
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2014 6:00 P.M.
BERKSHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BERKSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

* 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



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call: Mr. Manfredi, Mr. Koster, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Miller, Mr. Honkala-present

Motion made by Mr. Honkala seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the Agenda and Minutes from February 10, 2014, regular meeting.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), we hereby move that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of personnel matters

Motioned by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Brown to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 6:05 p.m.

The Board exited executive session at 7:15 p.m

Treasurer's Report:

Let the records reflect that – The Treasurer has submitted a statement to the board and to the Superintendent showing the revenues and receipts from whatever sources derived, the various appropriations made by the board, the expenditures and disbursements therefrom, the purposes thereof, and the balances remaining in each fund. The financial statements for the period ending **February, 2014**, submitted subject to audit and include: Financial Summary, Appropriations and Revenue Summary, Check Register Recap, and Bank Reconciliation per *ORC 3313.29*.

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Donation:

Motion made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Honkala to accept the following donations:

\$100.00	Beaches and Dreams	High School Principal Fund
\$400.00	B.R. Charvat	Varsity Wrestling Team

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Appropriation Modification:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to amend the following funds:

IDEA Fund	+ \$ 5,897.04
Title IIA	- \$12,129.79
Title I	+\$ 3,993.97

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Resolution Accepting Tax Rates

Motion made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the following resolution as required by the Tax Budget Commission.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

WHEREAS, this Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing on July 1st, 2014 and WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Geauga County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Berkshire Local School District, Geauga County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

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SCHEDULE A				
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITORS ESTIMATED TAX RATES				
FUND	Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
General Fund	3,697,603.00	995,486.00	4.50	45.30
Library Fund	264,747.00	0		1.20
Permanent Improvement	249,255.00	0		2.50
TOTAL	4,211,605.00	995,486.00	4.5	49

SCHEDULE B		
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES		
GENERAL FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Schedule A, Col 1)
26.10 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 1976 and Prior not to exceed - Continuing - years.	26.10	1,846,472.00
5.0 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 11-08-1977 not to exceed - Continuing - years.	5.00	353,730.00
4.70 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 08-02-1983 not to exceed - Continuing - years.	4.70	483,258.00
4.50 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 11-05-1985 not to exceed - Continuing - years.	4.50	462,693.00
5.0 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 05-03-1988 not to exceed - Continuing - years.	5.00	551,450.00
TOTAL General Fund outside 10 mill Limitation	45.30	3,697,603.00

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SCHEDULE B LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES		
NON-GENERAL FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Schedule A, Col 1)
2.50 Permanent Improvement Fund levy authorized by voters on 11-04-2003 not to exceed - five - years.	2.50	249,255.00
1.2 Burton Library Fund levy authorized by voters on 11-04-2008 not to exceed - Continuing - years.	1.20	264,747.00

and be it further RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Severance Payout

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the retirement of Sheila Boros effective February 28, 2014 and to compensate her at the full time rate for severance purposes. This is a one-time determination based upon the continued full time service for the majority of Mrs. Boros's career at Berkshire.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Vocational Report

Mr. Miller reported that the equipment is being setup in the new manufacturing facility. The building is expected to be open in April.

Committee Reports

Mr. DeLong reported that the facilities committee has met and will have a final list together in April.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Certified:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve a One Year Limited Contract to Kelly Porcello, Level IV, Step 0.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the following supplemental contract:

- Sara O'Connor SADD Advisor – 50%
- Aimee Green Asst. Girls' Track Coach

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve Josh DeWeese as a Long Term Substitute for the 2013/2014 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Classified:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2013/2014 school year:

- Bob White Assistant Baseball Coach
- Bill Poole Assistant Baseball Coach
- Julie Cole Head Girls' Track Coach
- Jon Skolmutch Boys' Head Track Coach-35%

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve April Poole as a Substitute Aide and Cafeteria worker. All background checks have been completed.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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Business:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve Inter-District Open Enrollment for the 2014/2015 school year:

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve an inter-district service agreement, with Lake County Education Service Center, for special education services, for the 2013/2014 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Old Business

Mr. DeLong reported that Career Day for the sophomore class is scheduled for March 26th. Sophomores from Berkshire, Newbury and Ledgemont will be participating.

New Business

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve accept the resignation of Linda Swaney as board member of the Burton Library.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Honkala to appoint Joe M. Hernandez to fulfill Linda Swaney's unexpired term ending December 31, 2016.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Open Public Participation

Mr. Hornack expressed his opposition to consolidation with Newbury and read a letter from Sally Scilliano expressing her opposition to the speed at which the consolidation process going, would like to see it slowed down and be more transparent.

Mr. Reilly expressed his opposition to consolidation with Newbury. He is concerned about the staff that will be cut.

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Sonja Morris asked if the public is welcome at the March 18th work session with Newbury. Mr. Manfredi said that all public is welcome to the meeting.

Mr. Burzanko expressed his opposition to consolidation with Newbury. He is concerned about Berkshire losing their identify and asked why the Board has not put a levy on the ballot.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Mr. John Manfredi President

Mrs. Beth McCaffrey Recorder of Proceedings