

To be approved at the Board of Education meeting February 15, 2005.

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

The Shaker Heights Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 6:26 p.m. at the Shaker Heights High School, 15911 Aldersyde Road, 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 December 14, 2004 regular meeting, Mrs. Ribar 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.

05-01-18

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PERSONNEL

Certified

Curriculum Writing and Instructional Planning for the 2004-2005 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 10 units per individual

Cohen, Laura
Grannis, Nancy
Hayduk, Crystal
Hess, Gretchen
Matthias, Louisa

Nielson, Susan
Romano, Joseph
Tournoux, Gene
Wells, Judith

Special Assignments for the 2004-2005 School Year

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

Faculty Outreach Instructors (Cleveland and Gund Foundation Grants)

\$1,250 per individual, Semester I

Lewis, Gwendolyn

Thomas, Chante

Improving Classroom Practices/Building Facilitators (Teacher Quality Grant)

Up to 20 units per individual

Henry, James

Kunchik, Kelly

Supplemental Contracts for the 2004-2005 School Year**High School**

McBurney, Christine – Production Manager – 6.5 x 1

High School – Special Supplementals

Jennings, Bruce – Staff Stage Manager - .1 x 30

Johnson, Erik – New Stages Playwright - .1 x 25

Johnson, Erik – Ninth Grade Theatre Experience - .1 x 14

Johnson, Erik – Spring Ensemble Show Director - .1 x 30

Lynne, Wendy – Ninth Grade Play Director - .1 x 50

McBurney, Christine – New Stages Director - .1 x 30

Special Supplementals for the 2004-2005 School Year**Districtwide/Second Semester – Mentors**

2.0 x 1, per individual

Aiken, Terri

Bannon, Patsy

Bates, Elisabeth

Bourisseau, Mary

Brown, Katherine

Clampitt, Denise

Clark, Jasmine

Eakin, Marybeth

Eppich, Marilyn – 3.0 x 1

Finney, Dollye

Freeman, Laura

Gyurgyik, Suzanne

Hassell, Andree

Hastings, Terry

Houser, Joseph

Madeja, Karen

Myers, Kelly

Schwenn, Michael

Smith, Karen

Sweeney, James

Sweigert, Robin

Thoennes, Bernadette

Young, Georgette

Tuition Reimbursement for Calendar Year 2004

Group I – Credit Toward First Master's Degree

(SHTA Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Bognar, Robert - Cleveland State University - 18

Bonner, Shaunna - Cleveland State University - 6

Bourisseau, Mary - Kent State University – 6; Notre Dame College - 1

Canady, Regina - University of Akron - 18

Chenevey, Jessica - John Carroll University - 24

Child, Bryan - Cleveland State University - 12

Cohen, Marci - John Carroll University - 12

Cox, Travis - John Carroll University - 3

Gonzales, Nicole - University of Akron - 6

Hammer, Francine - John Carroll University - 12

Holliday, Keaf - Nova Southeastern University - 18

Hungerford, Allison - Cleveland State University - 11

Johnson, Erik - Notre Dame College - 3

Kalich-Paley, Roberta - Cleveland State University - 7

Kelly, Paul - Cleveland State University - 4
 McCauley, Tina - John Carroll University - 17
 Morris, Sean - Kent State University - 6
 Myles, Douglas - Cleveland State University - 7
 Noveske, Katherine - Cleveland State University - 8
 Owens, Kimberly - Cleveland State University - 8
 Palmer, Amy - University of Akron - 18
 Pocaro, Adrian - Vandercook College of Music – 6; University of Akron - 6
 Pospisil, Laura - Cleveland State University - 7
 Rathbone, Joel - Cleveland State University - 4
 Santos, Amy - Cleveland State University - 11
 Schlein, Laurie - John Carroll University - 12
 Schmidt, James - Cleveland State University – 21; Notre Dame College - 3
 Sweeney, Eileen - Ursuline College - 17
 Taylor, Jessica - Cleveland State University - 12
 Townsend, Donita - Notre Dame College – 6; Cambridge College - 23
 Wright, Regina - Ashland University - 18

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

Aiken, Terri - Notre Dame College - 1
 Anderson, Kelly - Cleveland State University - 6
 Baker, Maria - Cleveland State University – 2; Notre Dame College - 1
 Blakeslee-Vokes, Elizabeth - John Carroll University - 9
 Brewster, Katherine - Notre Dame College - 3
 Cachat, Christine - Andrews University – 10; Notre Dame College – 1;
 Quincy University - 1
 Carroll, Maureen - Cleveland State University - 9
 Catalano, Milagros - Notre Dame College - 6
 Clark, Jasmine - Notre Dame College – 1; Kent State University - 12
 Cobes, Amanda - University of North Dakota - 4
 Colquitt, Elizabeth - John Carroll University - 3
 Cone, Teri - Lake Erie College - 2
 Cuda, Anthony - Cleveland State University - 4
 Daberko, Laura - Rio Grande University - 3
 Deep, Thomas - Capital University - 2
 Denton, Marcia - Fresno Pacific University – 3; Cleveland State University - 2
 Dorenkott, Christine - Notre Dame College - 3
 Drosdeck, Carol - Notre Dame College – 3; Lake Erie College - 1
 Dworkin, Paula - Notre Dame College - 3
 Fraser, Aisha - Notre Dame College - 6
 Freeman, Laura - Notre Dame College – 1; Lake Erie College - 3
 Freeman, Lorraine - Cleveland State University - 14
 Glavic-Galosi, Bonita - Andrews University - 3.34
 Grieshop, Cathleen - Notre Dame College - 2
 Gyurgyik, Suzanne - Notre Dame College - 4
 Hardaway, Stephen - John Carroll University - 3
 Hardiman, Lisa - Cleveland State University - 5
 Harrell, Angela - Notre Dame College - 4
 Hastings, Terry - Notre Dame College - 1
 Hayduk, Crystal - Notre Dame College - 3
 Hill, Kevin - Cleveland State University – 2; Lake Erie College - 1
 Husband, Theodosia - Ashland University – 1; Cleveland State University - 2
 Jarvie, Sherri - Cleveland State University - 3
 Jasuinias, Bonnie - Notre Dame College - 3
 Johnson, Michelle - Notre Dame College - 3
 Johnston, Nancy - Cleveland State University - 2
 Kabay, Michael - Walsh University - 3
 Keitlen, Todd - Indiana University - 1
 Klapholz, David - Kent State University - 2
 Kobilis, Michael - Cleveland State University - 1
 LaRue, Renee - John Carroll University - 15
 Lauder, Copeland - Notre Dame College – 3; Augustana College - 3
 Lease, Patricia - Augustana College – 3; Cleveland State University - 1

McGuffin-Cawley, Wendy - Notre Dame College - 3
 McIntyre, Hubert - Cleveland State University - 10
 Mears, Susan - Lake Erie College – 2; Cleveland State University - 2
 Miller, Candace - Fresno Pacific University - 3
 Mohr, Mary - Saint Joseph's College - 3
 Morris, John - Cleveland State University - 17
 Mullins, Gwendolyn - Ashland University - 1
 Myers, Kelly - Notre Dame College - 1
 Patch, Elisabeth - Drake University - 6
 Pincoe, Heather - Cleveland State University - 2
 Pope, Joyce - Cleveland State University - 2
 Quinones, Alphonso - Kent State University - 15
 Reese, Nathaniel - Cleveland State University - 2
 Reinhold, Jean - Cleveland State University - 6
 Robinson, Neal - Cleveland State University – 2
 Ross, Norris – Andrews University – 6.68
 Schwartz, Susan - Notre Dame College - 3
 Schwenn, Michael - Notre Dame College - 3
 Smith, Stephen - Cleveland State University – 7; John Carroll University - 3
 Smith, Karen - Notre Dame College - 1
 Strickler, Elizabeth - Notre Dame College - 3
 Sweeney, James - Notre Dame College - 1
 Sweigert, Robin - Notre Dame College - 7
 Thoennes, Bernadette - Notre Dame College – 1; Quincy University - 1
 Tobey, Addie - Augustana College – 3; Notre Dame College - 1
 Topchian, Cynthia - John Carroll University - 6
 Vail, Jennifer - Lake Erie College - 2
 Warshay, Alisa - Notre Dame College - 3
 Weiner, Susan - Notre Dame College – 3; Massachusetts College of Art - 2
 Wonson, Mary Ann - Walsh University - 3
 Wylie, Antonia - Walsh University – 3; Lake Erie College – 1; University of
 the Pacific - 9
 Young, Georgette - Notre Dame College - 1
 Young, H. Danny - Cleveland State University - 6

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

Benton, Denice - Walsh University - 3
 Brindza, Elizabeth - John Carroll University - 3
 Brodsky, Beverly - Notre Dame College - 1
 Coven, Beth - Notre Dame College - 3
 Cydulka-Weinstein, Michele - Cleveland State University - 2
 Dickson, Christine - John Carroll University - 9
 Dietz, Jocelyn - Cleveland State University - 15
 Doyle, Mary Catherine - Notre Dame College - 12
 Florence, J. Lindsay - Cleveland State University - 16
 Gholson, Jacqueline - Augustana College - 3
 Gillette, Bradley - John Carroll University - 6
 Grassia, Christina - Cleveland State University - 2
 Hutchinson, Eric - Cleveland State University - 2
 Kelner, Terri - Notre Dame College - 6
 Krajewski, Danielle - Notre Dame College - 6
 Lippy, Karen - Notre Dame College - 3
 Maris, Franklin - Notre Dame College - 9
 McDonough, Lise - Notre Dame College – 3; Antioch College - 3
 Mitchell, Elizabeth - Cleveland State University - 2
 Mizer, Laura - Cleveland State University - 3
 Nosse, Margaret - Cleveland State University - 2
 Roy, Piyali - Notre Dame College - 6

Siegel, Elizabeth - Cleveland State University - 2
 Smith, Ouimet - Cleveland State University - 19
 Steinbock, Jennifer - Cleveland State University - 6
 Trost, William - University of Colorado - 2
 Whitaker, Barbara - Cleveland State University - 1
 Whittington-Angney, C. Dale - University of Massachusetts Lowell - 6

Leave of Absence for the 2004-2005 School Year

Sears, Kristen – (Library Media/Middle School) - Effective January 3, 2005 through February 4, 2005 (caregiver)

Classified

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, Tutoring Center Study Assistants for the 2004-2005 School Year

Fagan, Ayodele	Moss, Earl
Harbin, Ta’Ron	Sadler, Nadine
Hutson, Michael	Siegel, Walter

Curriculum Writing and Instructional Planning for the 2004-2005 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.

Program Planning
 Hampton, Alice

Special Assignments for the 2004-2005 School Year

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

Improving Student Achievement/Scholar Group Advisors (Innovative Programs Grant)
 Up to 10 units per individual

Collier, Jevette	White, Michele
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Tuition Reimbursement for Calendar Year 2004

Bargaining Employees Eligible for Tuition Reimbursement

Brown, Sean - Cuyahoga Community College - 7
 Harville, Brooksandra - Notre Dame College - 6
 Mecaskey, Douglas - Notre Dame College - 7

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

Brown, Mark - Notre Dame College - 6
 Collier, Jevette - Notre Dame College - 25
 Grandy, Alan - Cleveland State University - 28
 Kacica, Lauren - Cleveland State University – 13; University of Phoenix - 4
 Koppitch, John - Notre Dame College – 3; Cuyahoga Community College - 11
 Leanza, Laura - Baldwin-Wallace College - 6
 Morrison, Justin - Notre Dame College - 16

Roberson, Ellen - Lake Erie College - 1
 Ross, Eric - Notre Dame College - 6
 Samson, Bonnie - Cleveland State University - 2
 Thomas, Lorna - Notre Dame College - 3
 Walker, Cynthia - Cuyahoga Community College – 3; Devry University - 11

Leave of Absence for the 2004-2005 School Year

Tresler, Kristen – (Special Education Aide/High School) – Effective February 9, 2005 through March 11, 2005 (caregiver) (amendment to the December 14, 2004 Board of Education Agenda)

Increase Tuition Reimbursement Program Amount for Regularly-employed Non-bargaining Employees from \$20,000 to \$33,000

The increase is to accommodate increasing numbers of tutors and teacher aides/assistants. Reimbursement rate will remain at \$100 per semester credit hour successfully completed.

ADDENDUM

PERSONNEL

Certified

Temporary Employees: Lunch Room Supervisors, Substitute Tutors, Home Instructors, Substitute Teachers, Substitute Nurses, Substitute Library Aides, Tutoring Center Tutors for the 2004-2005 School Year

Alexander, Bianca	Nelson, Tracey
Barrett, Charesha	Philbin, John
DeJohn, Melissa	Siegel, Barbara
Houston-Edwards, Serena	Wamsley, Bryan
Moran, Danielle	

Change of Rate for Individual Substitute Teachers for the 2004-2005 School Year

Nelson, Tracey – (2nd Grade/Fernway School) – Class B.A. – Effective January 11, 2005

Perlmutter, Robin – (Reading/High School) – Class B.A. – Effective January 7, 2005 through January 28, 2005

Curriculum Writing and Instructional Planning for the 2004-2005 School Year

Special Education Activity Planning

Up to 10 units

La Malfa, Carol

Pathwise Mentoring Activities

Up to 10 units

Hassell, Andree
 Shields, Lynne

Weiss-Flynn, Penny

Supplemental Contract for the 2004-2005 School Year

Middle School

Myles, Douglas – Guitar Club - .1 x 7

Project Assistant (Student Activities) for the 2004-2005 School Year

Miller, Candace

Classified

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, Tutoring Center Study Assistants for the 2004-2005 School Year

Adkins, Bruce
Fryer, Marquitta
Moodie, Shannon

Peterson, Darius
Thornton, Tiara

Changes in Classification for the 2004-2005 School Year

Golden, Moneda – (Head Cook/Middle School) – from Cook’s Helper, step 9 to Head Cook step 9 – Effective January 12, 2005

Terrell, Terrance – (Evening Head Custodian I/Middle School) – from Custodian with License, step 13 to Evening Head Custodian I, step 13 – Effective January 18, 2005

Additional Assignment for the 2004-2005 School Year

Ivey, Laurence - (Bus Driver/Transportation) – step 13 – up to 12 hours

Extension to Leave of Absence

Lever, Ezra – (Custodian/High School) – Effective January 3, 2005 through July 1, 2005 (medical)

Suspensions

Pirung, Paul – (Custodian/Lomond School) – Ten (10) days without pay – Effective January 12, 2005

Resignations

Ali-Salters, Rasheda – (Bus Driver/Transportation) – Effective at the end of the day January 21, 2005 – 3 years, 4 months of service

Barnes, Alvin – (Bus Driver/Transportation) – Effective at the end of the day January 31, 2005 – 24 years, 4 months of service (retirement)

Edwards, Tamika – (Bus Driver/Transportation) – Effective at the end of the day January 11, 2005 – 1 year, 2 months of service

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

05-01-19

Upon the recommendation Superintendent Mark Freeman, Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mrs. Ribar, that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement regarding the Energy for Education Program II.

WHEREAS, the boards of education of certain school districts located in northeastern Ohio established the Ohio Schools Council as a regional council of governments, pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 167 (“Council”), for the purposes of carrying out cooperative purchase programs and promoting cooperative arrangements and agreements among its member school districts and government agencies or private persons; and

WHEREAS, the Council entered into a Settlement Agreement dated March, 1997 with FirstEnergy Corp. (“FirstEnergy”) and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (“CEI”) establishing an “Energy for Education Program” (“Program I”) for eligible school facilities whereby, as more fully described therein, such facilities obtained a ten percent (10%) base rate discount on electricity purchases and provided for the Council to assist in a financing to prepay for electricity purchases that resulted in an additional discount for electricity purchases based upon a 10.06% discount rate; and

WHEREAS, numerous school districts participated in Program I, including the District; And

WHEREAS, the Council entered into an agreement dated December 2, 2003 with FirstEnergy, CEI, Toledo Edison Company (“TE”) and Ohio Edison Company (“OE”) to establish the “Energy for Education Program II” for eligible school facilities, (including certain county boards of education and/or mental retardation) whereby such facilities would continue to receive a ten percent (10%) base rate discount on electricity purchases as in Program I, freeze rates for the January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008 period for eligible facilities and provide for the Council to assist in a financing to prepay for electricity purchases that will result in additional discount for electricity purchases based upon a discount rate that will be the higher of: (a) for OE, 5.8070%,; for CEI, 7.8753%; and for TE, 7.9622%, or (b) 400 basis points above the U.S. Treasury Bond Yields for maturities of 1-, 2-, 3-, 4- and 5- years where each point on the yield curve has an equal weighting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Shaker Heights City School District (the “District”), pursuant to this resolution is stating that it is participating in Program II and desires to authorize the execution and delivery by the District of (i) an Energy for Education Program Purchase Contract (the “Purchase Agreement”) between CEI, TE or OE, the District and the Council, or its designee, as payment servicer for the District, pursuant to which the District will purchase substantially all of the electricity it

uses for its eligible school facilities through Program II, and (ii) an Agreement Regarding the Electricity Prepayment Purchase Program II between the Council or its designee, and the District (the "Program Agreement"), pursuant to which the District, together with members of the Council and certain others (the "Participants"), will share the administrative and operating costs of the Council in establishing, operating and administering Program II; and

WHEREAS, the Purchase Agreement and the Program Agreement provide that each Participant will make monthly payments to the Council or its designee and that the rights in such payments will be assigned to Energy Acquisition Corporation II ("Issuer"), the issuer of the bonds, and/or a trustee authorized to exercise trust powers under Ohio law (the "Trustee") under the terms of a trust agreement to be entered into between the Council, or its designee and the Trustee (the "Trust Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Program II provides for the Council to assist in arranging for the issuance and sale of securities including, if determined in the best interest of the Council, Certificates of Participation (the "Certificates") evidencing proportionate interests in the payments by Participants which have been assigned to the Trustee pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SHAKER HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board authorizes and directs the Treasurer to execute and deliver, in the name of the District and on its behalf, the Purchase Agreement and the Program Agreement, each substantially in the form now on file with this Board, with any changes that are not inconsistent with this resolution and that may be acceptable to the Treasurer whose acceptance shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such document by the Treasurer.

Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary or proper in connection with Program II and to carry out the actions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement and the Program Agreement, including, without limitation, the preparation, execution and delivery of such other documents, certificates and agreements as may be necessary or proper to the above-stated purposes or other agreements not inconsistent with this Resolution or as may be required by the Ohio Revised Code to set forth assurances and representations with respect to the District's ability to meet its obligations under the Purchase Agreement or the Program Agreement.

Section 3. The District acknowledges that the Board of Directors of the Council, or the Issuer or other Council's designee, may decide and approve (i) the aggregate principal amounts, interest rates and principal maturities for the Certificates, (ii) the redemption provisions for the Certificates, (iii) the amount of any reserve fund for the Certificates, (iv) the Underwriter's discount for the Certificates, and (v) any other matters necessary or appropriate in connection with for the issuance and delivery of the Certificates. The

Council shall make such decisions and give such approvals as the Council in its sole discretion determines to be in the best interest of the Program Participants. The Council shall report to this Board no later than five (5) business days following the pricing of the Certificates, the result of such pricing and the final schedule of payment obligations of the District pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

Section 4. Following execution on behalf of this Board of the Purchase Agreement and the Program Agreement, the Treasurer is authorized and directed to make monthly payments to the Fiscal Agent of the Council or its designee in accordance with the terms of such Purchase Agreement and Program Agreement. The Fiscal Agent of the Council is hereby appointed to act as payment servicer for electricity purchased by the District pursuant to the Purchase Agreement and report to this Board concerning all payments made on behalf of this Board under the Agreement.

Section 5. The Board of Directors of the Council is hereby authorized to establish additional procedures which are not inconsistent with the Program Agreement and/or the Purchase Agreement and are not substantially adverse to the interests of the District and which it determines are necessary to implement the Program, including procedures to be followed by this Board in the determination of amounts of, and payments for, this District's electricity requirements.

Section 6. Monies adequate to pay amounts due under the Purchase Agreement and Program Agreement for the current fiscal year are hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Section 7. The Board expressly acknowledges that it is the intention of the Council to assist in arranging for the Trustee and Seasongood & Mayer, LLC, Cincinnati, Ohio (the "Underwriter") to structure and complete the issuance, sale to others and public underwriting of the Certificates which may, if necessary, represent fractionalized interests in the obligations, including the payment obligations, of the District set forth in the Purchase Agreement and the Program Agreement and, to the extent required by § 9.94 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board hereby approves such issuance and sale.

Section 8. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

In response to Board members' questions, Mr. Christman and Superintendent Freeman provided explanatory and historical data about the first Energy for Education Program. Mr. Christman is to provide the Board a historical summary of annual savings from the program.

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

05-01-20

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.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

At this time, Superintendent Freeman reported the following:

- The High School's AFS/ISO Club, a student organization that promotes international exchanges, is leading a drive to assist families affected by the disastrous tsunami that hit south Asia and east Africa last month.

Inspiring the effort is a close Shaker connection. **Narasiri (Sara) Kaveerajun '02**, a former exchange student from Thailand, lost her mother, seven other family members, and her home in the tsunami. Sara's Shaker host family, **Leslye, Keith, Peter ('04)** and **Suzanne ('07) Arian**, are working with AFS on the effort. Students at several other buildings are also working to raise awareness of the plight of tsunami victims and funds for relief efforts.

- Forty-one members of the Class of 2005 have already been admitted to their first-choice colleges under early-decision or early-action programs. Schools at which Shaker seniors have been accepted so far include Boston College, Brigham Young University, Brown, Bryn Mawr, Colby, College of Charleston, Colorado College, Columbia, Dartmouth, Elon, George Washington, Georgetown, Hiram, Miami University (OH), Northwestern, Princeton, Rochester Institute of Technology, Salve Regina, Skidmore, Stanford, University of Michigan, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, University of Rochester, University of Virginia, William and Mary, and Yale.
- Applicants for positions in the Shaker Heights schools are now able to search for openings and complete their applications online. The new applications management software is accessible through the District's website at www.shaker.org/employment. The program also creates a searchable database of applicants for the District's use in matching candidates with openings. The program is expected to streamline and simplify the processing of the thousands of applications the District receives each year for both teaching and non-teaching positions.
- Students and staff members of the Shaker Heights schools donated \$20,359 in the annual Charity Choice Campaign. Student contributions totaling \$5,695.94 were designated for United Way Services. Staff members may choose to allocate their contributions among United Way, Greater Cleveland Community Shares, the Shaker Schools Foundation, and/or individual agencies. **Pat Neville** of the Administration Building staff coordinated the campaign, with support from the three employee bargaining units.

- **Bradley Mosby**, a second-grader in **Stephanie Eagleton's** class at Boulevard, and **Samantha Hartman**, an 8th grader in **Linda Roth's** social studies class at the Middle School, are among the grade-level winners in the annual Martin Luther King Holiday Scholarship Committee essay contest. More than 900 students entered from schools in Cuyahoga, Lake and Lorain counties. They will be presented with their awards next week.
- Sixth grader **Steven Simske** won the annual Woodbury Geography Bee last week and will go on to state competition. The runner-up was sixth grader **Jamal Dillman-Hasso**. **Joseph Romano** coordinated the Geography Bee, which is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.
- Parents and legal guardians of children entering kindergarten this fall are invited to attend a special Open House. Parents will have an opportunity to learn all about Shaker's kindergarten program, meet the principal, teachers, and fellow parents, and begin the registration process.

Kindergarten Open Houses are scheduled as follows:

Onaway—Thursday, January 27, 3115 Woodbury Road
Mercer—Thursday, February 10, 23325 Wimbledon Road
Lomond—Wednesday, February 23, 17917 Lomond Boulevard
Fernway—Thursday, February 24, 17420 Fernway Road
Boulevard—Wednesday, March 23, 14900 Drexmore Road

All Open Houses begin at 7 p.m. Parents who cannot attend the Open House at their child's assigned school are welcome to attend another school's Open House. Further information is available at www.shaker.org.

- January is School Board Recognition Month. Members of the Board of Education have received certificates of appreciation provided by the Ohio School Boards Association. Board members in Shaker Heights are elected at large for four-year terms of office. By tradition, Shaker Board of Education members waive the compensation to which they are legally entitled. Their service is deeply appreciated, as is the support of their families and employers.

Superintendent Freeman announced that due to President Kaufman being out of the city on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, that meeting is tentatively scheduled for the evening of February 7th, at 8:00 p.m. Superintendent Freeman also announced that another day is tentatively saved for more discussions on March 23, 2005 at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Upon the recommendation of the President of the Board of Education, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Ribar that the Board approve the following resolution which amends the Finance and Audit Committee Charter:

WHEREAS, the Auditor of State previously recommended the establishment of an Audit Committee in accordance with The National Commission on Fraudulent Financial Reporting (known as the Treadway Commission); and

WHEREAS, in satisfaction of such Auditor recommendation, the Shaker Heights Board of Education created the Finance & Audit Committee on October 23, 2002 (Resolution No. 02-10-134), to serve as an informed, vigilant, and effective overseer of the financial reporting process and internal controls for the District; and

WHEREAS, the Shaker Heights Board of Education now desires to establish a periodic rotation schedule for the membership of the Committee; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shaker Heights Board of Education approves the attached amendment establishing a periodic membership rotation schedule to the Finance & Audit Committee Charter.

