

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

The Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, met in special session pursuant to notice by the Treasurer in Board Office at the Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center, 2651 Burnet Avenue, Monday, January 5 at 5:30 p.m., President Bolton in the chair. The pledge to the flag was led by President Bolton.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Members Bates, Cranley, Flannery, Ingram, Nelms, Reed, President Bolton (7)

Member Reed arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Interim Superintendent Ronan was present.

**RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Bates moved and Mrs. Cranley seconded the motion that the Board recess into executive session at 5:33 p.m. to consider Employment of a Public Employee or Official; Purchase of Property for Public Purposes; Sale of Property at Competitive Bidding; and Other Matters Required to be Kept Confidential by Federal Law or Rules or State Statutes.

Ayes: Members Bates, Cranley, Flannery, Ingram, Nelms, President Bolton (6)

Noes: None

President Bolton declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURN FROM RECESS**

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

Jonathan L. Boyd  
Treasurer/CFO

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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 5, 2009 at 7:12 p.m., Ms. Bolton in the chair. The pledge to the flag was led by Ms. Bolton.

## ROLL CALL

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

Interim Superintendent Ronan was present.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Boyd called for nominations for the election of a President of the Board for the year 2009.

Mr. Flannery moved and Mrs. Bates seconded the motion to nominate Mrs. Eileen Cooper Reed.  
Mr. Nelms moved the nomination of Ms. Eve Bolton – Ms. Bolton declined the nomination

For Mrs. Reed:

Ayes: Members Bates, Bolton, Cranley, Flannery, Nelms, Reed (6)  
Noes: Member Ingram (1)

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.

## PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING BOARD PRESIDENT

President Reed remarked upon the service Ms. Bolton provided the district during her term as President.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“There is no question that over the last year this entire board has worked together extremely well, as well as it has for as long as I’ve been on the Board. I appreciate the leadership of outgoing Board President Eve Bolton, as well as all of my other Board colleagues.

“I don’t have a lot to say, I simply want to remind everyone that this Board has adopted four primary goals. The first is to accelerate academic achievement, because we are never satisfied and need to keep improving in this area, which is at the very core of our purpose. We are already the best urban district in the state and I’d like for us to be the best district in the state. And I believe that we can be if we put our minds to it.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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The second goal is to increase financial stability and transparency. I think that we've made great deal of progress on this goal with improvements in the reporting of our finances by our Treasurer, by providing greater accessibility to financial data through the Public Dashboard, improved communications and an emphasis on collaboration with internal and external partners.

The third goal is to establish a safe, orderly and culturally responsive environment. Here we must focus at the schoolhouse level where everything important happens. We need to continue to make sure our children and staff feel safe and have a secure environment so that they can focus on learning.

And the fourth goal is to keep the students we have, graduate more students, attract more students and teach them all.

As president, my commitment is to help ensure that we stay on track with these important goals for the remainder of this year and the next.

As I look at each Board member, I know that each has gifts that they bring to their service of this district. As we work together this year and continue to improve, it is my hope and intent that we operate in a way that allows each to use her/his gifts to the fullest.

**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

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

Mr. Nelms moved and Mrs. Cranley seconded the motion to nominate Mrs. Melaine Bates for Vice President.

For Mrs. Bates

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

Noes: None

President Reed declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Bates was elected Vice President of the Board for the term of one year.

**OFFICIAL OATH – VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

I, Melanie Bates, 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.

**2009 BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATION**

**PRESIDENT – Eileen Cooper Reed**

**VICE PRESIDENT – Melanie Bates**

**2009 BOARD COMMITTEES**

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>
Eve Bolton	Michael Flannery
Susan D. Cranley	A. Chris Nelms
Catherine D. Ingram	Eileen Cooper Reed

<b>STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</b>	<b>POLICY COMMITTEE</b>
Melanie Bates	Melanie Bates
Susan Cranley	Eve Bolton
A. Chris Nelms	Catherine D. Ingram

**2009 BOARD ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS**

Art Advisory Board.....	Susan Cranley
Cincinnati Recreation Commission.....	Catherine D. Ingram
Cincinnati Youth Collaborative.....	Melanie Bates
Hamilton County Family and Children First Executive Committee.....	Susan D. Cranley
Mayerson Academy Board of Trustees.....	Eve Bolton
Ohio School Boards Association	
Board of Trustees.....	*Catherine D. Ingram*
Legislative Liaison.....	Melanie Bates
Student Achievement Liaison.....	Susan D. Cranley
Student Activities Foundation.....	A. Chris Nelms
Council of Great City Schools.....	Eileen Cooper Reed

\*Appointed 11/05/07

Mrs. Bates moved and Mr. Nelms seconded the motion that the 2009 Board of Education Organization and Appointments be accepted as noted.

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

Noes: None

President Bolton declared the motion carried.

**PRESENTATION OF BOARD APPRECIATION CERIFICATES** Mary Ronan, Interim Superintendent.

**SUPERINTENENT REPORT-FMP REVIEW**

**OTHER BUISINESS**

Audit Committee – Follow up with Audit Committee members to see if they still want to participate as well as provide recommendations for additional members. Board members can also make recommendations.

Calendar – Will be presented for approval at January 12, 2009 Board meeting.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Policy Committee – Consider a policy on election of Board Officers

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Jonathan L. Boyd  
Treasurer/CFO