

To be approved at the Board of Education meeting November 9, 2005.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2005 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

The Shaker Heights Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 8:02 p.m. at the Shaker Heights High School Library, 15911 Aldersyde Drive, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

Members present: Mr. F. Drexel Feeling, Mrs. Mary S. Johnson, Ms. Freda J. Levenson, Mrs. Carol J. Ribar, and Mr. Steven S. Kaufman.

President Steven S. Kaufman presided.

Upon the presentation of the Minutes of the September 8, 2005 special meeting, Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.  
The motion carried.

05-10-126

Upon the presentation of the Minutes of the September 20, 2005 regular meeting, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson to approve the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.  
The motion carried.

05-10-127

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Mark Freeman, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson that the following personnel items be approved:

**PERSONNEL**

**Certified**

**Temporary Employees: Lunch Room Supervisors, Substitute Tutors, Home Instructors, Substitute Teachers, Substitute Nurses, Substitute Library Aides, Tutoring Center Tutors for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Butze, Tracy

**Summer Writing and Instructional Planning for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Authorization is requested for staff members to participate in summer writing and instructional planning. These activities will not exceed 10 units per individual. A unit refers to approximately one-half day of service at \$65.

**Improving Classroom Practices (Innovative Programs Grant/Title V)**

Up to 2 units per individual

Hoynacke, Bonnie  
Luther, Rachel  
Morgan, Thomas

Quinones, Darlene  
Thomas, Rebecca

**Mathematics**

Boles, Margaret (4)  
Glavic-Galosi, Bonita (1)

Tournoux, Gene (1)  
White, Lori (1)

### **Curriculum Writing and Instructional Planning for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Authorization is requested for staff members to participate in curriculum writing and instructional planning. These activities will not exceed 10 units per individual. A unit refers to approximately one-half day of service at \$65.

#### **District Scoring Team**

3 units per individual

Bannon, Patsy  
Cooper, Linda (6)  
Cydulka-Weinstein, Michele  
Denton, Marcia  
Eakin, Marybeth  
Eppich, Marilyn  
Feinstein, Robyn  
Hassell, Andree  
Hayward, Kristina  
Hill, Kevin  
Johnston, Nancy  
Lewis, Adrian

Martin, Belvia  
McGill, Marsha  
Nagy, Rosemary  
Palmer, Amy  
Pope, Joyce  
Rucinski, Michell  
Singerman, Donita  
Townsend, Donita  
White, Derrick  
Wigton, Erica  
Zucca, Matthew

### **Special Assignments for the 2004-2005 School Year**

Authorization is requested for staff members to participate in the following activities:

#### **Commencement Supervision**

1 unit per individual

Wylie, Antonia

### **Special Assignments for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Authorization is requested for staff members to participate in the following activities:

#### **Improving Classroom Practices/Building Facilitators (Teacher Quality Grant/Title II)**

Up to 20 units per individual

Goulden, Jennifer

### **Supplemental Contracts for the 2005-2006 School Year**

#### **High School – Special Supplementals**

Deep, Jr., Thomas – Pre-season Marching Band Planning and Charting (Fall) - .1 x 42  
Hughes, William – Pre-season Marching Band Planning and Charting (Fall) - .1 x 18  
Pocaro, Adrian – Pre-season Marching Band Planning and Charting (Fall) - .1 x 60

#### **Woodbury School**

Bednar, Jason – Computers – 5.0 x 1  
Brewster, Katherine – Student Council – 3.0 x 1  
Derrick, Dianne – Student Council – 3.0 x 1  
Fraser, Aisha – Student Council – 3.0 x 1  
Kobilis, Michael – Student Council – 3.0 x 1

#### **Woodbury School – Special Supplementals**

Bednar, Jason – Computer Club - .05 x 65  
Bednar, Jason – Playwriting Club - .05 x 24  
Bognar, Robert – Art Club - .05 x 15  
Brewster, Katherine – Steel Drums – .05 x 30  
Brindza, Elizabeth – Computer Club - .05 x 65

Carter, James – Science Club - .05 x 30  
 Clemente-Milne, Deanna – Art Club - .05 x 15  
 Derrick, Dianne – Literature Club - .05 x 90  
 Farinacci, Dan – Playwriting Club - .05 x 24  
 Hayduk, Crystal – Jump Rope Club - .05 x 30  
 Huckelbridge, Beverly – Art Club - .05 x 15  
 Huckelbridge, Beverly – Newspaper Club - .05 x 30  
 Jarvie, Sherri – Jump Rope Club - .05 x 30  
 Lease, Patricia – Jump Rope Club - .05 x 32  
 Lewis, Gwendolyn – Science Club – 0.5 x 30  
 Libman, Amy – Science Club Share – 0.5 x 45  
 Libman, Valerie – Literature Club - .05 x 90  
 Lipovic, Darlene – Jump Rope Club - .05 x 80  
 Matthias, Louisa – Math Club - .05 x 64  
 Mulligan, Diane – Science Club Share – 0.5 x 45  
 Topchian, Cynthia – Drama Club - .05 x 24

### **Leave of Absence for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Welsch, Abbey – (Physical Education/Middle School) – Effective October 5, 2005 through November 17, 2005 (Caregiver)

### **Classified**

### **Changes in Assignments for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Bryant, Denise – (Cashier/Cook's Helper/Woodbury School) – from Cook's Helper/Woodbury School, step 1A – 25 hours per week to Cashier/Cook's Helper/Woodbury School, step 1A – 25 hours per week – Effective October 3, 2005

Lee, Nicole – (Cashier/Cook's Helper/High School) – from Cook's Helper/High School, step 1A – 25 hours per week to Cashier/Cook's Helper/High School, step 1A – 25 hours per week – Effective October 3, 2005

Treichel, Rene – (Cashier/Cook's Helper/High School) – from Cook's Helper/High School, step 1A – 25 hours per week to Cashier/Cook's Helper/High School, step 1A – 25 hours per week – Effective October 3, 2005

Williams, Linda – (Cashier/Cook's Helper/Mercer School) – from Cook's Helper/Middle School, step 1A – 25 hours per week to Cashier/Cook's Helper/Mercer School, step 1A – 25 hours per week – Effective September 5, 2005

### **Temporary Employees: Building Monitors, Head Lunchroom Aides, Lunchroom Aides, Off-Duty Police Officers, Student Technology Aides, Student Aides, Substitute Bus Drivers, Substitute Cafeteria Workers, Substitute Custodians, Substitute Secretarial Technicians, Substitute Teacher Aides, Technology Interns, Tutoring Center Study Assistants for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Dunn, Mathew  
 Gordon, Shelly

Seay, Capucine  
 Williams, Andy Jr.

### **Personnel for School Athletic Events for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Ayers, Chantal  
 Barker, Reginald  
 Calhoun, Ed  
 Clarke, Jennifer  
 Corbin, Pamela  
 Dimacchia, Josh  
 Gore, Toni

Patterson, Catherine  
 Peterson, Darius  
 Readance, Donald  
 Senior, Rob  
 Tekieli, Edward  
 Thornton, Hakeem  
 Thornton, Vernique

**Project Assistants for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Brown, Mark

Popik, Cynthia

**Extension to Leave of Absence for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Walker, Seretta – (Bus Driver/Transportation) – Effective October 2, 2005 through November 10, 2005 (medical)

**ADDENDUM****Certified****Non-Bargaining/Non-Administrative Appointment for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Dunn, Polly – Class B.A., step 1 – Effective August 22, 2005

**Temporary Employees: Lunch Room Supervisors, Substitute Tutors, Home Instructors, Substitute Teachers, Substitute Nurses, Substitute Library Aides, Tutoring Center Tutors for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Barnes, Raffaella

Kravitz, Patricia

Bobak, Stephen

Kuster, Kurt

**Summer Writing and Instructional Planning for the 2005-2006 School Year**

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**Mathematics**

Lindsey, Dexter (10)

**Supplemental Contracts for the 2005-2006 School Year****Mercer School**

Baker, Maria – Student Council – 1.0 x 1

Kim, Amy – Student Council – 1.0 x 1

**Middle School – Special Supplemental**

Myles, Douglas – Golf Club (Spring) - .1 x 15

**High School**

McBurney, Christine – Drama Production – 6.5 x 1

**High School – Special Supplementals**

Johnson, Erik – Director – Production - .1 x 20

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Johnson, Erik – Alumni & Patron Development - .1 x 64

Rathbone, Joel – Season Stage Manager - .1 x 64

Schiopota, David – Season Box Office Manager - .1 x 64

**Classified****Appointments for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Kirksey, Jason – (Permanent Part-Time Bus Driver, 10-month/ Transportation) – step 1 – Effective October 3, 2005

Leonard, Renee – (Technician/Woodbury Elementary School) – step 1 – Effective September 27, 2005

**Temporary Employees: Building Monitors, Head Lunchroom Aides, Lunchroom Aides, Off-Duty Police Officers, Student Technology Aides, Student Aides, Substitute Bus Drivers, Substitute Cafeteria Workers, Substitute Custodians, Substitute Secretarial Technicians, Substitute Teacher Aides, Technology Interns, Tutoring Center Study Assistants for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Ivery, Edna  
Johnson, Doris  
Kerr, Gregory  
Pizon, John

Thomas, Selethia  
Wheeler, Ariel  
Williams, Nichole  
Williams, Richard

**Suspension**

Bell, Kelly – (Bus Driver/Transportation) – without pay - Effective September 20, 2005

**Leaves of Absence for the 2005-2006 School Year**

Edmonds, Kaszandra – (Head Cook/Woodbury School) – Effective October 6, 2005 through December 1, 2005 (medical)

Lowe, Theresa – (Cashier/Cook's Helper/Fernway School) – Effective October 12, 2005 through November 7, 2005 (medical)

Watson, David – (Special Education Aide/Middle School) – Effective November 1, 2005 through November 28, 2005 (medical)

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.  
The motion carried.

05-10-128

**BUSINESS**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Freeman, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson that the Board of Education approve a change order with Whitehouse Construction Company for the Shaker Heights High School girls varsity locker room renovation in the amount of \$3,762.58.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.  
The motion carried.

05-10-129

At this time Superintendent Freeman read the following letter that was sent home to parents of students of Woodbury Elementary School:

Dear Woodbury Parents and Guardians:

I want to inform you about an incident that occurred today at Woodbury. Around 11:40 a.m., a nurse from the Cleveland Clinic was in the process of returning a mentally ill patient to the hospital. The patient got out of the nurse's car in front of Woodbury and approached Door E, where several fifth grade students were waiting at the door with lunch aides to come back in from recess.

The patient, a 52-year-old man, threw himself to the ground and began to flail about, then tried to enter the building. The lunch aides immediately began to remove the children from the area. The Woodbury security monitor stationed at Door E notified District security and the Shaker Heights Police Department. The police arrived promptly, subdued the man, and took him into custody. He is being returned to the Cleveland Clinic.

We are all relieved that no one was injured. The man was unarmed and did not enter the school. The lunch aide and security monitor showed superb judgment in acting swiftly to protect our students. The response of District security and the police department was excellent.

Understandably, some students were upset and frightened by the incident. Mr. Smith & Mr. Brunton went into each fifth-grade class to explain to the children that the man was sick and in need of help. He will get the help he needs back at the hospital.

If you have any questions, or your student expresses any fear about the incident, please contact the office at once. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

Barbara Whitaker

### **DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

Superintendent Freeman reported on the following District highlights:

- Thirty-eight members of the Shaker Heights High School Class of 2006 have been named Semifinalists or Commended Students in the National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic Scholarship Programs. These scholastically talented seniors are considered top candidates for admission to America's most selective colleges. They also have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some Merit Scholarship awards that will be offered next spring, and will be candidates for other scholarships as well.

This year's National Merit Semifinalists from Shaker are **Ian Bardenstein, William Feldman, Morgan Grossman-McKee, Matthew Herzfeld, Braeden Kepner-Kraus, Lavinia Pavlish, Hazel Rigby, Ben Schnur, Allison Vitkus, Diana Wang, and Lauren Weiss**. National Achievement Semifinalists are **Nicole Feeling, Brittany Mosely, Corbin Sykes, and Malik Wiggins**.

National Merit Commended Students are **Anderson Albano, Avi Bakshani, Halle Bauer, Nicolas Bethoux, Stephen Cabrera, Max Gardner, Joseph Gibbons,**

**Rebecca Glazer, Emily Grannis, Brandon Hemmelgarn, Alexander Hoover, Jason Immerman, Celia Kaplan, David Kohn, Sarah Ledford, Dinah Lewis, Brittany Mosely, Amanda Murphy, Julia Shatten, Katherine Sommers, Shan Tie, and Brian Weber.** National Achievement Commended Students are **Kelly Jackson** and **Christopher Whatley**.

In addition, **Ian Bardenstein** and **Stephen Cabrera** were named National Hispanic Scholars.

The students will be honored at a future Board of Education meeting.

Nationwide, 16,000 National Merit Semifinalists have been designated from approximately 1.3 million program entrants in more than 21,000 high schools nationwide. Representing less than 1 percent of each state's high school seniors, Semifinalists are the state's highest-scoring students on the 2004 Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT).

Since the inception of the program, Shaker has consistently been among the top schools in Ohio in producing National Merit and National Achievement scholars.

- The Shaker Heights Alumni Association inducted six outstanding graduates into its Hall of Fame on Sunday, October 9. The 2005 inductees have excelled in the fields of print and broadcast journalism, business, law, acting, and philanthropy. The inductees, whose biographical sketches are below, gave speeches of inspiration and encouragement to Shaker Heights High School students at an assembly held on October 10. The new inductees are:

**Michael Feigenbaum**, '72, owner of Lucy's Sweet Surrender Hungarian bakery on Buckeye Road, a shop that has been at the same location since 1957. Feigenbaum has a strong commitment to the neighborhood and to Cleveland and is working to keep the tradition of neighborhood business alive.

**Ric Harris**, '82, former vice president and general manager of WEWS News Channel 5, has recently taken the position of executive vice president and general manager of Digital Media and Strategic Marketing for NBC Universal Television Stations. This new division will be responsible for digital growth strategy, including Internet, broadband, and wireless efforts, as well as non-broadcast media initiatives.

**Richard Koblentz**, '68, counsel and board member since 1985 of the Cleveland Baseball Federation, the oldest charitable sports organization in America. The Cleveland Baseball Federation provides funding for summer baseball programs at no cost for children in Cleveland.

**Paul Mason**, '73, Senior Vice President of ABC News with day-to-day responsibility for *Nightline*, *This Week*, *ABC News Radio*, *World News Now*, *World News This Morning* and *Good Morning America's* news segments. He is the producer of *The Reunion*, a 2004 documentary that traces the experiences of his kindergarten classmates at Ludlow Elementary School, one of the earliest integrated cohorts to go through the Shaker schools, as well as those of current students and their families.

**Laura Meckler**, '86, staff writer for *The Wall Street Journal*, based in Washington, D.C., where she covers transportation policy, including aviation, airport security, and auto safety. Before joining the publication, she spent nearly a decade with The Associated Press, where she covered health policy and politics. In 2003-2004, she was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis.

**Rich Stotter**, '63, a third generation Shakerite. A star football player at the University of Houston, he earned both athletic and academic All-American honors. He subsequently played professionally for the Houston Oilers. Stotter used his business administration degree to start a successful construction business, later selling it and investing in real estate. His investments have allowed him to be active in such philanthropic activities as cancer research and environmental work.

- The Shaker Schools Foundation and the family of **Peter Morgenstern-Clarren** co-sponsored the Peter's Garden Dedication ceremony held on October 1 at Onaway School. The garden honors the memory of the 1999 graduate who attended Onaway and tutored there prior to his death in the spring of 2004. Funded by his family and more than 400 private donors, Peter's Garden covers about 20,000 square feet in front of the school and is intended for both school and community use. 250 family members, friends of the family, and donors attended the ceremony and reception, providing them their first glimpses of the garden's human sundial plaza, dreaming garden, open amphitheater, and built-in chess board.
- On October 8, some 150 Shaker grads and guests from the Greater Cleveland area attended the second annual Alumni Tailgate Party, sponsored by the Shaker Schools Foundation, prior to the Homecoming football game against Admiral King High School. The class of 1995, which held its 10-year reunion over the weekend, had a particularly good showing. The Tailgate Party was inaugurated last year to celebrate the successes of Shaker grads and to reconnect them with one another and with their Shaker roots.
- More than 350 students and parents attended the PTO Health Fair on October 1. Taking the place of the PTO Fall Forum, the Health Fair featured nationally known speakers on health and fitness; healthy food samples and cooking demonstrations; free health screenings; body mass index analyses; and demonstrations by the Woodbury and Onaway rope-jumping teams. The Health Fair was part of a heightened effort by the District and PTO to promote nutrition and fitness in light of the rising incidence of child obesity and diabetes.
- A health fair will also be a central feature of the District's Professional Day activities this Friday, October 14, with health screening and flu shots offered. Several classes are also being offered to support the professional growth of staff members, including workshops on various technology applications, de-escalating conflict, CPR and defibrillator training; improving classroom practices, and the new federal special education law.
- Nearly 200 college representatives have scheduled visits to Shaker Heights High School this fall. The schools represent a broad range, from the Ivy League to large state universities to small liberal arts schools and technical schools. In addition, Shaker is cooperating with other high schools on college fairs where students will have an opportunity to learn about other colleges.

At this time the Board heard the first of three presentations, requested last summer by the Board, on the features and programs that distinguish the District. The first installment, presented by Dr. Jim Paces and Dr. Bernice Stokes, focused on the District's history, community, students, facilities, and faculty. At the November and December meetings,



presentations will address in greater depth our curriculum and instructional programs, co-curricular activities, academic support services, and outcomes for students.

Following the presentation the Board members gave positive comments about the presentation and the benefits of the Shaker Heights schools. At this time the Board heard audience responses to the presentation:

- Ms. Lauren Weiss inquired about the community and the District's future during the next 10 to 20 years. The Superintendent responded that technology and world issues would impact the future of the district and community. The Board members gave supporting comments.
- Mr. Dan Hoffman suggested that the Board consider implementing geothermal heating. Superintendent Freeman responded that the Shaker schools had been assessed several years ago but due to recent energy cost spikes the District would again look into the feasibility of such systems.
- Mr. David Cohn further commented regarding the presentation that future plans must include strategies to provide for continued improvement.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Freeman, the announcement was made that the Board of Education meeting for November 2005 will be on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. at the Shaker Heights High School Library.

### **WELCOME – MR. MICHAEL GRIFFITH, SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

At this time Superintendent Freeman introduced Mr. Michael Griffith, Principal of the Shaker Heights High School. Mr. Griffith extended a warm welcome to the Board and community.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon the recommendation of Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling that the financial statements for September 2005 (Exhibit T-1) be accepted and placed on file for audit.

President Kaufman asked Mr. Christman to review the highlights of the September financial statements. Mr. Christman commented on items as delineated in the financial and miscellaneous briefs as follows:

- Personal property tax collections are down for 2<sup>nd</sup> half collections under prior year by \$421,548 primarily due to timing differences in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> advances as compared to the prior year. Unfortunately, projections for fiscal 2006 are \$203 million less than prior year and as much as \$120 million shortfall compared to the budget for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half settlement due in October;
- Interest rates continue to rise and are expected to increase again at the November Federal Reserve meeting;
- Other local receipts are up versus prior year due to accelerated payment of SF-14 payment; however, the amount is about \$45,000 less than last year's payment;
- Utilities – Natural gas budget amount has increased from \$52,000 per month in fiscal 2005 to \$70,000 per month effective July 1, 2005 and is now going to \$98,000 per month starting in November. If required to make all payments through June 2006, we would be in excess of \$200,000 over the budget adopted in September. We, of course, hope to reduce costs elsewhere in the budget to avoid increasing the appropriation. We will continue to monitor this throughout the year.
- Annual Financial Audit is in process and is nearing completion as it relates to the GAAP conversion.

Legislative notes of interest are as follows:

- Ohio Senator Robert Hagen (Youngstown) and Senator Tom Roberts (Dayton) have recently submitted a proposal to exempt school districts from the State tax on gasoline;
- Several candidates have announced their candidacy for State office. Former Representative Brian Flannery has announced that he will announce his candidacy for governor after the November election;
- Sherrod Brown has changed his mind and is now running for U.S. Senate against Mike Dewine;
- Senate President Bill Harris has introduced and promises to fast track House Bill 234, which will implement universal absentee voting legislation which would render moot the similar issue on the November ballot;
- Last week the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments to decide who has burden of proof when deciding if an IEP is appropriate or sufficient. The current due process procedures do not delineate when there is a dispute;
- A Berea tax revaluation case was settled based on recent sales price;
- House Bill 353 has been introduced by Chris Redfern to prohibit public schools from starting instruction before Labor Day;
- Southwestern School District in Franklin County is the subject of an attempt to repeal levy millage approved in May 2005 after two previous levy failures.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.

The motion carried.

05-10-130

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson that in accordance with Section 135.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, the interim investments listed below be ratified:

**INTERIM INVESTMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 2005**

<b><u>FEDERAL &amp; OTHER SECURITIES:</u></b>						
<u>Purchase Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Investment Amount</u>	<u>Bond Equiv. Yield</u>	<u>Type of Invstmt.</u>	<u>Interest to be Earned</u>	<u>Dealer/Issuer</u>
no securities purchased this month						
<b><u>OTHER DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:</u></b>						
<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance at 09/30/05</u>	<u>Avg. Annual Interest Rate for Month</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>			
Star Ohio-General	\$1,729.81	3.46%	\$5.26			
Star Ohio-Payroll	\$0.00	3.46%	\$0.00			
Bank One High Balance	\$547,993.75	3.35%	\$2,506.94			
Charter One High Balance	\$19,640,836.88	3.66%	\$62,928.07			

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.

The motion carried.

05-10-131

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling that the Board of Education approve the following supplemental appropriation resolution:

WHEREAS, the Shaker Heights Board of Education has received grants and awards from various funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Shaker Heights Board of Education on September 13, 2005, adopted annual appropriations for the 2005-2006 budget year, which in part this appropriation will either replace or amend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shaker Heights Board of Education, amend its previously adopted appropriation accounts:

**1. Exhibit T-3A**

**Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education**

**Funding: Federal Government**

**Project: Part B – IDEA – Special Education**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
516	9206	Var.	Var.			\$1,390,404.93

**2. Exhibit T-3B**

**Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education**

**Funding: Federal Government**

**Project: Title III – Limited English Proficiency**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
551	9206	Var.	Var.			\$19,197.00

**3. Exhibit T-3C**

**Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education**

**Funding: Federal Government**

**Project: Title I - ESEA**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
572	9206	Var.	Var.			\$617,868.39

**4. Exhibit T-3D**

**Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education**

**Funding: Federal Government**

**Project: Title I – School Improvement**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
572	9906	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$50,000.00

**5. Exhibit T-3E**

**Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education**

**Funding: Federal Government**

**Project: Title V – Innovative Programs**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
573	9206	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$21,805.04

**6. Exhibit T-3F****Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education****Funding: Federal Government****Project: Title IV-A Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
584	9206	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$28,500.94

**7. Exhibit T-3G****Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education****Funding: Federal Government****Project: IDEA – Early Childhood Special Education**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
587	9206	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$22,533.63

**8. Exhibit T-3H****Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education****Funding: Federal Government****Project: Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
590	9206	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$162,967.25

**9. Exhibit T-3I****Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education****Funding: Federal Government****Project: Title II-D Technology Fund**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
599	9206	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$11,198.84

**10. Exhibit T-3J****Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education,  
Office of Exceptional Children****Funding: State of Ohio****Project: Parent Mentor**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
499	9906	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$24,375.00

**11. Exhibit T-3K****Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education****Funding: State of Ohio****Project: Alternative Education**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>SPCC</b>	<b>FUNC.</b>	<b>OBJ.</b>	<b>OPU</b>	<b>DESC.</b>	<b>APPROP.</b>
463	9206	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$57,609.00

At this time, Mr. Christman provided a brief synopsis comparing the fiscal 2006 grants with the prior year amounts. In all cases but one, Fund 516, the fiscal 2006 grant is lower than the fiscal 2005 amount. In some cases such as Fund 460 (State Intervention Grant),

the grant has been totally eliminated due to the interaction of the State Foundation formula and the guarantee under the new provisions of House Bill No. 66.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.  
The motion carried.

05-10-132

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Shaker Heights City School District, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio;

Section 1. That the Auditor of Cuyahoga County be and is hereby requested to issue an order to the Treasurer of Cuyahoga County to pay to the Treasurer of this Board of Education such funds as may be available for distribution by said County Treasurer.

Section 2. That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to sign the appropriate documents to secure such advances, as well as the secondary documents to secure the semi-annual settlement with the County Treasurer during the calendar year 2006.

Section 3. That such authorization shall extend to all advances requested during the calendar year 2006.

Section 4. That the Treasurer of the Board, be and hereby is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Treasurer and make such other certifications and reports to the County Auditor or Treasurer as may be necessary to make this resolution effective.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.  
The motion carried.

05-10-133

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson that the Board of Education approve the H.B. No. 412 Five-Year Financial Forecast (Exhibit T-4) and further that the Treasurer be directed to file a copy of such forecast with the Ohio Department of Education.

Mr. Christman commented on the Five-Year Forecast as follows:

- Required two times per year, last one approved in May 2005. The second filing must be by the end of October 2005;
- Can be amended and submitted at any time during the year;
- Reflects the final fiscal 2005 revenue and expenses;
- Basic format requires three years of historical and five years of projected data; and

- Fiscal 2006 expenses mirror the budget adopted in September for a total of \$82.1 million in general fund expenditures.

The major revenue assumptions include:

- Property tax collections in combination with the State's new reimbursement plan that equal the assumed level of tax collections in the forecast;
- Flat funding of the State Foundation revenues at a slightly reduced level from the fiscal 2005 amounts (as opposed to a reduction that could occur if the guarantee is not continued beyond the current biennium); and
- A continuation of the CAFS or similar reimbursement program with effective date of July 1, 2005.

Major expenditure assumptions include:

- Salary increases at a 2% level beyond the current contract expiration date;
- No increase in the current 14% employer contribution to the retirement systems;
- A projected annual growth rate of 15% for health insurance costs coupled with an annual 1% increasing employee shared premium payment;
- Natural gas budget increase to an average \$90,000 per month beginning in fiscal 2007, with 5% annual increases thereafter;
- Electricity budget increases of 4% per year beginning in fiscal 2007 and beyond;
- An additional \$204,000 allocated for textbook purchases in fiscal 2006;
- A projected annual growth rate of 10% for out-of-district tuition costs;
- A 5% annual growth rate for out-of-district tuition transportation costs;
- A fiscal 2006 fuel budget assuming an average \$3 per gallon with 2% annual increases thereafter;
- A 5% annual growth rate for County Auditor and Treasurer's fees due to expected increases resulting from planned levies; and
- Property insurance growth rate of 7.5% per year due to expected insurance industry fallout from recent natural disaster anticipated losses.

Major overall assumptions include:

- The approval of continuing property tax levies with a projected yield equivalent of at least 9.9 mills in both calendar 2006 and calendar 2008; and
- A net annual budget savings of \$4.5 million commencing in fiscal 2007, plus an additional net annual budget savings of \$1.3 million in fiscal 2008 and beyond.

Major changes from the May 2005 forecast:

- Real estate taxes increased by \$2 million due to higher fiscal 2005 collections projected out;
- State Foundation revenues increased by \$1.2 million due to higher fiscal 2005 collections projected out;
- Total revenues increased by \$4.0 million due to above two items;

- Salaries and wages have decreased by \$3.2 million due to slightly lower fiscal 2005 results, coupled with lower assumed annual wage increases from 3% to 2% beginning in fiscal 2007;
- Purchase services increased \$6.0 million due to higher fiscal 2005 results, but primarily due to a projected increase of \$500,000 per year for utilities and a projected increase of \$500,000 per year for out-of-district tuition;
- Assumed budget savings - \$4.5 million in fiscal 2007 and an additional \$1.3 million in fiscal 2008 and beyond, which totals about \$16.3 million through fiscal 2009; and
- Reduced new levy millage from 13.6 to 9.9 resulting in a decrease of \$10.3 million through fiscal 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.

The motion carried.

05-10-134

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Ribar that the Board of Education approve the resolution (Exhibit T-5) authorizing the issuance of school bus financing.

Mr. Christman explained the school bus financing as follows:

- In October 2004, we issued \$720,000 of one-year bus bond anticipation notes at a 1.99% interest rate to fund prior year and subsequent year purchases of school buses with the intent of stretching our non-bond fund dollars out.
- We are now anticipating renewing \$570,000 of such bond anticipation notes, thereby paying down \$150,000 of the principal (which equates to about a 5-year amortization of the principal). The results of the bidding process are due later this week. If such rates are favorable, we will issue the bonds, otherwise we will pay off and reject all bids.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.

The motion carried.

05-10-135

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

At this time President Kaufman asked for committee reports. Board member Levenson gave a brief legislative update regarding *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)*. At least 40 states are seeking some form of exemption from provisions of *NCLB*. Twenty-one states have pending legislation pertaining to exemptions from *NCLB*. Three lawsuits have been filed including one by the National Education Association (NEA) arguing the unfunded mandate aspect of *NCLB*. Pennsylvania has filed a lawsuit arguing that *NCLB* poses a conflict with other federal pre-existing legislation namely *Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)*.

Secretary of Education Spellings has granted a limited exemption to the City of Chicago related to public versus private tutoring of 80,000 students in order to provide relief to the Chicago District in their efforts to achieve the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) targets. Private tutors would cost \$1,800 per student while public school tutors of \$400 per student.

Board member Feeling reported briefly on the Finance & Audit Committee meeting held on September 28, 2005. The next F&A Committee meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2005.

At this time President Kaufman asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience.

- Emily Granis inquired as to whether the District could be exempted from *NCLB* and the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). Superintendent Freeman commented that there has been some discussion about possibly substituting either the ACT or SAT tests for the OGT at some time in the future so as to have more of a nationwide uniform test.
- Dan Hoffman inquired about the Bryan Flannery proposal for funding of schools. Superintendent Freeman indicated that such proposal failed to garner enough signatures to be placed on the ballot in 2005. Mr. Flannery has also announced his intentions to run for Governor of the State in 2006. Whether anything will become of the proposal in 2006 is speculative at best at this time.
- Sharon Midura, PTO, commented on the opening of the Parent Resource Room at the High School.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.  
The motion carried.

05-10-136

The regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

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Steven S. Kaufman, President

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Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer