middle School East, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

Christine Gray, Assistant Principal, Lincoln Elementary, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

Lisa Hebert, Secretary, Welcome Center/Clark Hall, effective at the end of the day on February 28, 2022

Joseph Kern, Art, Lincoln High School, effective at the end of the day on April 1, 2022

Tiffany McWhirter, Educational Aide, Middle School East, effective at the end of the day on March 23, 2022

Mary Beth Miller, 2-hour Kitchen Helper for the Breakfast Program, Lincoln Elementary, effective at the end of the day on February 25, 2022

Deborah Newman, Kitchen Helper, Middle School South, effective at the end of the day on March 4, 2022

Tiffany Nordaby, Art, Middle School West, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

Daniel O'Rourke, Bus Driver, effective February 28, 2022

Iris Prevoteau, Intervention Specialist (50%), Goshen Lane Elementary, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

Emily Remnant, Mental Health Specialist, Middle School West, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

Sharon Tomko, Community Relations & Outreach Coordinator (75%), effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2022 for retirement purposes

**2. Positions**

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

Effective March 18, 2022:
1 PTE Secretary I (27%)
*Increasing current position from 73% to 100%

Effective with the 2022-2023 school year:
3 FTE Assistant Principals
1 FTE Math Instructional Support Coach
1 FTE Speech Pathologist

**3. Amendment of Motion 21-08-112 (E-12) – Employment – GJEA Eligible Personnel for Addendum Assignments**

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

Update Olivia Briggs's contract, MTSS, Blacklick Elementary, from $296.30 (34%) to $133.34 (15%)

**4. Employment – Administrative Staff**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following administrative personnel, based on the appropriate salary schedule and ORC Statute 3319.02, effective with the 2022-2023 school year (pending

background check results and/or certification), to be paid from ARP IDEA funds:

| Name | Position | Term | Salary |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jenilee Accurso | School Psychologist, Blacklick/Jefferson Elementary | 2-year (210 days) | $87,935 (Step 3) |

**5. Employment – Interim Certificated Staff**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the interim employment of the following certificated personnel on a one-year limited contract for the 2021-2022 school year, to serve at the will of the Board and to be paid in accordance with the adopted salary schedule (pending background check results and/or certification). This contract shall expire automatically at the end of the 2021-2022 school year without action by or notice from the Board.

James Velo – Math, Lincoln High School
10 years experience; MA+45 degree; salary $26,309.04
Effective February 22, 2022; prorated 60 days for the 2021-2022 SY

**6. Employment – Certificated Staff**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following certificated personnel on a one-year limited contract for the 2022-2023 school year, to serve at the will of the Board and to be paid in accordance with the adopted salary schedule in twenty-four equal installments (pending background check results and/or certification):

Jessica Berndt – School Psychologist on Special Assignment, District-wide
7 years experience; MA+45 degree; salary $73,933

Megan Henning – Behavior Specialist, District-wide
2 years experience; MA degree; salary $56,995

**7. Employment – Administrative Professional Staff – Continuing Contract**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following administrative professional staff on a continuing contract for the 2021-2022 school year, based on ORC Statute 3319.081, to serve at the will of the Board

and to be paid in accordance with the adopted salary schedule in twenty-four equal installments, effective March 1, 2022:

| Name | Position | Salary |
|---|---|---|
| Lisa Hebert | Administrative Assistant,Treasurer | $19,636.50 (Step 2) (prorated 88 days for 2021-2022 SY) |

**8. Employment – Bus Drivers**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following individuals, to be placed on the appropriate salary schedule with a 177-workday probationary period, effective March 11, 2022 (pending background check results):

Justine Dalton – Bus Driver (Floater)
Step 4 on salary schedule; $24.33/hour
6 hours/day
Prorated 49 days for the 2021-2022 school year

Larry Whatley – Bus Driver (Floater)
Step 5 on salary schedule; $24.98/hour
6 hours/day
Prorated 49 days for the 2021-2022 school year

**9. Employment – Educational Aides**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following individuals on a one-year contract for the 2021-2022 school year, to be placed on the appropriate salary schedule with a 179-workday probationary period (pending background check results and/or certification):

Stephanie Belz – Educational Aide, Lincoln Elementary
Step 1 on salary schedule; $17.35/hour
7 hours/day
Effective February 23, 2022; prorated 60 days for the 2021-2022 SY

