RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS 11702

REGULAR SESSION

December 15, 2022

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education met in Regular Session on December 15, 2022 at the Gahanna-Jefferson Clark Hall, 380 Granville Street. President Beryl Piccolantonio called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

22-12-175

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

- November 15, 2022 Finance & Facility Committee Meeting
- November 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

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

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

A. Band/Orchestra State Champions ~~**Rob Cebriak**~~
Philip Baturin
Henry Colbert
Nicolas Ritchey
Natalie Fry, Double Bass, All State Orchestra **Kevin Dengel**

Kevin Dengel honored the students that will be participating in top ensembles at the Ohio State Music Education Conference.

President Beryl Piccolantonio also thanked the Gahanna Marching Band, cheerleaders, and the football team for their additional season. Letters of commendation from the Board of Education were presented at their season end banquets.

B. Student Council President — Blake Breehl

Gahanna-thon for Pediatric Cancer Research and Care is January 14th. There will be a Dodgeball Tournament made up of students' teams and staff teams. Many LHS Clubs will have booths, including games. The community is invited to attend. Student Council will also host a winter "Den Day" to encourage students to find an interest match with an LHS group.

C. Nutrition Annual Report — Megan Schweller

Overcoming food and staff shortages, Food Services served 1.1 million meals during the 2021/22 school year. The Federal extended waiver for Free lunches expired June 2022. The district kept the cost of meals at pre-pandemic prices. The district accepts applications for Free or Reduced meals. All food, drinks, and snacks are USDA approved. Every 4th Wednesday, our cafeterias serve a themed lunch complete with music and decorations. The Fill My Tummy fund helps to cover negative account balances. Visit the district website > Food Services to donate.

D. ~~President Local #399~~ — ~~Mal Miller~~

E. President Local #249 — Jerry Moore

A bus route sheet was shared to show the public what our bus drivers use to navigate their routes. The transition to using solely Transfinder and having the routes appear on a screen will help with navigation.

F. ~~President Local #299~~ — ~~Stephanie Gienger~~

G. Gahanna-Jefferson Education Association — Joan Miller

Seven teachers attended the OEA Assembly on December 3rd. GRIN donations approaching the $10,000.00 goal. We will get an update at the next BOE meeting.

H. Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation — ~~Tricia Twigg~~ Dianna Bessignano

The 19th Hole Gala is quickly approaching. They are accepting donations for the Silent Auction, purchases from the Amazon Wish List, reservations including Corporate Table Sponsors for the event, and selling Raffle Tickets for a $1,000.00 cash prize. Visit gjef.org for additional information.

I. Finance/Facilities Committee — Daphne Moehring

J. Policy and Governance Committee — Dion Manley

K. Student Learning & Achievement — Kara Coates

Public Participation

- Ezra Esoudero spoke about the Educational Choice Voucher Lawsuit.
- Jamille Jones spoke in appreciation of the work completed by the Board of Education in 2022.

Addition(s) to the Agenda

22-12-176

Moved by Mr. Manley, and seconded by Mrs. Coates, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education amended this agenda as follows:

Section (G) Line (1) to:

Removed Lori Wildes, Bus Driver, Resignation

Section (H) Line (2) to:

Under Policy PO7440.03 changed Unmanned to Unpiloted

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

Adoption of Agenda

22-12-177

Moved by Mrs. Horn, and seconded by Mrs. Moehring, 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 2:19:05.

B. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Here is the link to the Assistant Superintendent's Report that starts at 2:23:38.

C. COMMUNICATION REPORT

Here is the link to the Communications Report that starts at 2:24:56.

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D. TREASURER'S REPORT

Here is the link to the Treasurer's Report that starts at 2:27:20.

E. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (6)

22-12-178

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. Financial Reports

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the November 2022 Monthly Financial Report as submitted by the Treasurer/CFO.

2. Appropriations FY23

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

	FY 2023 Amended Appropriations	
Fund	Description	Amendment
018	Public School Support – Chapelfield Elem	$6,000.00
019	Other Grant - Reading Recovery	$3,000.00
200	Student Managed Activity – Lions Locker/HOSA/MS Robotics	$11,000.00
300	District Managed Activity – LHS Ski Club	$500.00
599	Miscellaneous Federal Grant Fund - Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant & Emergency Connectivity Fund	$1,157,304.00

3. Fund-to-Fund Transfers FY23

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

FROM	AMOUNT	TO	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
General Fund (001-0000)	$1,269,127.28	Debt Service (002-9010)	$1,269,127.28	Debt Service Payments

General Fund (001-0000)	$561,354.50	Debt Service (002-9017)	$561,354.50	Debt Service Payments

4. Advances on Tax Settlement

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education resolved that the Auditor of Franklin County be and is hereby requested to draw warrants and the Treasurer of said County be and is hereby requested to pay to the Treasurer of this Board any funds in the County Treasury in the account of this Board as may be due during calendar year 2023.

5. New Club Activity Account – Lincoln High School

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the Gahanna LHS Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Club (200-9910) with all applicable policies, guidelines, and procedures associated with the student handbook for the purpose of creating a club to unite all district HOSA clubs to increase collaboration amongst all future health professionals. HOSA is a global student-led organization recognized by the DOE and DOHHS.

6. 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	SUBTOTAL	DESCRIPTION
OAPSE Local #23249	$1,000.00		2021/22 College Scholarship
Gahanna Community Congregational Church	$75.00		LHS National Honor Society
Anthony & Christine White	$2,000.00		LHS Exceptional Students Club
GJEF	$3,000.00		LHS Community Arts
CocaCola GIVE King Solutions	$30.30		LHS Principal Fund
High Point Elementary PTA	$300.00		Fill My Tummy Fund
Monica Plucinski	$25.00		Fill My Tummy Fund
		$325.00	Sub-Total
Cheryl Fouts	$100.00		LHS Lions Locker “Shop with a Cop”
Michael O’Callaghan	$50.00		LHS Lions Locker “Shop with a Cop”
Anonymous	$50.00		LHS Lions Locker “Shop with a Cop”
Christie Keener	$60.00		LHS Lions Locker “Shop with a Cop”

High Point Elementary PTA	$100.00		LHS Lions Locker "Shop with a Cop"
Barbara & Jeff Spence	$100.00		LHS Lions Locker "Shop with a Cop"
Robert & Monna Kracker	$100.00		LHS Lions Locker "Shop with a Cop"
		$560.00	Sub-Total
Jennifer York	$300.00		8th GR Washington DC Trip
AEP Ohio Power Company	$1,000.00		MS Robotics Competition Team
		$8,290.30	**GRAND TOTAL**

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

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

22-12-179

ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (3)

Moved by Mrs. Horn, and seconded by Mrs. Coates, 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 2022-2023 school year.

LHS- Speech and Debate Team
Hathaway Brown High School Speech and Debate Invitational
Shaker Heights, OH
January 13-14, 2023

2. Program of Studies

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the Program of Studies for Gahanna Lincoln High School for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

3. Club Sport – Indoor Track Team

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved and recognized the Gahanna Lincoln High School Indoor Track team for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

22-12-180

ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (23)

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. Resignations

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

Stormi Gibson, Kitchen Helper, Lincoln High School, effective at the end of the day on January 3, 2023

~~Lori Wildes, Bus Driver, effective at the end of the day on December 16, 2022~~

Antionette Wofford, Head 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Middle School East, effective at the end of the day on November 6, 2022 (to be paid 50% of the contract)

2. Position

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following position, effective with the 2022-2023 school year:

1 FTE Preschool Educational Aide

3. Amendment of Motion 22-08-137 (F-13) – Employment – GJEA Eligible Personnel for Addendum Assignments

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

Updated Emma Hallen's, Trevor Rick's and Jennifer Velazquez's contracts, MTSS, Goshen Lane Elementary, from salary $915.58 (100%) to salary $457.79 (50%)

4. 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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 school year without action by or notice from the Board.

Joseph Nave – Kindergarten, Royal Manor Elementary
0 years experience; BA degree; salary $24,612.40
Effective December 12, 2022; prorated 100 days for the 2022-2023 SY

5. Employment – Bus Driver

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following individual, to be placed on the appropriate salary schedule with a 177-workday probationary period, effective December 5, 2022 (beginning with PM route):

Keijawana Rocker – Bus Driver
Step 2 on salary schedule; $23.46/hour
5 hours/day
Prorated 106.5 days for the 2022-2023 school year

6. Employment – Mid-day for Bus Drivers

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following bus drivers for mid-day hours, effective October 27, 2022:

Driving students with disabilities:

Name	Hours/day
Perry Fennoy	1.50

Driving gifted program students:

Name	Hours/day
Gerald Moore Jr.	1.50

7. Employment – Educational Aides

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following individuals on a one-year contract for the 2022-2023 school year, to be placed on the appropriate salary schedule with a 179-workday probationary period (pending background check results and/or certification):

Brandon Loynes – Educational Aide, Lincoln Elementary
Step 4 on salary schedule; $19.33/hour
7 hours/day
Effective December 5, 2022; prorated 107 days for the 2022-2023 SY

Kristin Schmidt – Educational Aide, Lincoln High School
Step 0 on salary schedule; $17.39/hour
7 hours/day
Effective January 4, 2023; prorated 95 days for the 2022-2023 SY

8. Employment – Head Cook II

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following individual, to be placed on the appropriate salary schedule with a 270-calendar day probationary period, effective January 4, 2023:

Stormi Gibson – Head Cook II, Lincoln Elementary
Step 5 on salary schedule; $21.04/hour
7.5 hours/day
Prorated 96 days for the 2022-2023 school year

9. Employment – Addendum Assignments

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following personnel for the positions listed, according to the current adopted Addendum Salary Schedule, effective with the 2022-2023 school year (pending background check results and/or certification):

Group VI

Name		Bldg.	Title	Step	Salary
Joshua	Goody	MSE	Basketball Head Coach - Gr. 7 - Girls	9	$2,861.19 (50%)

Group XII

Name		Bldg.	Title	Salary
Bobbie	Browning	GL	MTSS	$457.79 (50%)
Christina	Eckstein	GL	MTSS	$457.79 (50%)
Robyn	Gray	GL	MTSS	$457.79 (50%)

10. Employment – Volunteer Coaches

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following individuals as volunteer coaches in the District for the 2022-2023 school year (pending background check results and/or certification):

Name		Bldg.	Title
Shawn	Johnston	LHS	Club Indoor Track Team Volunteer
Roger	Whittaker	LHS	Club Indoor Track Team Volunteer

11. 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 2022-2023 school year (pending background check results and/or certification):

Bus Driver(s):
Carmen Harris
Jeff Patrick

Custodian(s):
Shawn Kimble

Kitchen Helper(s):
Valerie Snyder

Secretary(ies):
Kathleen Graff

Van Driver(s):
Samuel Payne

12. Employment – Long Term Assignments

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following certificated personnel for designated long-term assignments during the 2022-2023 school year, to serve at the will of the Board and to be paid in accordance with the long-term substitute payment schedule:

Erin Hageman
Marissa Lenhart
Mary Lowe
Merrigrace Montoya
Kara Williams

13. Additional Hours – Professional Development Day Session Planning

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following staff to plan sessions for Professional Development presentations at the hourly rate of $36.05, not to exceed 2 hours each, to be paid out of the general fund.

Shellie Ball	Janel Bowman	Lindsay Brenner
Olivia Briggs	Alexandria Brown	Chelsea Cellar
Charles Cellar	Katie Donnan	Trish English
Kim Frasher	Karie Gregory	Abbi Herzberg
Ashley Honeycutt	Jessica Long	Anna Massen
Joan Miller	Leslie Muhlbach	Sandy Nicholson
Angela Potts	Gabe Schepergerdes	Makenzie Steiger
Jen VanHorssen	Jenny Velazquez	Chris Wagner
Rhonda Wamsley	Tracie Weaver	Keisha Whitfield
Mindy Wise	Sherri Zynda	

14. Additional Hours – IEP Writing

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved additional hours for approved Intervention Specialists to write IEPs for students due to a long-term IS absence. Not to exceed six hours per IEP at the rate of $36.05 per hour. Payment upon submission of timesheets, to be paid out of the general fund.

15. Additional Hours – Bus Driver

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the following bus driver for additional hours per day for driving students with disabilities for the 2022-2023 school year only, effective October 27, 2022:

Name	Hours/day
Perry Fennoy	0.25

16. Stipend

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved a stipend of $500.00 to Janel Bowman for the Peer Assistance Program for the 2022-2023 school year, to be paid out of General Funds.

17. Amendment of Motion 22-09-146 (F-22) – Additional Hours – Equity Action Teams

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

To include Mariah Cain at the hourly rate of $36.05

18. Amendment of Motion 22-05-086 (E-34) Additional Hours – Summer Journey to Learning Staff

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

To include Alexandra Marinelli at her current rate of pay, maximum of 1.5 hours

19. Amendment of Motion 22-07-106 (A-4) – Employment – Certificated Staff

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

Update Nicholas Laroche's contract to reflect 9 years experience; BA degree; salary $67,410, and Michelle Wardell's contract to reflect 0 years experience; MA degree; salary $52,188.00

20. Amendment of Motion 22-11-168 (G-3) – Employment – Certificated Staff

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

Amend Ashlee Bouic's contract to reflect 100 prorated days from 109 days; salary $37,619

21. Amendment of Motion 22-11-168 (G-1) - Resignations

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

Update Chiun Kim's resignation date to reflect at the end of the day on December 1, 2022 instead of November 30th

22. Amendment of Motion 22-11-168 (G-5) – Employment – Custodian

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved to amend as follows: Amend Christine Allyne's start date to November 22, 2022 and her prorated days to 158

23. Unpaid Leave of Absences

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

Lindsey Kelly, Intervention Specialist, effective December 9, 2022 through March 1, 2023 per the GJEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article VIII (C).

Lindsey Ruhe, Teacher, Preschool, effective December 19, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year per the GJEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article VIII (C).

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

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H. GENERAL BUSINESS

22-12-180

ITEM(S) FOR ACTION (8)

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

1. Setting the time and place for the 2023 Organizational Meeting

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education appointed Beryl Piccolantonio as President Pro Tem and set the 2023 organizational meeting for January 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Clark Hall, 380 Granville Street.

2. Policies

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

PO 1617	Weapons
PO 2280	Preschool Program
PO 2413	Career Advising
PO 2430	District Sponsored Clubs and Activities
PO 2431	Interscholastic Athletics
PO 3217	Weapons
PO 4217	Weapons
PO 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
PO 5336	Care of Students with Diabetes
PO 6234	District Participation in Board of Revision Proceedings
PO 6700	Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
PO 7217	Weapons
PO 7440.03	Small ~~Unmanned~~ Unpiloted Aircraft Systems
PO 8210	School Calendar
PO 8320	Personnel Files
PO 8330	Student Records
PO 8600	Transportation

3. Payment in Lieu of Transportation

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

Uriel A.	Caspian C.	Jamie D.
Luke D.	Nathaniel D.	Brooks G.
Addyson H.	Grace K.	Jackson K.
Kennedy L.	Scott M.	Adriana V.
Alexander S.	Samuel S.	Avila T.
Colette T.	Kolbe T.	

4. Secured Entrances

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved Schorr Architects as the architect of record for professional design services for Chapelfield, Goshen Lane, Jefferson, and Royal Manor Elementary Schools at a cost not to exceed $109,000.00 to be paid out of the Permanent Improvement (PI) Funds.

5. Furniture – High Point Elementary

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the quote from Educational Furniture for new furniture for High Point Elementary at a cost not to exceed $414,773.85 to be paid out of the Phase 2 Bond Funds.

6. Live Video Display

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approved the quote from Daktronics for a live video display for the new football stadium at a cost not to exceed $254,446.00 to be paid out of the Phase 2 Bond Funds.

7. Ohio Workers Compensation Insurance

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education approve payment for excess Ohio Workers Compensation Insurance effective January 1, 2023, through January 1, 2024 at a cost not to exceed $50,538.00, to be paid out of Workers Compensation Funds. Insurance Carrier: Benchmark Insurance Company.

8. Resolution

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

WHEREAS, EdChoice Vouchers are funded by the State from designated appropriation line-items 200-550, 200-604, 200-612 and payment to private schools diminishes the amount of funding and levels of educational opportunities in districts; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from the School District further reduces the funding available to support the additional needs of district minority pupils, pupils in poverty and pupils with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from the appropriations that fund School Districts increases reliance on local tax revenue to maintain school operations in violation of the Ohio Constitution and clear directives of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Section 1. Now, Therefore, The Board of Education finds and determines that the deduction of school voucher funds from School Districts is harmful to the district, its pupils, taxpayers, voters and staff.

Section 2. The Board of Education authorizes and directs the School District's joinder of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding (Coalition) and directs the District Treasurer to pay Coalition dues as set forth in Section 3.

Section 3. Coalition dues for the 2022-2023 school year are the sum of $2.00 per district pupil (enrollment listed on most recent report card). Dues shall be allocated by the Coalition as follows: 1) $.50 per pupil shall be initially allocated to the payment of Coalition operating expenses, and, 2) $1.50 per pupil shall be allocated to the support of the Coalition's efforts in opposition to the deduction of school voucher funds from this, and other school districts. Coalition Dues (a total of $2 per pupil) are payable upon passage of this resolution.

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

BOARD REPORT(S)/DISCUSSION(S)

A. Legislative Liaison	**Beryl Piccolantonio**
B. Eastland Fairfield	**Dion Manley**
C. Gahanna Parks and Rec	**Sue Horn**
D. Local Government Liaison	**Daphne Moehring**
E. Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation	**Kara Coates**
F. Insurance Committee	**Sue Horn**

ADJOURNMENT

22-12-181

Moved by Mrs. Horn, and seconded by Mrs. Moehring, that the Regular Meeting of the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer