

**MAYFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Thursday June 5, 2014 – Special Board Meeting
Baker Administration Building
Irene P. Kay Board Room
1101 S.O.M. Center Road
Mayfield Heights, OH 44124-2006
7:00 P.M.**

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. ROLL CALL - Mr. Ron Fornaro, Ms. Sue Groszek, Mr. Al Hess, Mr. George J. Hughes, Mr. Jimmy Teresi

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE --

3. PRESENTATION

A. ASSESSMENT, GRADING, & REPORTING

Dr. Kelly gave a brief overview of the meeting process, thanked all that were in attendance – parents, staff, & students, and discussed that all voices had been heard and that we take responsibility for the problem and finding a solution.

Ms. Joelle Magyar Asst. Superintendent then provided a presentation on Assessment, Grading, & Reporting.

Once the presentation ended, Ms. Magyar and Dr. Kelly responded to the following questions and/or comments from the Board of Education.

1. Mr. Fornaro – Could there be a disconnect between standards based grading at the primary level including the Middle School and the High School for students? Dr. Kelly responded that the current system being deployed has resulted in a disconnect
2. Ms. Groszek – Talked about the possibility of a student being more engaged in their own learning as result of this grading system.
3. Mr. Fornaro – Is homework a requirement for the retake policy? Ms. Magyar responded with yes.
4. Mr. Fornaro – Asked whether a student getting all of the level 4 questions correct and none of the level 1 questions if the student would then receive a score of 4, a partial 4, or something less? Dr. Kelly stated that he has charged the teachers to provide guidelines around these issues to the Superintendent and he will make a recommendation to the Board of Education and then share with all parties concerned.
5. Mr. Fornaro – Indicated that he sees the value in Standards Based Grading and how it has helped his own son. Dr. Kelly replied that was the goal of this grading system.
6. Mr Hughes – Stated that he felt this new system is necessary to help our kids to achieve on the new rigorous testing. He went on to talk about the new testing expectations being developed

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by the State of Ohio and that there is a departure from their (State of Ohio) past practice of adjusting the targeted score to provide a transition to these higher standards. Ms. Groszek concurred with the Mr. Hughes on the likelihood that the State of Ohio will not be as forgiving with its new expectations.

4. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

Community Members that submitted a request to provide comments to the Board of Education in advance.

1.) Mr. Joe Favazzo, 883 Beech Hill Road, Mayfield Village, OH 44143, is with us tonight to address the Board of Education on "Assessment & Grading Concerns".

Any other community members wishing to provide a public comment regarding an agenda item:

1. Dominic Favazzo, 6479 Woodhawk Dr., Mayfield Heights, OH – respectfully disagreed with the implementation of Standards Based Grading and felt that our children have been used as guinea pigs for the past 3-years, has homework concerns, feels that there are inconsistencies with the assessments, and that the Standards Based Grading system has trickled into the High School.
2. Sandy Kocsis, 5828 Highland Rd., Highland Heights, OH - agreed with Mr. Favazzo's comments, provided copies of a parent survey to the Board of Education, commented on her child's specific experience, and asked why the change.
3. Carol Yue, 315 East Legend, Highland Heights, OH - also mentioned her concerns about the High School migrating to this grading practice, had transcript concerns, read a letter aloud from her daughter regarding her personal experiences this past year with the new grading system.
4. Kristen Kuenzel, 1353 Summit Drive, Mayfield Heights, OH - believer of Standards Based Grading but questions the deployment.
5. Joe Favazzo, 883 Beech Hill Rd, Mayfield Village, OH - stated his concerns for the inconsistencies with the new grading practice & deployment, wanted to be on record that he does not want Standards Based Grading in Mayfield Schools but is willing to wait & see, one possible solution could be a dual system during implementation, gave an example from one of his kids that homework doesn't matter, questioned retake policy, time is of concern for this change.
6. Delia Popoviciu, 476 Leverett Rd., Highland Heights, OH – state that her own kids do not understand the Standards Based Grading process, why not test the teachers on this process during implementation.
7. Kelly Weissman, 6847 Wildwood Trail, Mayfield Village – felt that the presentation did not answer her questions and that it was defensive, asked what was the percentage of overall teachers that took the survey.

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8. Lynn Rollins, 534 Miner Rd., Highland Heights, OH – questioned why are we implementing Standards Based Grading if it is so confusing and why not simply improve the system we have.
9. Caroline Favazzo, 883 Beech Hill Rd, Mayfield Village, OH – how will you notify us of the change and what guarantee do we have that during the next 2-3 months that there will be a change, the system (school) is because of the parents, complimented the wonderful teachers that we have and doesn't understand why we have this new grading system.
10. Katherine Gambino, 6547 Derby Dr., Mayfield Village, OH – would like to know why we made this change, what are we trying to do with this new Standards Based Grading System.

Dr. Kelly provided a final response to parents indicating that we share your concerns, are committed to finding solutions to these problems, we will get back to everyone in a timely fashion, and that the solution developed will not please everyone but will be the best possible compromise for all concerned.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Action: 2014-98

The Mayfield Board of Education approved to convene to an Executive Session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment or compensation of public employees.

Time In: 8:32pm Time Out: 8:58pm

Motion by Ron Fornaro, second by Al Hess.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Mr. Hess, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Teresi, Mr. Fornaro, Ms. Groszek

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Board Action: 2014-99

The Mayfield Board approved to adjourn meeting at 9:01pm.

Motion by Ron Fornaro, second by George Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Mr. Hess, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Teresi, Mr. Fornaro, Ms. Groszek

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

Ms. Sue Groszek, Board President

Attest : _____

Mr. Scott Snyder, Treasurer