
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**MINUTES OF April 13, 2009 6:00 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. Honkala,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Manfredi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the current agenda and the minutes of the March 9, 2009 regular meeting and the March 27, 2009 Special Meeting.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenditures and Interest Earned:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve expenditures in the amount of \$953,332.37 for the month of March and any necessary for April, along with month end reports as available, including amended certificate. The treasurer earned \$1,182.80 in interest for March investments. The total fiscal year-to-date earnings are \$46,019.35.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Appropriation Modifications:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the following appropriation modifications:

Decrease Appropriations per Ohio Department of Education revision:

572	9209	Title I	\$ 169,919.99
590	9209	Title IIA	\$ 47,525.36
599	9209	Title IID	\$ 1,591.42

Increase following appropriations:

001		General Fund	\$11,670,000.00
003	9900	Permanent Improv.	\$ 450,000.00
003	9901	PI – New Building	\$ 649,500.00

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014	Rotary – High School	\$	40,655.00
018	Public School Support	\$	22,120.00
200	Student Activity	\$	81,662.34

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Return of Advance:

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve the following transfers/ advances and returns of advance:

Return of Advance:

From	006	General Fund	\$ (13,083.67)
To	001	Cafeteria Fund	\$	13,083.67

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Approve Services and Invoice:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the following services and accompanying invoices from Lake Geauga Computer Association for the 2008/2009 school year.

LGCA Software/Technical Support Services	\$22,982.40
LGCA Internet Services	\$13,146.40
Equipment Software/Maintenance	\$ 921.00

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried

Accept Donation:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to accept a donation from Jim and Lora Myers in the amount of \$292.00. The donation is being sent because of the change in our School District Income Tax from tax on all wages, to tax on earned income. The Myers' are not obligated to pay the School District Income Tax any longer, however, they still wanted to make a donation for the amount they would have paid in the past.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried

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VOCATIONAL REPORT:

Mr. Miller reported that an Interim Superintendent, Maggie Lynch, is in place at the Auburn Career Center. The search for a Superintendent is underway.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Personnel:

A. Certified

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve FMLA leave of absences for the following employees:

Amy Burzanko, effective from March 30, 2009

Lynn Hunter, effective from April 2, 2009

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve one year Limited Contracts for the 2009-2010 school year for the following certified staff:

Rachel Beardsley-Holbert

Ted Janssen

Tamara Beitzel-Rowe

Karen Kirby

Megan Honkala

Matt Marks

Patricia Donaldson

Kelly Mathews

Michelle Ferraton

Mary Jo Maxwell

Karen Fortier

Donald Nikolai

Brent Gardner-Retire/Rehire

Maria Ritter

Cheri Goggin

Beth Duricky

Richard Guthrie

Monica Reedy

Nancy Harris

Nichole Hess

Joan Prots

Eric Higgs

Meghan Hull

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Lynn Hunter

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve the following to be Technical Director for the Spring Musical:

Maria Ritter

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to accept the retirement resignation of the following employees, effective June 30, 2009:

Ellen Timms
Priscilla Keefe

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

B. Classified:

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the following volunteers for spring sports, pending satisfactory BCI/FBI results:

Bill Poole	Baseball
Kimberly Daniels	Track
Bob White	Baseball

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

C. Business

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the following students as counselors and alternates for sixth grade camp, May 19th through May 22nd, 2009.

Lindsay Ludlow
Megan Fisher
Elyse Cirjak
Mari Szorady
Amanda Hiem
Heather Snyder
Colleen Brelloch
Sara Mayer
Angela Evers

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Alyssa Parnaby
Brendon Curtin
Greg Dornback
Clay Miller
Jeff Hoover
Owen Park
Zach McMurray
Tim Hess
Lee Henderson
Kyle Cross
Dan Lasco
Britney George
Sara Koth
Hailey Sedivy
Casey Luoma
Aaron Miller
Tyler Briggs
Bradon Caruso
Alec Greenhouse
Sara Neely

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve adopting the following date and age for Kindergarten entrance, beginning with the 2009/2010 school year:

The child must be age 5 by August 1st of the school year he/she is enrolling in kindergarten.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Superintendent discussed the trailers that are currently located at Burton Elementary. Even with additional space from the modular unit, the building Principal would like to keep one of the existing trailers. The Board is agreeable to keeping the trailers for the time being, with the goal to be removing them as soon as possible after transition.

New Business

Board Policy:

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

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Lisa Shirkey, Transportation Director, addressed the Board about purchasing a new bus. Bids were received from two companies earlier this year. The bids will expire soon. Lisa shared data on the cost of operating the bus that is being considered for removal from the fleet as well as the projected savings for the newer bus.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the low bid for the Gymnasium Project came from Lakeland Management System, Inc. at \$442,000.00. There were numerous alternatives offered with the bid. The alternatives that are desired would bring the cost of the Gymnasium Project to \$416,300.00.

Accept Bids:

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to award the bid from Myers Equipment Corporation in the amount of \$72,732.00 for one bus along with the acceptance of trading Berkshire Local School Bus #1 to Myers Equipment for the amount of \$2,000.00. The Board also requested that a letter of intent be addressed to Myers Equipment for one additional bus prior to January 2010. The letter of intent holds the bid price but does not obligate the Board to buy.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to award the bid from Lakeland Management Systems, Inc. for the following:

Gymnasium Building Project	\$442,000.00
Alternate 1A	\$ 9,300.00
Alternated Deduct 4	<u>\$(35,000.00)</u>
Contract Sum	\$416,300.00

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. Miller

Motion Carried.

Open Public Participation

Scott Weber asked for clarification on the breakdown of the funds that will be used for the construction projects. The Treasurer provided the data.

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Mr. Weber also expressed his concern with breathalyzers being used on children attending prom. There is a school in the area that has announced the possibility of using breathalyzers. Mr. Weber stated that he hoped Berkshire Local Schools would do the same.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Val Timmons, President

Mrs. Karen Andrei, Treasurer