Nasreen Khaja – Educational Aide, Middle School East
Step 0 on salary schedule; $16.88/hour
7 hours/day
Effective March 7, 2022; prorated 53 days for the 2021-2022 SY

Kaylee Norton – Educational Aide, Chapelfield Elementary
Step 2 on salary schedule; $17.82/hour
7 hours/day
Effective March 3, 2022; prorated 54 days for the 2021-2022 SY

Rachel Tamburello – Educational Aide, Middle School South
Step 0 on salary schedule; $16.88/hour
7 hours/day
Effective March 15, 2022; prorated 47 days for the 2021-2022 SY

**10. Employment – Classified Employees**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following individuals, to be placed on the appropriate salary schedule with a 270-calendar day probationary period (pending background check results):

Allison Cole – Kitchen Helper, Middle School East
Step 0 on salary schedule; $14.82/hour
3 hours/day
Effective March 7, 2022; prorated 53 days for the 2021-2022 school year

Jennifer Essinger – Secretary, Lincoln High School (Group II)
Step 5 on salary schedule; $22.61/hour
8 hours/day
Effective with the 2022-2023 school year; 214 days

Deborah Newman – Cook, Middle School South
Step 4 on salary schedule; $17.61/hour
6.5 hours/day
Effective March 7, 2022; prorated 54 days for the 2021-2022 school year

**11. Employment – Internal Transfer**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the transfer of Gary Murdoch from Custodian I (Step 4) to Custodian II (Step 4) at Blacklick Elementary, effective April 4, 2022.

## 12. Employment through the Educational Service Center-Council of Governments for the 2021-2022 School Year

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to recommend to Tom Goodney, Superintendent, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, that the following personnel receive a one-year contract through the Educational Service Center-Council of Governments (ESC-COG) for the 2021-2022 school year:

**Behavioral Specialist Consultant:**
Effective March 30, 2022 (or the date authorized by the ESC-COG with prorated days adjusted accordingly)

| Name | Building(s) | Percentage | Days | Hours/Day |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Megan Henning | District-wide | 100% | 16 | 7 |

*To be paid from ESSER funds

**Preschool Educational Aide:**
Effective April 4, 2022 (or the date authorized by the ESC-COG with prorated days adjusted accordingly)

| Name | Building | Percentage | Days | Hours/Day |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vicki Soppelsa | Clark Hall | 100% | 38 | 6.5 |

**Title 1 Aide:**
Effective February 22, 2022

| Name | Building | Percentage | Days | Hours/Day |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Michael Mann | RM | 100% | 60 | 7 |

*To be paid from Title 1 funds

**22-03-039**

Moved by Mr. Manley, and seconded by Mrs. Horn upon recommendation of the Superintendent to remove 13. Group VIII from the agenda.

Group VIII

Athletic Academic Intervention Coordinator - $35/hour, not to exceed 840 hours

| **Name** | | **Bldg.** |
|---|---|---|
| Kristen | Craft | LHS |
| Gerald | Holmes | LHS |
| Jennifer | Pizzico | LHS |
| Wesley | Werstiuk | LHS |

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

## 13. Employment – GJEA Eligible Personnel for Addendum Assignments

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following GJEA eligible personnel for the positions listed, according to the current adopted Addendum Salary Schedule, effective with the 2021-2022 school year (pending background check results and/or certification):

Group VII

| Name | | Bldg. | Title | Step | Salary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Paityn | Caudill | MSE | Track Assistant Coach - Girls | 0 | $2,488.98 |

Group XII

| Name | | Bldg. | Title | Salary | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jennifer | Sengstock | BL | MTSS | $168.89 | (19%) |

## 14. Employment – Non-GJEA Eligible Personnel as Coaches/Advisors

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

WHEREAS, the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education attempted to employ existing GJEA eligible personnel to direct, supervise, or coach the pupil-activity programs; and

WHEREAS, the positions have been offered to current GJEA eligible personnel; and

WHEREAS, when no such employee qualified to fill the positions has accepted the positions that were advertised as being available to GJEA eligible personnel who are currently employed by the Board of Education; and
WHEREAS, no such person applied for and accepted the positions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall employ the following non-GJEA bargaining unit personnel, according to the current adopted Addendum Salary Schedule, effective with the 2021-2022 school year (pending background check results and/or certification):

**GJPS STAFF:**

Group VII

| Name | | Bldg. | Title | Step | Salary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ronicca | Lane | MSS | Track Assistant Coach - Boys | 0 | $2,488.98 |

**NON-GJPS STAFF:**

Group IV

| Name | | Bldg. | Title | Step | Salary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| James | Clayton Jr. | LHS | Softball Assistant Coach | 0 | $2,022.30 (50%) |
| Destini | Ewing | LHS | Softball Assistant Coach | 0 | $4,044.59 |
| Louis | Gibbs | LHS | Softball Assistant Coach | 0 | $2,022.30 (50%) |

Group VII

| Name | | Bldg. | Title | Step | Salary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Don | Bertolotti | MSE/MSS/MSW | Baseball Head Coach - Gr. 7 | 0 | $3,555.68 |

Group X

| Name | | Bldg. | Title | Step | Salary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lauren | Alonso | MSE/MSS/MSW | Tennis Head Coach - Boys | 0 | $1,777.84 |

## 15. Employment – Volunteer Coaches

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following individuals as volunteer coaches in the District for the 2021-2022 school year (pending background check results and/or certification):

| Name | | Bldg. | Title |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ric | Bertolotti | MSE/MSS/MSW | Volunteer Baseball Coach |
| Michael | Fisher | MSE/MSS/MSW | Volunteer Baseball Coach |
| Scott | Lofton | LHS | Volunteer Softball Coach |
| Matthew | Mitchell | MSE/MSS/MSW | Volunteer Baseball Coach |
| Brian | Reasoner | MSE/MSS/MSW | Volunteer Baseball Coach |
| Michael | Walsh | MSE/MSS/MSW | Volunteer Lacrosse Coach - Boys |

## 16. Reclassification of Classified Position

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the reclassification of the following position with salary/benefits according to the adopted salary schedule, effective March 18, 2022:

| From Title/Salary Schedule | Building | To Title/Salary Schedule |
|---|---|---|
| Cook | Chapelfield Elementary | Head Cook II |

## 17. Employment - Long Term Assignments

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following certificated personnel for designated long-term assignments during the 2021-2022 school year, to serve at the will of the Board and to be paid in accordance with the long-term substitute payment schedule:

Matison Brammer
Caitlin Gregory
Anna Laux
Christine Maleki
Leslie Malling
Layne Smith
Kristin Stummer

## 18. Employment - Substitutes

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following substitutes for the respective positions, to serve the District on an as-needed basis at the appropriate substitute pay rate, effective for the 2021-2022 school year (pending background check results and/or certification):

Bus Driver(s):
Christy Bell
Justine Dalton
Taimira Franklin
Mahari Tesfamichael
Lloyd Williams

Kitchen Helper(s):
Cory Bowser
Melea Dielschneider

**19. Additional Hours - Extended School Year (ESY) Programming**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved additional hours for Janel Bowman for up to 20 hours between April 4, 2022 – May 27, 2022. Janel will schedule and train student teachers and schedule students attending extended school year (ESY) programming, at the hourly rate of $35.00, to be paid out of the general fund.

**20. Additional Hours - Multisensory Math Training**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved additional hours for the following to attend Multisensory Math training during the 2021-2022 school year, not to exceed four hours each at the rate of $35.00 per hour. Payment upon submission of timesheets, to be paid out of the general fund.

| | |
|---|---|
| Briana Kelley | Jennifer Rishell |
| Bobbie Browning | Ann Wilkins |
| Taylor Delara | Emily Gilbert |
| Kristy Flynn | |

**21. Additional Hours - IEP Writing**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved additional hours for Hannah Longauer to write Preschool IEPs during the 2021-2022 school year, not to exceed ten hours at the rate of $35.00 per hour. Payment upon submission of timesheets, to be paid out of the general fund.

**22. Additional Hours- After School Tutoring**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved Amanda Patton to provide educational aide services during after school tutoring sessions for the 2021-2022 school year, at the hourly rate of $16.48, not to exceed 30 hours to be paid out of ESSER funds.

**23. Additional Hours- After School Tutoring**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved Kelsey Straker to provide after school tutoring for the 2021-2022 school year, at the hourly rate of $35.00, not to exceed ten hours, to be paid out of ESSER funds.

**24. Additional Hours- Welcome Center**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved Carin Holahan to provide supplemental support for the Welcome Center, at her current rate of pay, not to exceed 16 hours, to be paid out of the general fund.

**25. Additional Hours- Gifted Summer Work**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved Joan Miller and Kim Frasher to perform WAP Writing for students that qualify for Early Entrance to Kindergarten and perform additional services for the gifted department during the summer of 2022 not to exceed 24 hours collectively, at the hourly rate of $35.00, to be paid out of the general fund.

**26. Additional Hours - Evaluation for Gifted in Visual and Performing Arts**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following staff to serve as evaluators for the Gifted in the Visual and Performing Arts program for the 2021-22 school year, at the hourly rate of $35.00, not to exceed a total of 20 hours for all evaluations, to be paid out of the general fund.

Miranda Kibler
Cindi Macioce
Jana Ross
Keith Scanlon
Brittany Schwarck
Laura Urda
Christopher Wagner

**27. Unpaid Leave of Absences**

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

Kate Dudenhoeffer, Speech Pathologist, Lincoln Elementary/Middle School South, effective May 5, 2022 through May 25, 2022

Ann Gleek, Media Specialist, Lincoln High School, on April 18, 2022

Whitney Hardy, Bus Driver, for a half day PM on February 8, 2022

Brynn Holden, Grade 1, Lincoln Elementary, effective for the 2022-2023 school year

Lindsay Kwasniak, Media Specialist, Lincoln Elementary, for a half day PM on February 15, 2022

Hannah Lemont, Music, Jefferson Elementary, effective October 20, 2022 through December 16, 2022

Tesia Moore, Grade 7 Math, Middle School East, effective for a half day PM on January 13, 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year

Erin Reetz, Clinic Aide/Clerk-Typist, High Point Elementary, on March 11, 2022

Mindy Wise, Instructional Support Coach, High Point Elementary, on March 18, 2022

Tia Craig, Bus Driver, for AM and Midday on March 9, 2022

Jerry Dowell, Custodian, Clark Hall, effective February 28, 2022 through July 7, 2022

**28. Rescind Motion 21-10-141 (E-39) – Unpaid Leave of Absences**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education rescinded motion 21-10-141 (E-39) to remove Tracy Herrmann's request for unpaid leave on April 8, 2022

**29. Amendment of Motion 21-09-129 (E- 14) Additional Hours- Professional Development Advisory Committee**

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

To include Lauren Cook

**30. Amendment of Motion 21-10-14 (E- 27) Additional Hours- Self Care Moments**

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

To include the following staff:

Tiffany Hannah
Diana Huffman-Barr
Kevin Dengel

**31. Amendment of Motion 21-11-154 (E-17) Additional Hours- EL After-School Tutoring**

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

Increase the maximum hours for Allison Hoyt to 60

**32. Amendment of Motion 22-01-018 (E-23) – Unpaid Leave of Absences**

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

To delete Sherri Zynda's, EL at Middle School West, unpaid leave request on May 13, 2022

**33. Job Abandonment**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education recognized that Ronni Loftis abandoned her position as Kitchen Helper at High Point Elementary, effective March 8, 2022.

**34. Increase in Contract Time – Classified Employee**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the change of contract by percentage of time for the following classified personnel, effective March 18, 2022:

| Name | Position | Percentage |
|---|---|---|
| Carin Holahan | Secretary I, Welcome Center/Clark Hall | from 73% to 100% |

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

## F. GENERAL BUSINESS

**22-03-040**

**ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (9)**

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

### 1. Resolution – Music in Our Schools Month

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

Music in Our Schools Month

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) as Music in Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®), encouraging communities across the nation to focus on music education; and

WHEREAS, music education is part of a well-rounded education for every student as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this celebration is to raise awareness of the lasting positive impact of music education on the academic, personal and professional growth of our students; and

WHEREAS, music education shapes the way our students understand themselves and the world around them, allowing for a deep engagement with learning; and

WHEREAS, Music in Our Schools Month reminds us that school is where all children should have access to music; and

WHEREAS, music educators, students, and communities throughout Ohio demonstrate the importance of quality music education programs to the lives of young people;

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio joins our music students, educators, and communities in celebrating the power of music education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Gahanna-Jefferson School District does hereby proclaim March as Music in Our Schools Month and encourages our citizens to celebrate and acknowledge everyday but especially in March that Music Education is an essential part of every student's well-rounded education.

**2. Payment in Lieu of Transportation**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following families for payment in lieu of transportation:

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| John S. | Brooklyn O. |
| Cambri O. | Halle O. |

**3. Amendment of Motion 21-06-088 (H-10) - Buckeye Repair Services**

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

Increase the amount by $40,000.00 to be paid out of the general fund.

**4. Replacement Desktops for Office Staff**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the purchase of Dell desktop computers from DCTS LLC at a cost not to exceed $40,000.00, to be paid out of the general fund.

**5. META Solutions Agreement**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the agreement with META Solutions for a five-year contract effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, for Leased Lit Fiber Service with Internet Access at a cost not to exceed $270,000.00, $54,000.00 to be paid out of ESSER funds and $216,000.00 to be paid in five annual installments out of the general fund.

**6. Wireless Access Points**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the purchase of wireless indoor access points from DCTS LLC at a cost not to exceed $28,400.00, to be paid out of the Bond Phase II fund.

**7. Elementary Network Switches**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the purchase of Aruba switches from Forward Edge at a cost not to exceed $41,000.00, to be paid out of the Bond Phase II fund.

**8. Consulting Services**

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the proposal from Gandee and Associates, Inc., for engineering and related consulting services for old Lincoln Elementary School at a cost not to exceed $66,235.00, to be paid out of the Bond Phase II fund.

**9. Resolution**

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

Selecting the Contractor for the Blacklick Elementary School Clearing and Grubbing Project and Authorizing the Agreement with the Contractor

The Superintendent recommends Distinctive Lawn and Landscape, LLC ("DLL") as the contractor who is in the best interest of the Gahanna-Jefferson Public School District Board of Education (the "Board") for the Blacklick Elementary School Clearing and Grubbing Project (the "Project") and requests authority to negotiate an agreement with DLL based upon its proposal and to execute the agreement, on behalf of the Board, at the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations.

Rationale:

The Superintendent has identified a need to remove trees and brush from a portion of the Blacklick Elementary School property.

1. The trees and brush to be removed from the Blacklick Elementary School property are not high grade with a finish wood value in excess of $10,000.00 and therefore are not subject to the property disposal requirements of R.C. 3313.41.
2. Moreover, the Project is not subject to the bidding statute, R.C. 3313.46, because the scope of the Project falls outside the parameters of that statute, as the Project does not involve a "school building" as defined in Ohio Administrative Code Section 4101:1-2-01.
3. The Business Director solicited competitive proposals for the Project.
4. The Business Director, working with other administrators, determined that DLL's proposal is in the best interest of the Board.
5. The Superintendent recommends that the Board select DLL as the contractor who is in the best interest of the Board for the Project.
6. The Superintendent requests authority to negotiate an agreement with DLL for the Project and to execute the agreement at the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations in an amount not to exceed $72,500.00.

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

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board selects DLL as the contractor who is in the best interest of the Board for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to work with other administrators and legal counsel to negotiate an agreement with DLL for the Project, based upon DLL's proposal, and execute the agreement at the satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations in an amount not to exceed $72,500.00.

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

**BOARD REPORT(S)/DISCUSSION(S)**

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| **A. Legislative Liaison** | **Beryl Piccolantonio** |
| **B. Eastland Fairfield** | **Dion Manley** |

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| **C. Gahanna Parks and Rec** | **Scott Lofton** |
| **D. Local Government Liaison** | **Daphne Moehring** |
| **E. Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation** | **Kara Coates** |
| **F. Insurance Committee** | **Sue Horn** |

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**22-03-041**

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:

__X__ 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.
_____ Specialized details of security arrangements.

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

**Mrs. Piccolantonio declared the Board into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. and back into Regular Session at 10:04 p.m.**

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**REGULAR SESSION**

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## ADJOURNMENT

**22-03-042**

Moved by Mrs. Moehring, and seconded by Mrs. Horn, that the Regular Meeting of the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer