

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CINCINNATI, OHIO

PROCEEDINGS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 4, 2010

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, met in organizational session pursuant to notice by the Treasurer in the Rosa E. Blackwell Interactive Learning Center at the Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center, 2651 Burnet Avenue, Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:05 p.m., Mrs. Cooper Reed in the chair. The pledge to the flag was led by Mrs. Cooper Reed

OFFICIAL OATH - NEW MEMBERS

I, (Melanie Bates, Catherine Ingram, Eileen Reed, Vanessa White) do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of a Board Member of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, during my continuance in office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Bates, Bolton, Flannery, Ingram, Nelms, Reed, White (7)
Absent: None

Superintendent Ronan was present.

ELECTED MEMBERS QUALIFY

Four members presented certificates from the Board of Elections, Hamilton County, Ohio, certifying that they were duly elected to membership on the Cincinnati Board of Education for a four-year term: Melanie Bates, Catherine D. Ingram, Eileen Cooper Reed and Vanessa White.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Boyd called for nominations for the election of a President of the Board for the year 2010.

Mrs. Bated moved the motion to nominate Mrs. Eileen Cooper Reed.
Ms. Ingram moved the motion to nominate Ms. Eve Bolton.

For. Cooper Reed:
Ayes: Members Bates, Flannery, Reed, White, (4)
Noes: Members Bolton, Ingram, Nelms, (3)

Mr. Boyd declared Mrs. Reed elected President for the term of one year.

OFFICIAL OATH – PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

I, Eileen Cooper Reed, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of President of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, during my continuance in office.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am going to speak ever so briefly because it is not really about the President's message, it's about the Board's message, and I think our message is pretty clear: we want to improve student achievement and we want to do it well and we want this district to operate in a financially solvent, efficient and effective way.

We accomplished a great deal last year: we completed an inclusive search for a Superintendent and are pleased to have Mrs. Ronan; we were able to pass a renewal levy; and were able to commission a comprehensive study on teacher quality which included extensive recommendations. As you can see, the Board made good progress this year and did so in a transparent manner.

As we enter 2010, I would like to focus on how the Board can continue to improve the way we do our work and to keep us focused on our goals of accelerating student achievement and being financially stable and transparent. This Board will continue to work well together as we enter important negotiations and to support the Superintendent in securing Federal funds which foster our goals.

We welcome Vanessa White to the Board and know that her gifts will result in a significant contribution. Specifically, the Board will continue to improve the way we do our business devoted to the end of making sure we provide an excellent education to every child in the Cincinnati City School District. Thank you.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Reed called for nominations for the election of a Vice President of the Board for the year 2009.

Ms. Ingram moved the motion to nominate Ms. Eve Bolton for Vice President.

Mr. Flannery moved the motion to nominate Ms. Bates for Vice President.

For Ms. Bolton

Ayes: Members Bolton, Ingram, Nelms, White. (4)

Noes: Members Bates, Flannery, President Reed (3)

President Reed declared Ms. Bolton elected Vice President of the Board for the term of one year.

OFFICIAL OATH – VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

I, Eve Bolton, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of Vice President of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, during my continuance in office.

2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATION

PRESIDENT – Eileen Cooper Reed

VICE PRESIDENT – Eve Bolton

2010 BOARD COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE	PARTNERSHIP/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE	POLICY COMMITTEE	STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE
Eve Bolton	Eileen Cooper Reed	Melanie Bates	Melanie Bates
Catherine Ingram	Michael Flannery	Catherine Ingram	Eve Bolton
Vanessa White	Vanessa White	Chris Nelms	Eileen Cooper Reed

2010 BOARD ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS

Art Advisory Board	Ingram
Cincinnati Recreation Commission	Nelms
Cincinnati Youth Collaborative	Bates
Hamilton County Family and Children First Executive Committee	Bolton
Mayerson Academy Board of Trustees	Bolton
Ohio School Boards Association	
Board of Trustees	Ingram*
Legislative Liaison	Nelms
Southwest Region Executive Committee	Ingram*
Student Achievement Liaison	White
Urban Commission	Ingram
Student Activities Foundation	Nelms
Council of Great City Schools	Cooper Reed

* Appointment Approved through Resolution at November 23, 2009 BOE Meeting.

Mrs. Bates moved and Mr. Flannery seconded the motion that the 2010 Board of Education Organization/Appointments be approved.

Ayes: Members Bates, Bolton, Flannery, Ingram, Nelms, White, President Reed (7)

Noes: None

President Reed declared the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Board Retreat: The first phase of the Board Retreat will take place after the Superintendent's Quarterly Update on January 20, 2010. Please hold February 6, 2010 for the possible second phase of the Board Retreat.
2. The Finance Committee will meet on January 21, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.
3. The Audit Committee will meet on January 21, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
4. The Student Achievement Committee will meet on January 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Treasurer – Lead discussion regarding Board Memberships at the January 11, 2010 Board Meeting.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Bates moved and Mr. Flannery seconded the motion that the Board recess into executive session at 7:38 p.m. to consider Preparations for Conducting or Reviewing Negotiations.

Ayes: Bates, Bolton, Flannery, Ingram, Nelms, White, President Reed (7)

Noes: None

President Reed declared the motion carried.

Jonathan L. Boyd
Treasurer/CFO