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

05-01-21

TREASURER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Ribar that the financial statements for December 2004 (Exhibit T-1) be accepted and placed on file for audit.

President Kaufman asked Mr. Christman for comments relative to the financial statements. Mr. Christman commented on items as delineated in the financial and miscellaneous briefs as follows:

- Property tax collections for year-to-date are down primarily due to increases in delinquencies;
- Medicaid reimbursement for the year is \$268,000, which exceeds the estimated budget for the year. The CAFS program has survived what was going to be a significant reduction in the reimbursement rate effective January 1st until July 1, 2005. A new federally-acceptable system is to be implemented by July 1st. In response to President Kaufman's question, Mr. Christman explained the reimbursement process, that the State and the Federal governments jointly manage the funds, and that the hold up was initiated by the Federal government;
- The 2005 Assessed Value Schedule A is out. The Schedule A simply details the assessed value by property type. Unfortunately the assessed value declined \$10.7 million, a 1.2% reduction, including a \$6 million reduction in residential real estate and \$3.1 million reduction in tangible personal property;
- The tax bills are out and tax allocations have only a slight percentage variation from the prior year;
- The District was a recipient of the GFOA and ASBO excellence in financial reporting awards for fiscal year 2003. Post audit meetings were held with the Auditor of State to respond to their written reports;
- The final settlement for the Anthem contingent premium settlement is approximately \$723,000 of which \$481,000 would have been paid anyway had the District been on the 100% premium program; and

- \$3 million of Bond Anticipation Notes were issued on December 29, 2004. The yield is 1.9% and they mature at the end of May 2005. Long-term bonds will be issued later this Spring.

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

05-01-22

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

**INTERIM INVESTMENTS
for the month of
DECEMBER 2004**

FEDERAL & OTHER SECURITIES:						
<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 Investment Securities purchased this month.						
OTHER DEPOSIT A/C's:						
<u>Account</u>		<u>Balance at 12/31/04</u>	<u>Avg. Daily Int. Rate</u>		<u>Interest Earned</u>	
Star Ohio-General		\$1,693.55	1.92%		\$2.76	
Star Ohio-Payroll		\$0.00	1.92%		\$33.79	
Star Ohio-Student Act.		\$0.00	1.92%		\$145.43	
Bank One High-Balance		\$6,218,199.52	1.89%		\$4,224.48	
First Merit-High Balance		\$7,136.69	0.438%		\$1.50	

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

05-01-23

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson 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 14, 2004, adopted annual appropriations for the 2004-2005 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-3

Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education

Funding: State of Ohio

Project: Network Connectivity Funding

FUND	SPCC	FUNC.	OBJ.	OP U	DESC.	APPROP.
451	9205	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$24,000

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

05-01-24

At this time, Mr. Christman presented the proposed Tax Budget for 2005-2006 (Exhibit T-4) 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 June 2002.

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 none, President Kaufman called for a motion to approve. Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson that the Board of Education adopt the 2005-2006 Tax Budget (Exhibit T-4) and that the Treasurer be directed to file the Tax Budget with the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission.

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

05-01-25

COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this time, President Kaufman asked for committee reports. Ms. Levenson reported that there is a Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington D.C. at the beginning of February and that she will be meeting with Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones and her aide while she is in Washington.

At this time, President Kaufman asked if there were comments or questions from the audience. There being none, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling, that the Board recess and reconvene in the Library for planning discussions.

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

05-01-26

The Board recessed at 7:25 p.m.

At 7:55 p.m. the Board reconvened in the Shaker Heights High School Library to engage in planning discussions, which included a detailed presentation by Dr. Dale Whittington, Director of Research and Evaluation, on the topic of student mobility. The presentation was followed by questions, answers and further discussions.

Mr. Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer, reviewed significant highlights of the Five-Year Forecast, also followed by questions, answers and further discussion.

After the discussions, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson that the meeting be adjourned.

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

05-01-28

The regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Steven S. Kaufman, President

Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer