
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF May 11, 2009 5:00 PM
BERKSHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

* The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every public meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation. These rules are available at each Board meeting. Anyone desiring to speak is asked to make this request in advance. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer. Comments shall be directed to the presiding officer; not to Board members individually. Board Bylaw 0169.1

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Mrs. Timmons, Mr. Koster, Mr. Miller, Mr. Manfredi.
Absent: Mr. Honkala

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the current agenda and the minutes from April 13, 2009 regular meeting.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures and Interest Earned:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,129,012.63 for the month of April and any necessary for May, along with month end reports as available, including amended certificate. The treasurer earned \$984.57 in interest for April investments. The total fiscal year-to-date earnings are \$47,003.92

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried

Transfers and Advances:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the following Transfers and Advances:

Transfer

From	001	General Fund	\$(45,000.00)
To	024 9899	Self Insurance Fund	\$ 45,000.00

Advance:

From	001	General Fund	\$ (1,000.00)
To	024 9002	Section 125 Fund	\$ 1,000.00

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Koster, Mr. Miller, Mr. Manfredi, Mrs. Timmons

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Nayes: None
Absent: Mr. Honkala

Motion Carried

Appropriation Modifications:

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the following appropriation modifications:

Add the Following Fund/SCC:

019	9210	Martha Holden Jennings	\$	1,000.00
		(Community Cleaners)		

Decrease the following appropriation:

001	General Fund
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Decrease by:

(\$200,000.00)

Total Approp:

\$11,470,000.00

Increase following appropriations:

014	Special Rotary Fund
018	Public School Support
200	Foreign Language – Spanish
024	Self Insurance Claims

Increase by:

\$ 398.00
\$ 9,036.72
\$ 1,800.00
\$ 45,000.00

Total Approp:

\$ 41,053.00
\$ 31,156.72
\$ 83,462.34
\$ 400,000.00

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Timmons, Mr. Koster, Mr. Miller, Mr. Manfredi.

Nayes: None

Absent: Mr. Honkala

Motion Carried.

Five Year Forecast

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the five year forecast as submitted.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Koster, Mr. Miller, Mr. Manfredi, Mrs. Timmons.

Nayes: None

Absent: Mr. Honkala

Motion Carried.

Vocational Report

Roger Miller gave an update on the Auburn Career Center. There are four candidates being considered for the Superintendent's position. He said the Auburn Career Center Board is re-evaluating their construction project and breaking it down into smaller projects to keep a handle on finances. They are also looking into partnerships with other agencies to facilitate programs.

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Committee Reports

Roger Miller asked that the Board move forward with scheduled Permanent Improvement projects such as the paving of the High School parking lot.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to allow the Treasurer to advertise for bids to resurface the High School parking lot.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Miller, Mr. Manfredi, Mrs. Timmons, Mr. Koster.

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Honkala

Motion Carried.

Superintendent's Report and Recommendations:

The Superintendent introduced Joe Tomaric, owner's representative for the Berkshire Elementary Modular Addition Project. Mr. Tomaric provided the Board with an update on the construction project. The update was well received.

Personnel:

Certified

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the extended days for the 2009/2010 school year for the following employees:

Steve Reedy	15 Days
Jennifer Sabol	10 Days
Cindy Ducca	10 Days
Matt Marks	15 Days
Mary Martin	10 Days
Dan Itschner	10 Days
Kathy Pinkava	8 Days
Jackie Arnold	4 Days

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the following employees for the following supplementals for summer camp pending adequate student enrollment:

OGT – June 15 – 19, 2009	3 rd Grade Reading – Date to be determined
Amy Burzanko	3 rd Grade Reading Camp Coordinator/Teacher
Jim Lester	OGT Coordinator
Jim Lester	OGT Math Teacher

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Aimee Green	OGT Writing/Reading Teacher
Heidi Mason	OGT Science Teacher

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

B. Classified:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve Chad Russell, nurse, to dispense medication at sixth grade camp.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster, to accept the resignation of Don Starr as bus driver for the midday Auburn Career Center bus route, effective May 11, 2009.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve contracts to the following classified employees beginning with the 2009/2010 school year.

Ray Rondini	Technology Break/Fix	One Year Contract
Kim Brown	Playground Aide	Two Year Contract
Barb Lillibridge	Playground Aide	Two Year Contract
Cynthia Chilbert	Cook	Two Year Contract
Melissa Malkus	Secretary.	Two Year Contract
Louis Wagner	Custodian (Part-Time)	Two Year Contract
Carol Huff	Transportation Aide	Continuing Contract

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, to approve the following Supplemental Contracts for the 2009/2010 school year:

Ken Landrus	Head Custodian – BE
Rick Burzanko	Head Custodian – HS
Karen Holschuh	Scheduling Clerk
Lisa Shirkey	Transportation Manager
Jen Harrison	Cafeteria Supervisor

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, to approve reduction in force (RIF) for the following employees, effective at the end of their current contract:

Karen Holschuh	Cook
Mary Braford	Cook
Colleen Hall	Playground Aide

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Business

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Koster, to approve membership in Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2009/2010 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons, to approve renewing agreement with Lake/Geauga Educational Assistance Foundation (LEAF) for 2009/2010 school year for \$3360.00.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Miller exited the meeting at 5:45 p.m. in order to attend the Auburn Career Center Board meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the Hiram House Outdoor Education Agreement for the sixth grade camp from Tuesday, May 19th through Friday, May 22, 2009.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve to continue open enrollment for grades 7 – 12 for the 2009/2010 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to continue additional Psychologist Services for the 2009/2010 school year. The rate (\$35.00) and days (no less than 15 days and not to exceed 40 days) will be the same as the 2008/2009 school year. This is a flat rate with no other incurred costs, such as retirement and/or benefits.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons, to approve the preliminary list for the Graduating Class of 2009. Graduating seniors must complete all district and state requirements in order to receive a diploma. At the June regular meeting, the final list will be approved and recorded in the minutes.

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Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the second reading of the new Board policy 8351 as prepared by the NEOLA policy service.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: John Manfredi would like to see the existing modular units at Berkshire Elementary painted. He suggested that this would be a good project to involve county inmates after school is out.

Doug DeLong thanked Steve Reedy, Jen Sabol and Tamara Beitzel- Rowe for their part in the Berkshire High School prom. He also thanked Leesa Burzanko for her role in the after prom festivities. Mary Jo Maxwell was commended for the successful participation in Relay for Life.

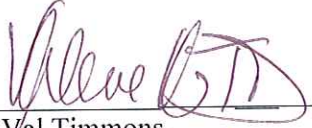
Open Public Participation:

Terry Mackenzie addressed the Board regarding common planning time for students. Mr. DeLong shared his thoughts on Professional Learning Communities and how that speaks to her concern.

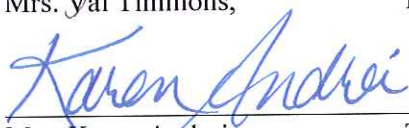
Scott Weber shared his concerns with the Board about the \$500,000.00 that has been set aside out of the general fund for Capital Improvements. He asked that the Board consider selling the vacant land on Claridon – Troy Rd. He also reiterated his opinion that the teaching staff needs to pay a higher percentage of their health insurance cost and he asked that the Board make changes in the upcoming negotiations.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to adjourn the Board Meeting at 6:01p.m.



Mrs. Val Timmons, President



Mrs. Karen Andrei, Treasurer