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REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the current agenda and the minutes of the January 12, 2009 organizational and regular meeting.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenditures and Interest Earned:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,102,315.75 for the month of January and any necessary for February, along with month end reports as available, including amended certificate. The treasurer earned \$915.79 in interest for January investments. The total fiscal year-to-date earnings are \$43,855.00.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Appropriation Modifications:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons, to approve all appropriation modifications for January as needed.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Advances and/or Return of Advance:

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the following advances and return of advances and transfers made in January 2009:

Advance:

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| From | 001 | General Fund | \$(17,077.66) |
| To | 006 | Cafeteria Fund | \$ 17,077.66 |

Return of Advance:

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| From | 006 | Cafeteria Fund | \$(15,887.42) |
| To | 001 | General Fund | \$ 15,887.42 |

Roll Call:

Aye: Timmons, Koster, Honkala, Miller, Manfredi

Nayes: None

Motion carried

Increase Appropriations:

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| 200 | 9311 | Class of 2009 | \$ | 10,300.00 |
| 018 | 9203 | Outdoor Education Camp | \$ | 10,285.00 |
| 024 | | Dental Claims | \$ | 100,000.00 |
| 014 | | Rotary - HS | \$ | 25,000.00 |

Roll Call:

Aye: Timmons, Koster, Honkala, Miller, Manfredi

Nayes: None

Motion carried

VOCATIONAL REPORT:

Mr. Miller reported that the Auburn Career Center will be conducting a Superintendent search because the Superintendent will be retiring at the end of the school year.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Miller reported on the recent facility committee meeting. The list of facility improvements was reviewed and updated. Specific items that will be addressed are the High School parking lot and two chairlifts that are required for ADA compliance in the High School.

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Joseph Haas from Reserve Energy Exploration addressed the Board regarding a possible non drilling oil and gas lease for the property owned by the Board on Claridon Troy Rd.

Personnel:

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to employ the following coaching supplemental contracts for the 2009 season:

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|---------------|------------------------------|
| Aimee Green | Asst. Girls’ Track Coach |
| Beth Duricky | Junior High Track Coach |
| Dave List | Head Softball Coach |
| Kelly Mathews | Asst. Softball Coach |
| Rich Guthrie | JV Softball Coach |
| Monica Reedy | Volunteer Softball Assistant |

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Miller to employ Catherine Platano as a tutor for a homebound student at a cost of \$23.41 per hour, not to exceed five hours per week for the remainder of the 08/09 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Classified:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to accept the resignation of Stephanie Butler, playground aide at Burton elementary effective January 23, 2009.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve hiring Colleen Hall for the remainder of the 08/09 school year for the position of playground aide at Burton elementary, 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, with an effective date of February 10, 2009.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to employ the following coaching supplemental contracts for the 2009 season:

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| Bryan Wadsworth | Head Boys' Track Coach |
| Julie Cole | Head Girls' Track Coach |
| Evan Shalek | Junior High Track Coach |
| Pete Moran | Freshman Softball Coach |
| Steve Smetana | Head Baseball Coach |
| Ed Marco | JV Baseball Coach |

Justin Smetana

Asst. Baseball Coach

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Business:

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the 2009/2010 school year Calendar as presented.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Old Business:

None

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New Business:

The Superintendent thanked everyone for their support in regards to the recent bus accident.

The Superintendent informed the audience that the Berkshire Modular Classroom addition project was going out to be re-bid due to some errors in the documentation prepared by the architect. There is no cost to the district for the rebid process. New bids will be opened February 27, 2009.

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OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Carolyn Squire asked if the rebid process would delay the project and asked if the project would be completed on schedule. She was informed that the project was expected to remain on schedule.

Scott Weber voiced his concern about the non oil drilling proposal and asked the Board to carefully consider the idea. Mr. Weber also expressed his congratulations to our neighboring district, Newbury, for the passage of their school levy on the February ballot. He also shared his concern with the Board about the apparent financial position of the Berkshire Local Schools, and stated that he hopes the Board does not come asking for a new levy. He stated that a 6% decrease in pay was handed down to some State employees recently and that the Board should keep that in mind when they enter into negotiations this spring with the certified staff. Mr. Weber asked that more accurate information be given by the Board with the Auburn Career Center updates.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mrs. Honkala, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to adjourn the meeting at 6:43p.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Val Timmons, President

Mrs. Karen Andrei, Tr