
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

*MINUTES OF March 8, 2010, 6:00 pm
BERKSHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION*

*REGULAR MEETING
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

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call: Present: Mrs. Timmons, Mr. Koster, Mr. Manfredi, Mr. Honkala
Mr. Miller – joined the meeting at 6:10 pm

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve current agenda and the minutes from February 8, 2010 regular meeting.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion carried.

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, 2010** submitted subject to audit and include: Financial Summary, Appropriations and Revenue Summary, Check Register Recap, and Bank Reconciliation per *ORC 3313.29*

Appropriation Modifications:

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

Increase Appropriations to:

014	Rotary Account	+ \$10,000.00	Total	\$	28,000.00
018	Principal Fund	+ \$ 8,000.00	Total	\$	26,000.00

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200	Activity Funds	+ \$15,000.00	Total	\$	75,000.00
551	Title III	+ \$ 1.15	Total	\$	580.15
019	Martha Holden Jennings	+ \$ 1,042.00	Total	\$	2,042.00

Roll Call: Mrs. Timmons - Aye, Mr. Honkala - Aye, Mr. Koster - Aye, Mr. Miller- Absent, Mr. Manfredi - Aye.

Motion carried.

Resolution Accepting Tax Rates

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mrs. Timmons 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, 2010; 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	3,507,946.00	964,614.00	4.50	45.30
Library Fund	256,393.00	0.00		1.20
Permanent Improvement	235,691.00	0.00		2.50
TOTAL	4,000,030.00	964,614.00	4.50	49.00

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	1,751,658.00
5.0 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 11-08-1997 not to exceed - Continuing - years.	5.00	335,567.00
4.70 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 08-02-1983 not to exceed - Continuing - years.	4.70	458,121.00
4.50 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 11-05-1985 not to exceed - Continuing - years.	4.50	438,625.00
5.0 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 05-03-1988 not to exceed - Continuing - years.	5.00	523,975.00
TOTAL General Fund outside 10 mill Limitation	45.30	3,507,946.00

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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	235,691.00
1.2 Burton Library Fund levy authorized by voters on 11-04-2008 not to exceed - Continuing - years.	1.20	256,393.00

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: Mrs. Timmons - Aye, Mr. Honkala - Aye, Mr. Koster - Aye, Mr. Miller- Absent, Mr. Manfredi - Aye.

Motion carried.

Vocational Reports

Mr. Miller reported that Auburn has created a Facilities Committee to better plan for future building concerns. They are also going to engage the Auditor of State to conduct a performance audit on some of the operations.

Committee Reports

Mr. DeLong reported that the Facilities Committee has submitted their recommendations for the 2010/2011 School Year.

Mr. DeLong also reported that the Health Care Committee will meet on April 13, 2010 in the High School Teacher's Lounge.

Superintendent's Report and Recommendations:

Mr. DeLong gave a presentation on the new teacher websites.

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Personnel:

Certified

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to accept the retirement resignation of Carole Donlin, special education teacher, effective May 1, 2010.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the following employees to dispense medications for the Washington DC 8th grade trip from April 15, 2010 – April 17, 2010:

- Matt Marks
- Megan Honkala

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve a level change for Kim Vance, elementary teacher, with proper certification on the salary schedule from Level III to Level IV – Masters.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the following Supplemental contracts for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Dan Itschner Academic Decathlon Advisor
- Robin Olds JV Softball Coach

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion carried.

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B. Classified

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the following Supplemental contracts:

2009-2010 school year:

- Bob Himmelein JV Softball Volunteer

2010-2011 school year:

- Jack Arnold Assistant Football Coach
- Beau Braden Assistant Football Coach
- Nick Burzanko Volunteer Football Assistant
- Jim Gonczy JH Football Coach

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion carried.

New Business

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the purchase of a new school bus from Myers Equipment at the amount of \$72,732.00 along with the acceptance of trading in one Berkshire school bus for the amount of \$750.00, making the final purchase price \$71,982.00. This purchase is declared an emergency replacement.

Roll Call: Mrs. Timmons - Aye, Mr. Honkala - Aye, Mr. Koster - Aye, Mr. Miller- Aye, Mr. Manfredi - Aye.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to authorize the Treasurer to offer Salary Continuation on an as needed basis to defray workers compensation salary claims.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to appoint Kenneth Kaniecki and Tracy Jemison to the Berkshire Local Schools Audit Committee.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion carried.

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Open Public Participation

Mr. Weber said that he would like to see a counter put on the website to see how many hits it received. He also cautioned that the District needs to check the security on the website to be sure that the proper fire-walls are in place.

Mrs. Kaniecki asked if the teacher websites were a requirement for the teachers. Mr. DeLong stated that they were strongly encouraging the teachers to create websites.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion carried

Mr. James Koster, President

Mrs. Beth McCaffrey Recorder of Proceedings