

To be approved at the Board of Education meeting February 14, 2006.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2006 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

The Shaker Heights Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 8:27 p.m. at Boulevard Elementary School, 14900 Drexmore Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

Members present: Mr. Norman A. Bliss, Mr. F. Drexel Feeling, Mrs. Mary S. Johnson, Ms. Annette Tucker Sutherland, and Ms. Freda J. Levenson.

President Freda J. Levenson presided.

Upon the presentation of the Minutes of the December 1, 2005, special meeting, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling to approve the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Bliss, Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Levenson.
The motion carried.

06-01-20

Upon the presentation of the Minutes of the December 13, 2005, regular meeting, Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the minutes as amended.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Bliss, Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Levenson.
The motion carried.

06-01-21

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Mark Freeman, Ms. Sutherland moved, seconded by Mr. Bliss that the following personnel items be approved:

PERSONNEL

Certified

Change in Assignment for the 2005-2006 School Year

Popik, Cynthia – (English/Middle School) – from full-time teacher assistant to full-time teacher – Class B.A. + 15, step b of the Teachers' Salary Schedule – Effective January 3, 2006 through June 9, 2006

Change of Rate for Individual Substitute Teachers for the 2005-2006 School Year

Moran, Danielle – (Grade 1/Lomond School) – Class M.A. – Effective January 3, 2006

Grisez, Jenifer – (SIP Specialist/Woodbury School) – Class B.A., step 0 of the Non-Bargaining/Non-Administrative Salary Schedule – Effective January 3, 2006

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.

Mathematics Instruction K-12 Vertical Team (Title II-A Grant)

Up to 9 units per individual

Cohen, Laura
Grannis, Nancy
Hart, Frederick
Hess, Gretchen

Matthias, Louisa
Nielson, Susan
Romano, Joseph
Wells, Judith

Program Planning

Manley, Jody (1)

Special Assignments for the 2005-2006 School Year

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

Faculty Outreach Instructors (Cleveland and Gund Foundation Grants)

\$2,500 per individual, Semester II

Anderson, Kelly
Babinec, Michael
Derrick, Dianne
Harley, George
Heide, Ruth
Klapholz, David
Lindsey, Dexter

Miller, Larry
Mitchell, Timothy
Patrick, Thomas
Pollack, Terrence
Repasy, Paul
Romano, Joseph

Faculty Outreach Instructors (Cleveland and Gund Foundation Grants)

\$1,250 per individual, Semester I

Guice, Norma

Study Skills Instructor

Jaffe, Marcia – up to 35 hours

Special Supplementals for the 2005-2006 School Year

Districtwide/Second Semester – Mentors

2.0 x 1

Babinec, Michael
Burgess, Holly
Carter, James
Cotton, Christopher
Culek, Kenneth
Drosdeck, Carola
Eppich, Marilyn
Freeman, Laurie
Garrison, Darlene
Harley, George
Hutter, Lynn
Kovach, Carole – 3.0 x 1
Lawlor, Cathleen

Loges, Naomi
Manning, Kathryn
McGill, Marsha
McMillan-Davis, Marcia
O'Verko, John
Ponce de Leon, Kimberly
Robinson, Neal
Schwenn, Michael
Shields, Lynne – 3.0 x 1
Thoennes, Bernadette
Tobey, Addie
Weaver, Valerie
Young, Georgette

Supplemental Contracts for the 2005-2006 School Year

Woodbury School – Special Supplemental

Topchian, Cynthia – All Starz - .05 x 30

Tuition Reimbursement for Calendar Year 2005

Group I – Credit Toward First Master's Degree
(SHTA Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Bender, Sandra - Notre Dame College - 2
Bognar, Robert - Cleveland State University - 16

Bolton, Stacy - Notre Dame College - 3
 Bonner, Shaunna - Cleveland State University - 4
 Chenevey, Jessica - John Carroll University - 12
 Child, Bryan - Cleveland State University - 20
 Cohen, Marci - John Carroll University - 3
 Cox, Travis - Notre Dame College - 6; John Carroll University - 12
 Farinacci, Dan - Cleveland State University - 3
 Gainford, Geoffrey - Cleveland State University - 19
 Hammer, Francine - John Carroll University - 6
 Hungerford, Allison - Cleveland State University - 12
 Johnson, Erik - Notre Dame College - 6
 Kelly, Paul - Cleveland State University - 30
 Knisely, Amy - Lake Erie College - 19; Notre Dame College - 3
 Libman, Amy - Ashland University - 27
 Martin, Jane - Notre Dame College - 3
 Morris, Sean - Kent State University - 4
 Mulligan, Diane - Walden University - 3
 Myles, Douglas - Cleveland State University - 16
 Noveske, Katherine - Cleveland State University - 12
 Perlmutter, Robin - Notre Dame College - 3
 Pocaro, Adrian - Cleveland State University - 12
 Pospisil, Laura - Cleveland State University - 16
 Rabatin, Amanda - Cleveland State University - 27
 Santos, Amy - Cleveland State University - 6
 Schlein, Laurie - John Carroll University - 3
 Schmidt, James - Cleveland State University - 4
 Shrestha, Emily - Notre Dame College - 15
 Smith, Stephen - Cleveland State University - 9
 Sweeney, Eileen - Ursuline College - 6; Cleveland State University - 2
 Townsend, Donita - Cambridge College - 11
 Weiss-Flynn, Penny - John Carroll University - 18
 Wright, Regina - Ashland University - 8

Group II – Credit Beyond Master’s Degree
(SHTA Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Anderson, Kelly - Cleveland State University - 17
 Anderson, L. Scott - Kent State University - 6
 Anderson, Pamela - Cleveland State University - 2
 Babinec, Michael - Notre Dame College - 4
 Bartley, J. Michael - Drake University - 3
 Becker, Michael - Cleveland State University - 1; Kent State University - 1;
 Ashland University - 4
 Bishko, A. Jeremy - Cleveland State University - 3; Notre Dame College - 3
 Blakeslee-Vokes, Elizabeth - John Carroll University - 6
 Braverman, Charlotte - Augustana College - 3
 Cachat, Christine - Andrews University - 6 2/3; Lake Erie College - 2
 Campbell, Stephanie - Cleveland State University - 2
 Canady, Regina - University of Akron - 6
 Carroll, Maureen - Cleveland State University - 3
 Carter, James - Notre Dame College - 1
 Catalano, Milagros - Cleveland State University - 2
 Cobes, Amanda - Ashland University - 3; Adams State College - 2
 Colquitt, Elizabeth - John Carroll University - 3
 Cone, Teri - Lake Erie College - 1
 Cotton, Christopher - Notre Dame College - 1; Lake Erie College - 2
 Cross, Barbara - Wright State University - 2/3
 Denton, Marcie - Ohio University - 2
 Derrick, W. Martin - Nova Southeastern University - 9
 Dworkin, Paula - Notre Dame College - 9
 Enie, Marc - Fresno Pacific University - 3

 Farinacci, Nicole - Notre Dame College - 3; Lake Erie College - 4;
 Cleveland State University - 2

Farren, Christine - Notre Dame College - 3; Cleveland State University - 2
 Fleming, Kathleen - Notre Dame College - 2
 Gesing, Timothy - Cleveland State University - 4
 Glasier, Andrew - Kent State University - 6; Cleveland State University - 4
 Grey, Aimee - Notre Dame College - 3
 Hardiman, Lisa - Cleveland State University - 10
 Harrell, Angela - Cleveland State University - 1
 Henry, James - Cleveland State University - 6
 Hess, Gretchen - Ashland University - 3
 Homans, Lesley - Cleveland State University - 2
 Hruby, Anna - Cleveland State University - 2
 Hunter, Miata - Cleveland State University - 2
 Jasiunas, Bonnie - Ashland University - 5
 Keitlen, Todd - Notre Dame College - 3; Cleveland State University - 2
 Klapholz, David - Notre Dame College - 6
 Kotmel, Eugene - John Carroll University - 2
 LaRue, Renee - John Carroll University - 12; Mesa State College - 3
 Lease, Patricia - Cleveland State University - 1
 Lindsey, Dexter - Walden University - 12
 Loges, Naomi - Lake Erie College - 3
 Luther, Rachel - Cleveland State University - 4
 McBurney, Christine - Notre Dame College - 3
 McGuan, Martin - Notre Dame College - 6
 Miller, Larry - Cleveland State University - 6
 Mohr, Mary - St. Joseph's College - 3
 Morris, John - Cleveland State University - 18
 Mullins, Gwendolyn - Cleveland State University - 2
 Orosz, Gregory - Cleveland State University - 2
 Patrick, Elaine - Capella University - 8
 Rackmill, Lois - Ashland University - 3
 Reinhold, Jean - Cleveland State University - 16
 Richard, Adrienne - Notre Dame College - 5
 Robinson, Neal - Notre Dame College - 1
 Ryan, Patricia - Cleveland State University - 2
 Schwartz, Georgeta - Cleveland State University - 2
 Schwartz, Susan - Notre Dame College - 8
 Schwenn, Michael - Cleveland State University - 3
 Slovikovski, Walter - Andrews University - 6 2/3
 Smith, Karen - Ashland University - 3
 Snyder, Robin - Kent State University - 6
 Strickler, Elizabeth - Notre Dame College - 8
 Sullivan, Dawn - Kent State University - 3
 Sutorius, Camelia - Notre Dame College - 3
 Sweigert, Robin - Notre Dame College - 3
 Szalay, Keith - Notre Dame College - 3; Cleveland State University - 3
 Thornton, Ruth - Cleveland State University - 2; Andrews University - 13 1/3
 Tobey, Addie - Cleveland State University - 2; Notre Dame College - 3
 Vail, Jennifer - Lake Erie College - 2
 Warren, Tracey - Cleveland State University - 9
 Warshay, Alisa - Catholic University of America - 3;
 Cleveland State University - 1
 Weiner, Susan - Drake University - 3; Massachusetts College of Art - 6;
 Notre Dame College - 3
 Welsch, Abbey - Notre Dame College - 3
 Whittall, Bethamie - Cleveland State University - 2; Notre Dame College - 3
 Willis, Helen - Notre Dame College - 1

Regularly Employed, Non-Bargaining Employees Eligible for Tuition Reimbursement

Alig, Susan - Ashland University - 1
 Benton, Denice - Lake Erie College - 1
 Brodsky, Beverly - Kent State University - 2
 Charnigo, Brian - John Carroll University - 3
 Cohen, Laura - Franciscan University of Steubenville - 3

Dickson, Christine - John Carroll University - 18
 Dietz, Jocelyn - Cleveland State University - 22
 Dunn, Polly - John Carroll University - 3
 Fredrick, Kathy - Cleveland State University - 4
 Gillette, Bradley - Cleveland State University - 6
 Godbold, Sanya - Cleveland State University - 12
 Jaffe, Marcia - Notre Dame College - 6
 Jaryga, Elizabeth - Cleveland State University - 3
 Karim, Randa - Ashland University - 4
 Krajewski, Danielle - Notre Dame College - 18
 Lasley, Francine - Cleveland State University - 2
 Lippy, Karen - Notre Dame College - 12
 Lowe, Audrey - Lake Erie College - 1; Cleveland State University - 2
 Maris, Frank - Notre Dame College - 3
 Nosse, Margaret - Cleveland State University - 2; Ashland University - 3
 Roy, Piyali - Notre Dame College - 20
 Smith, Ouimet - Cleveland State University - 9
 Steinbock, Jennifer - Cleveland State University - 21
 Thomas, Lorna - Notre Dame College - 9
 Wells, Judith - Cleveland State University - 1
 Whittington, C. Dale - University of Massachusetts - 6
 Young, H. Danny - Cleveland State University - 22

Leave of Absence for the 2005-2006 School Year

Berggrun, Michelle – (Grade 1/Lomond School) – Effective January 3, 2006 through June 9, 2006 (medical)

Classified

Change in Assignment

Verderber, Erica – (Communications Specialist/District) – from full-time to 60% position – Effective January 3, 2006 – Class CC, Grade 6 of the Supervisor/Classified Specialist/Administrative Secretary Salary Schedule

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 Security, Substitute Teacher Aides, Technology Interns, Tutoring Center Study Assistants for the 2005-2006 School Year

Lawrence, James

Vitkus, Allison

Tuition Reimbursement for Calendar Year 2005

Bargaining Employees Eligible for Tuition Reimbursement

Brown, Sean – Cuyahoga Community College – 3
 Pelc, Jason – University of Akron – 8

Regularly-employed, Non-bargaining Employees Eligible for Tuition Reimbursement

Brown, Mark - Cuyahoga Community College - 3
 Collier, Jevette - Notre Dame College - 6
 Grandy, Alan - Cleveland State University - 17
 Grimes, Joseph - University of Phoenix - 3
 Kacica, Lauren - Cleveland State University - 6
 Koppitch, John - Cleveland State University - 2; Notre Dame College - 3
 Peterson, Rodney - Cleveland State University - 12
 Philbin, John - Notre Dame College - 3

Preston, Laura - Baldwin Wallace College - 13
 Ross, Eric - Notre Dame College - 9
 Tassinari, Lori - Notre Dame College - 12
 Walker, Cynthia - Ursuline College - 6

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.

Mathematics Instruction K-12 Vertical Team (Title II-A Grant)
 Up to 9 units per individual

Morgan, Billie

Program Planning
 Hampton, Alice (10)

Recertification Training for Bus Drivers for the 2005-2006 School Year

Ivey, Laurence - Up to 15 hours

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

Spencer, Malcolm – (Custodian/Middle School) – Effective December 16, 2005 through December 26, 2005 (medical)

Leave of Absence for the 2005-2006 School Year

Dixon, Roger – (Senior Programmer/Analyst/Data Processing) – Effective January 3, 2006 through June 9, 2006 (medical)

Resignation

Wenneman, Konnie – (Assistant Supervisor/Data Processing) – Effective August 1, 2006 – 20 ½ years of service (retirement)

ADDENDUM

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

Ahmad, Jamsheed	Rosen, Brad
Jimmison, Melisa	Slonaker, Carrie
Noble, Nora	Stoltz, Lindsey
Ritzmann, Cassandra	Yarolin, Bethany

Change of Rate for Individual Substitute Teacher for the 2005-2006 School Year

Gezler, Adrienne – (Computer/Woodbury) – Class M.A. – Effective March 10, 2006

Special Supplemental for the 2005-2006 School Year
Districtwide/Second Semester – Mentor

Brittain, Donna

Resignation

Schlein, Linda – (Grade 4/Lomond School) – Effective end of the 2005-2006 School Year – 24 years of service (retirement)

Classified

Appointment for the 2005-2006 School Year

Peterson, Darius – (Bus Monitor/Special Education Aide/Hourly) – step 2 of the Teacher Aide Salary Schedule – Effective January 11, 2006

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 Security, Substitute Teacher Aides, Technology Interns, Tutoring Center Study Assistants for the 2005-2006 School Year

Taylor, William

Weinland, Vickie

Tuition Reimbursement for Calendar Year 2005

Regularly-employed, Non-bargaining Employees eligible for Tuition Reimbursement

Kline, Elise – Notre Dame College – 4

Suspension

Hall, Tommie – (Journeyman/Service Center) – Five (5) days at 10% reduction in pay – Effective January 11, 2006

Termination

Campana, Robert – (Custodian/High School) – Effective end of the day January 11, 2006

Treichel, Rene – (Cashier/Cook's Helper/High School) – Effective end of the day January 4, 2006 (90-day probationary period)

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Bliss, Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Levenson.
 The motion carried.

06-01-22

BUSINESS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Mark Freeman, Ms. Sutherland moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson that the Board of Education accept the lowest responsive and

responsible bid with Ullman Electric for the Administration Building and the Shaker Heights High School emergency power upgrades in the amount of \$326,093.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Bliss, Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Levenson.
The motion carried.

06-01-23

WELCOME – MRS. COLLEEN LONGO, BOULEVARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Superintendent Mark Freeman introduced Mrs. Colleen Longo, Principal of the Boulevard Elementary School. Mrs. Longo extended a warm welcome to the Board and community.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

At this time, Superintendent Freeman reported the following:

- The Auditor of State’s office has completed its financial audit of the District for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2005, and has issued an unqualified opinion. An unqualified opinion, sometimes referred to as a “clean audit,” is the highest and best opinion possible. Additionally, there were no “findings for recovery” or instances of “material noncompliance.” The District’s Finance & Audit Committee will meet with the auditors to review the reports at an upcoming committee meeting. The District’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report will be posted on the State Auditor’s website.
- The Youth Ending Hunger/Interact Club at the High School is the 2006 recipient of the Shaker Heights Human Relations Commission’s Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for Human Relations. The award will be presented at a special ceremony at the beginning of the City Council meeting on January 23 at City Hall. The Human Relations Commission bestows the award each year to an individual or group who exemplify Dr. King’s values through commitment to compassion, humility, and service.

YEH/Interact, one of several service organizations at the High School, works to improve the lives of people by volunteering and fundraising. Members volunteer at the Cleveland Food Bank and Judson Manor, and have raised funds for Harvest for Hunger and other groups.

Accepting the award on behalf of YEH’s members will be the group’s officers: **Shaina Pollard**, President; **Leslie Johns**, Vice President; **Allison Tillman**, Treasurer; **Luisana Rojas-Rodriguez**, Secretary; and **Kate O’Gorman**, Representative. The group’s faculty advisors are **Katherine Brown** and **William Scanlon**, both of whom are science teachers at the High School.

- Approximately 12 percent of the members of the Class of 2006 have already been admitted to their colleges of choice. The schools at which Shaker seniors have been accepted include DePaul, Duke, Emory, Georgetown, Hamilton, Harvard, Indiana, Kansas, Miami, Michigan, Northwestern, Ohio University, Princeton, Rochester, Skidmore, Stanford, Syracuse, Tulane, University of Pennsylvania,

University of Vermont, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Washington University, and Yale, among others. Nationally, this is considered an exceptionally competitive year for admission to the most selective colleges and universities.

- Shaker's efforts to improve student achievement were the subject of a December 14 article by *New York Times* education columnist Michael Winerip. A national report issued by the Education Commission of the States praises the First Ring Leadership Academy, a regional professional development consortium of which Shaker is a founding member. Links to both the article and the report may be found on the District's website, www.shaker.org
- Sixth-grader **Apoorva Sharma** won the Woodbury Geography Bee last week in a final-round tiebreaker. **Terry Conlon**, also a sixth-grader, was runner-up. Apoorva will proceed to state competition in the Geography Bee, which is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. State winners will compete at the national finals in May in Washington, D.C. Woodbury faculty member **Joseph Romano** coordinates the annual competition.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Finance & Audit Committee, consisting of nine community members with expertise in accounting, business, finance, and economics is recommending that the Board of Education place an operating levy on the ballot this year. At this time, Committee Chair **James Rebitzer**, who is also chair of the department of economics at Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management, gave an overview of the extensive report, which also includes comparisons of Shaker and nine neighboring school districts along a number of financial and academic dimensions. In addition to Dr. Rebitzer, the Committee members are **Paul Carleton, Marilyn Eisele, F. Drexel Feeling, Kirby Freeman, Andrew Jackson, Freda J. Levenson, Karen Schuele, and Steve Strnisha.**

The Committee's report, detailing the District's financial position and reductions in state support, is available in its entirety on the District's website, www.shaker.org.

In order to keep the millage for the upcoming levy as low as possible, the District has taken additional steps to reduce expenditures. Salaries have been frozen for this year for about 200 employees, including administrators and supervisors, who are not covered by collective bargaining agreements. The non-bargaining employees represent about one-fourth of all District staff members and include administrators, supervisors, aides and tutors. The three employee bargaining units, whose current contracts expire within 18 months, have been informed about the District's financial position.

Other recent cost-containment measures include an aggressive energy conservation program and an 8% reduction in spending for supplies, contracted services, and other non-personnel items. The District has commissioned an outside review of custodial, grounds and maintenance staffing to see where additional economies are possible, and has almost completed the transition to an electronic employment application management system, which saves both staff time and paper. To the degree possible, staffing reductions will be attained through staff attrition.

Following the presentation, Dr. Rebitzer addressed questions and comments from the Board. Ms. Levenson expressed her appreciation for the Committee's efforts. Ms. Sutherland thanked Dr. Rebitzer and the Committee members for their numerous contributions, especially the Committee initiated request for benchmark comparisons. Ms. Sutherland commended the Committee for their excellent and dedicated efforts that resulted in the final report.

Dr. Rebitzer also addressed questions and comments from the audience. The discussion topics included:

- Non-Bargaining employee salary freeze;
- Teachers in the classroom vs. other certificated employees;
- Shaker Schools Foundation support of the District;
- Managerial approach of comparing District operations to business models vs. other school districts with financial difficulty; and
- Line-by-line review of the overall budget.

At this time and upon the recommendation of President Levenson, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling that the Board of Education approve the following resolution. The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT ADDITIONAL LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of current expenses; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, this Board must request that the Cuyahoga County Auditor certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the School District and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, and the Section of the Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the County Auditor is to certify the total current tax valuation of the District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Shaker Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board declares that it is necessary to levy an additional 9.9-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, and that it intends to submit the question of that additional levy to the electors at an election on May 2, 2006, as authorized by Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code.

Section 2. This Board requests the Cuyahoga County Auditor to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the District and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 9.9-mill levy specified in Section 1.

Section 3. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Cuyahoga County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Each Board member gave a statement of support for the levy and expressed the basic tenets upon which their support is based including the following:

- the absolute necessity for the levy given the current and projected financial condition of the District, noting that the need for a levy in 2006 was in accordance with what was expected and declared three years ago during the last levy effort;
- the Board would be irresponsible if they failed to seek additional operating funds;
- the quality of the school district is the number one reason people give when they relocate to Shaker Heights;
- the schools are an investment from which returns are realized in both current and future years; and
- all of the above indicate the necessity of maintaining the high quality of the School District.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Bliss, Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Levenson.
The motion carried.

06-01-24

TREASURER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

- Unfortunately, the tax situation through six months has not improved, as real estate taxes are nearly \$400,000 below both last year and the current year budget. Personal property taxes are \$326,000 below prior year but only about \$150,000 below budget.
- State Foundation revenues are up over the prior year about \$470,000, but only about \$80,000 over budget.
- Federal Medicaid reimbursement is about \$200,000 plus below prior year, about \$100,000 below budget, due to discontinuation of program. The District is proceeding with its participation in the plaintiff group attempting to get the program reinstated.

- On the expenditure front, we are about \$730,000 above prior year, but \$1.1 million below budget on a cash basis. However, the encumbrances are up \$800,000 over budget, therefore offsetting the majority of the positive cash basis budget variance.
- The County's Schedule A for the 2005 tax year includes the assessed valuation for taxes to be collected in 2006. It reflects an overall \$6.9 million, or 0.8%, decrease in assessed value from the prior year. The reduction is believed to be primarily attributable to settlement adjustments.
- The County Treasurer has mailed the 2006 real estate tax bills. Unfortunately the property tax allocation percentage printed on the bill is incorrect. Fortunately, it has no impact on our collections. The correct rates are posted on the County website.
- The District was the recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association and the Association of School Business Officials International financial reporting awards for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The fiscal 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was submitted the last week in December.
- The Anthem contingent premium settlement calculation for fiscal 2005 has been calculated. Even though we owe \$195,000, the result is a net savings of \$346,000, bringing the District's five-year cumulative savings total to \$1.1 million. Due to the lower negotiated rate resulting from the District's bidding proposal process last spring, we did not elect the contingent premium plan for fiscal 2006.

Mr. Christman also commented on the following legislative items:

- Gambling Initiative – a proposal is expected by the end of January; and
- Additional Statewide office candidacy declaration activity is expected shortly.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Bliss, Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Levenson.
The motion carried.

06-01-25

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

**INTERIM INVESTMENTS
DECEMBER 2005**

<u>FEDERAL & OTHER SECURITIES:</u>						
<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>
<i>no securities purchased this month</i>						
<u>OTHER DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:</u>						
<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance at 12/31/05</u>	<u>Avg. Annual Interest Rate for Month</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>			
Star Ohio-General	\$1,746.66	4.02%	\$6.34			
Star Ohio-Payroll	\$0.00	4.02%	\$0.00			
Bank One High Balance	\$1,254,782.10	3.90%	\$2,011.60			
Charter One High Balance	\$4,029,837.14	4.06%	\$23,641.70			

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Bliss, Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Levenson.
The motion carried.

06-01-26

At this time, Mr. Christman presented the proposed Tax Budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007 (Exhibit T-3) to the Board and the public audience. This portion of the meeting serves as the District's tax budget hearing in accordance with Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Christman gave general background information on requirements and purpose as well as a brief explanation of the information included in the primary exhibits and schedules. Mr. Christman also explained the change in format adopted by Cuyahoga County, as allowed under the provisions of Substitute House Bill No. 129, which was enacted in 2002. The key information included in the tax budget includes the request for General Fund tax revenues of \$62,000,000 and Bond Fund tax revenues of \$3,080,044. Mr. Christman clarified that this document only requests tax revenues from already previously voter-approved tax levies and does not include any new tax levy request yet to be approved by the electorate.

At this time, the floor was opened for questions and/or comments from the audience and the Board pertaining to the proposed tax budget. There being no questions or comments, President Levenson called for a motion to approve the tax budget as presented. Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Ms. Sutherland, that the Board of Education adopt the 2006-2007 Tax Budget (Exhibit T-3) and that the Treasurer be directed to file the Tax Budget with the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Bliss, Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Levenson.
The motion carried.

06-01-27

COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this time President Levenson asked for any committee reports. Ms. Sutherland reported on the New York State fiscal crisis pertaining to the pension accounting procedures for public employers. She further reported that although still a concern, the situation is substantially different in Ohio.

At this time President Levenson asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. Several members of the audience posed questions or comments in a variety of topics including the following:

- Allocation information included on the tax bill;
- Excellence of teaching staff;
- Legal and contractual restrictions and limitations;
- Allowing public comment before the agenda item is approved;
- The Finance & Audit Committee Report;
- The May 2006 operating tax levy;
- The increase in the occurrence of special education students and the correlating increase in staff;
- Procedures in the event the levy does not pass; a levy failure would result in massive cuts, given the need to both pass the 9.9 mill levy and make \$4.5 million of budget reductions in fiscal 2007, primarily through attrition;
- The amount of money expected to be generated by the 9.9 mill levy (about \$8.5 million);
- The sufficiency of the 9.9 mills being requested. A levy in the 13 to 14-mill range could be sufficient, but politically and practically not likely;
- The manner in which the reductions are developed, principally by the administration. The process will be sensitive to minimizing impact to the educational process;
- The projected length of time for which this levy will be sufficient. The hope is the District can go three years, even though the current financial forecast projects less due to significant changes in the State's tax structure resulting from the approval last summer by the General Assembly of House Bill No. 66, the State's biennial budget bill;
- House Bill 920 and the tax levy process; and
- Regional approach to consolidating services amongst school districts.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Bliss, Mr. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Levenson.
The motion carried.

06-01-28

The regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Freda J. Levenson, President

Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer