

To be approved at the Board of Education meeting May 8, 2007.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2007 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

The Shaker Heights Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 8:01 p.m. at Onaway Elementary School, 3115 Woodbury 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 Levenson presided.

Upon the presentation of the Minutes of the March 13, 2007 regular meeting, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Sutherland to approve the minutes as presented.

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

07-04-52

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Mark Freeman, Mr. Bliss moved, seconded by Ms. Sutherland 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 2006-2007 School Year**

Baron, Jessica	Liese, Matthew
Bendycki, Erin	Loveland, Lisa
Boone, Laura	Matthews, Elizabeth
Collins, Chereshe	McCauley, Benjamin
Dallet, Blythe	McClenaghan, Elizabeth
Davies, John	Miller, Virginia
Duffy, Erin	Moss, Daniel
Gentry, Stephanie	Nesper, Carol
Gould, Philip	Powers, Linda
Herch, Roberta	Roberts, Alicia
Horwitz, Helen	Rodriguez, Joy Marie
James, Robert	Rossi, Julia
Jarrett, Amber	Slusar, Megan
Kirkwood, Michelle	Zuckerman, Kandi

**Salary Reclassification for the 2006-2007 School Year**

(pursuant to collective bargaining agreement)

Effective January 29, 2007

Boyd, Carol – M.A., step f to M.A.+15, step f  
Cotton, Christopher – M.A.+30, step j to M.A.+45, step j  
Derrick, W. Martin – M.A.+15, step j to M.A.+30, step j  
Farinacci, Daniel – B.A.+15, step l to M.A., step m  
Godbold, Sanya – B.A.+15, step b to M.A., step b  
Patrick, Elaine – M.A.+15, step t to M.A.+45, step t  
Smith, Stephen – B.A., step d to M.A., step d  
Steinbock, Jennifer – B.A.+15, step d to M.A., step d  
Wells, Judith – M.A.+15, step k to M.A.+30, step k

**Non-Bargaining/Non-Administrative Salary Reclassification for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Effective January 29, 2007

Gillette, Bradley – B.A., step 3 to B.A.+30, step 3

**Change of Rate for Individual Substitute Teachers for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Horwitz, Helen – (Spanish/High School) – Class M.A – Effective March 21, 2007

Simon, Sheryl – (Grade 6/Woodbury) – Class B.A. – Effective March 26, 2007

**Teachers Recommended for Tenure**

Teachers eligible for continuing contracts (tenure) shall be those teachers who have successfully taught for the Shaker Heights City School District, possess a professional or permanent teaching certificate or license, and who have served three years in the District or have previously held tenure in Ohio.

**Bishko, Jeremy**

Jeremy Bishko, a Shaker graduate, joined the Middle School faculty as a science teacher for the 2004-2005 school year. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from New England College, majoring in Biology and minoring in Environmental Sciences. He received his Master of Arts Degree in Teacher Education from Ursuline College. He brought with him four years of experience as an educator with the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. He is recommended for tenure by Randall Yates, principal of Shaker Heights Middle School.

**Boyd, Carol**

Carol Boyd joined the High School faculty as an English/Literacy teacher for the 2006-2007 school year after previously working for our district as a skills improvement specialist and kindergarten assistant. She came to the District in 1997 with eight years of previous experience teaching Language Arts at Center Jr. High in Strongsville, where she held tenure. She received both her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and her Master of Arts Degree in Education from Allegheny College. She is recommended for tenure by Michael Griffith, principal of Shaker Heights High School.

**Brown, Selena**

Selena Brown, a Shaker graduate, began her career with the District as a KRP assistant, then skills improvement specialist before becoming a Grade 1 teacher at Fernway School in 2005. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Africana Studies from the University of Pittsburgh and completed her Master of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education from Ursuline College. She is recommended for tenure by Christopher Hayward, principal of Fernway School.

**Derrick, W. Martin**

Martin Derrick joined the High School faculty as a Mathematics teacher for the 2005-2006 school year. He came to the District with nine years of combined teaching experience. He most recently taught seven years with the Port Clinton City Schools, where he held tenure. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics Education from Bowling Green State University. He received his Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning from Nova Southeastern University, where he is currently working toward a Doctorate in Education. He is recommended for tenure by Michael Griffith, principal of Shaker Heights High School.

**Englander, David**

David Englander, a Shaker graduate, joined the Woodbury faculty as a Grade 5 Teacher for the 2005-2006 school year. He brought with him ten years of experience teaching Grades 5 and 6 at Greenview Upper Elementary School in the South Euclid/Lyndhurst

School District, where he held tenure. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Communication, with a major in Radio/TV/Film from Bowling Green State University. He received his Master of Education Degree from John Carroll University through the school-based program. He is recommended for tenure by Barbara Whitaker, principal of Woodbury School.

### **Gainford, Geoffrey**

Geoffrey Gainford joined the High School faculty as a science teacher for the 2002-2003 school year, bringing with him 5 years of experience teaching science at Sacred Heart College in Belize. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree and secondary teacher certification from Murray State University and received his Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction at Cleveland State University. He is recommended for tenure by Michael Griffith, principal of Shaker Heights High School.

### **Hess, Gretchen**

Gretchen Hess, a Shaker graduate, joined the District in September 2003 as a substitute teacher and was appointed a Grade 1 Teacher at Boulevard School in January 2004. She was reassigned to Lomond School in 2004, where she is currently a Grade 4 teacher. She had previously taught in Massachusetts in various elementary positions for 13 years. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Child Development from Connecticut College and her Master in Science Degree in Education with certification in reading from Wheelock College. She is recommended for tenure by Susan Alig, principal of Lomond School.

### **Hruby, Anna**

Anna Hruby joined the District as a French teacher at the Middle School for the 2004-2005 school year. She had previously taught French at Holy Name High School in Parma Heights for four years and was an Italian instructor at University College in Dublin, Ireland for two years. She received her Bachelor of Science in Languages Degree from Georgetown University and her Master of Arts in Teaching Degree from Kent State University. She is recommended for tenure by Randall Yates, principal of Shaker Heights Middle School.

### **Hunter, Miata**

Miata Hunter, a Shaker graduate, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Cleveland State University and her Master of Science Degree in Applied Computational Mathematics from the University of Minnesota. She joined the Shaker Heights Middle School faculty as a mathematics teacher for the 2004-2005 school year. She brought with her four years of experience teaching mathematics at John F. Kennedy High School in the Cleveland Municipal School District. She is recommended for tenure by Randall Yates, principal of Shaker Heights Middle School.

### **Isaacs, Roy**

Roy Isaacs joined the High School faculty as a social studies teacher for the 2004-2005 school year. His previous experience includes having taught social studies in a private school system in Bogota, Columbia as well as in the Santa Fe and Albuquerque districts in New Mexico. Most recently, he taught social studies at Cleveland Heights High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from John Carroll University. He completed the Post Baccalaureate Intern Licensure Program at the University of New Mexico and received his Master of Arts in Secondary Education Degree there as well. He is recommended for tenure by Michael Griffith, principal of Shaker Heights High School.

### **Laggan, Andrea**

Andrea Laggan joined the High School faculty as a German teacher for the 2005-2006 school year. She brought with her 10 years of experience teaching foreign language for the Beachwood City School District, where she held tenure. She received her Bachelor

of Arts Degree in French and German from Kent State University, and her Master of Education Degree from John Carroll University. She is recommended for tenure by Michael Griffith, principal of Shaker Heights High School.  
Leibovich, Richard

### **Leibovich, Richard**

Richard Leibovich began his career with Shaker as a Grade 3 teacher at Mercer School, where he currently teaches kindergarten. He brought with him three years of experience teaching kindergarten in the South Euclid/Lyndhurst district, where he held tenure. He has also worked as a Development Director and fundraising associate for the private sector. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Child and Family Development from the University of Missouri. He also received a Master of Social Work Degree from Washington University and a Master of Education Degree from John Carroll University through the school-based program. He is recommended for tenure by J. Lindsay Florence, principal of Mercer School.

### **Rabatin, Amanda**

Amanda Rabatin joined the High School faculty as a science teacher for the 2004-2005 school year. She received her Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from Kent State University, with a major in Integrated Science and a minor in Chemistry. She received her Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Cleveland State University last August. She is recommended for tenure by Michael Griffith, principal of Shaker Heights High School.

### **Schlein, Laurie**

Laurie Schlein, a Shaker graduate, served our district as a substitute teacher, substitute clerk, and as an assistant for the Shaker Schools Foundation before being appointed to Lomond and Boulevard Schools as an ESL Specialist in 2003. She joined the Mercer faculty as a Grade 1 teacher for the 2004-2005 school year. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University and her Master of Education Degree from John Carroll University. She is recommended for tenure by J. Lindsay Florence, principal of Mercer School.

### **Shapero, Cheri**

Cheri Shapero joined the High School faculty as school psychologist for the 2005-2006 school year and had previously served as school psychologist with the District for four years. She was coordinator of Supplemental Services and a consulting school psychologist with The Agnon School in Beachwood for eight years. Other experience includes part-time work for the Beachwood City School District as well as for Psychological & Behavioral Consultants in Beachwood. Her teaching experience includes four years at the elementary level in both Elyria and Akron. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Kent State University and her Master of Education in School Psychology from the University of Akron. She is recommended for tenure by Michael Griffith, principal of Shaker Heights High School.

**Shrestha, Emily**

Emily Shrestha joined the High School faculty as an English teacher for the 2003-2004 school year. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hiram College, majoring in English and Integrated Language Arts. She is currently working toward her Master's Degree at Notre Dame College. She is recommended for tenure by Michael Griffith, principal of Shaker Heights High School.

**Smith, Stephen**

Stephen Smith served the Shaker district as a substitute teacher and a skills improvement specialist before becoming an elementary teacher at Lomond School in 2004. He had completed his student teaching at Onaway School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from John Carroll University and completed his Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Cleveland State University this past December. He is recommended for tenure by Susan Alig, principal of Lomond School.

**Curriculum Writing and Instructional Planning for the 2006-2007 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.

**Instructional Planning**

Adie, Jeffrey (3)

**Technology/District Team**

Hart, Fred (2)

**Special Assignments for the 2006-2007 School Year**

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

**Achievement Intervention – Woodbury (Title I Targeted Assistance Grant)**

Up to 36 hours per individual

Farinacci, Nicole  
Lease, Patricia  
Romano, Joseph

Topchian, Cynthia  
Wilcher-Norton, Barbara

**Instructors for Technology Training (Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality Grant)**

Up to 10 hours per individual

Bourisseau, Mary

Morris, Sean

**Supplemental Contracts for the 2006-2007 School Year****Onaway School Special Supplemental**

Davros, Sally – Jump Rope Club - .05 x 40

**Middle School**

Hastings, Ryan – Interscholastic Baseball Coach – 6.0 x 1  
Lindsey, Dexter – Interscholastic Softball Coach – 6.0 x 1  
Richards, Timothy – Interscholastic Baseball Coach – 6.0 x 1

**Middle School Special Supplementals**

Dunn, Polly – Spring Play Production - .05 x 25  
Dunn, Polly – Spring Play Production - .1 x 25

**Project Assistant for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Lamalfa, Carol – Effective August 28, 2006

**Leave of Absence for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Kunchik, Kelly – (Kindergarten/Boulevard School) – Effective April 10, 2007 through April 17, 2007 (FMLA)

**Resignations**

Akbar, Jeremiah – (Social Studies/High School) – Effective end of the 2006-2007 school year – 1 year of service

Hise, Barbara – (Music/Woodbury/Middle School) – Effective end of the 2006-2007 school year – 27 years of service (retirement)

Woods, Richard – (Physical Education/Middle School) – Effective end of the 2006-2007 school year – 30 combined years of service (previously retired)

**Classified****Appointment for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Browne, Jennifer – (Accounting Specialist/Administration Building) – step 5 – Effective April 9, 2007

**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 2006-2007 School Year**

Carswell, Aaron

Rucker, Damon

Brown, Elaine

Scott, Sabrina

DiFiore, Francesca

Thornton, Shauntina

Duffet, Elizabeth

**Special Assignments for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Authorization is requested for staff members to serve as a facilitator for the following activities:

**Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Training Facilitator for Fernway School Staff (Special Education – Part B – IDEA Grant)**

Ferrell, Victor (10)

**Extensions to Leaves of Absence for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Adams, Willis – (Garage Mechanic/Transportation) – Effective July 23, 2007 through January 19, 2008 (medical) (Correction to the February 13, 2007 Board of Education Agenda)

Williams, Barbara – (Bus Driver/Transportation) – Effective April 1, 2007 through September 1, 2007 (medical)

**Suspension**

Meeks, Samuel – (Evening Head Custodian I/Woodbury School) – Five (5) days without pay – Effective March 27, 2007

Thompson, Jack A. – (Custodian/Mercer) – Five (5) days without pay – Effective April 16, 2007.

### **Resignations**

Bernstein, Sandra – (Data Processing Supervisor/District) – Effective June 30, 2007 – 13 years of service

Marek, Joanna – (Teacher Aide/Woodbury School) – Effective end of the 2006-2007 school year – 25 years of service (retirement)

### **Certified Non-renewals**

Effective at the end of the 2006-2007 School Year

Jackson, Royal

Maris, Frank

### **Non-Public Schools' Non-renewals**

#### **Hathaway Brown**

Lazarus, Shelly (Learning Specialist)  
St. Amour, Karen (Learning Specialist)  
Wonderly, Eric (School Psychologist)

#### **Laurel School**

Gallagher, Rosemary (School Psychologist)  
Gelehrter, Ann (Reading Specialist)  
Murphy, Christine (Reading Specialist)

#### **St. Dominic School**

Amaddio, Maureen (Nurse)  
Lanese, Delia (Teacher)

#### **University School**

Perin, Mary (Nurse)

### **Classified Non-renewals**

Effective at the end of the 2006-2007 School Year

### **Non-Public Schools' Non-renewal**

Heyka, Kathleen (Clerk)

**ADDENDUM****Certified****Appointment for the 2007-2008 School Year**

Spurrier, Ann – (Assistant Principal/12 months/High School) – Class L, grade 10 of the Administrative Salary Schedule – Effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009

**Temporary Employees: Lunch Room Supervisors, Substitute Tutors, Home Instructors, Substitute Teachers, Substitute Nurses, Substitute Library Aides, Tutoring Center Tutors for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Elder, Leonard  
Kaplan, James

Urban, Molly  
Wyss, Lauren

**Change of Rate for Individual Substitute Teacher for the 2006-2007 School Year**

McCandless, Christine – (Math/High School) – B.A. – Effective April 10, 2007

**Supplemental Contracts for the 2006-2007 School Year****Woodbury Special Supplemental**

Hayduk, Crystal – Science Club - .05 x 30

**Middle School Supplemental**

Kassigkeit, Curt – Lacrosse Coach – 6.0 x 1

**Middle School Special Supplemental**

Gladish, Thomas – Baseball B Coach - .1 x 60

**High School Supplemental**

Gregory-Taylor, Sabrina – Modern Dance Assistant – 6.5 x 1

**High School Special Supplementals**

Gregory-Taylor, Sabrina – Modern Dance - .01 x 15  
Schiopota, David – Production Support - .1 x 9

**Leave of Absence for the 2007-2008 School Year**

Kunchik, Kelly – (Kindergarten/Boulevard School) – Effective August 27, 2007 through June 13, 2008 (sabbatical)

**Resignations**

Potkalitsky, Nicolas – (Latin/High School) – Effective end of the 2006-2007 school year – 1 year of service

Tuck-Stanley, Norine – (Special Education Teacher/Intervention Specialist/High School) – Effective end of the 2006-2007 school year – 1 year of service



**Classified****Appointment for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Brown, Ordenia - (Permanent Part-Time Bus Driver, 10 month/Transportation) – step 1 – Effective April 16, 2007

**Change in Assignment for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Ugrinic, Anthony - (Head Custodian IV/Fernway School) – from Grounds Maintenance Worker, step 10 to Head Custodian IV/Fernway, step 8 – Effective April 18, 2007

**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 2006-2007 School Year**

Schachtel, Jay

Sparks, Vanessa

**Certified Non-renewals**

Effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year

Burgess, Holly

Podl, JoEllen

**Classified Non-renewals**

Effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year

Taylor, William

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

07-04-53

**PUBLIC MEETING ON THE ISSUE OF REEMPLOYMENT**

At this time a public meeting was held on the issue of reemployment of several staff members. New reemployment guidelines have been established by Ohio law in House Bill 95. Under this bill, when a board of education wants to consider reemploying a retiree in the same position held prior to retirement, a prescribed process must be followed.

First, a public notice announcing a public meeting considering the reemployment must be placed at least sixty days prior to the reemployment action (expected to be on May 8, 2007). The Treasurer has certified that such notice was placed in the March 8, 2007 edition of the Sun Press. Second, such public meeting must take place between 15 and 30 days before the reemployment action.

As announced in that notice, the meeting this evening satisfies the second requirement for any member of the public to provide input on the reemployment of Larry Fry, Kenneth Kangas, H. Clair Rankin, Paul Richards, Margaret Rimedio, Francis Wessinger and Eugene Zajac.

At this time the public was invited to provide input on the issue of these reemployments. There being no comments or questions from the public, the Superintendent continued with the Business Report.

## **BUSINESS**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Freeman, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Sutherland that the Board approve a resolution authorizing the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Duck Creek Energy, Inc. for the drilling and operation of an oil and gas well.

WHEREAS, the District's primary source of heating District buildings during the winter months is natural gas, the price of which has over the last several years increased exponentially; and

WHEREAS, the administration of the Shaker Heights Board of Education has investigated the possibility of drilling an oil and gas well on School District property for the purpose of providing economic return to the District in the form of royalty payments from the production of oil and natural gas and/or obtaining a portion of the natural gas needed each winter by the District at a reduced rate from said production;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shaker Heights Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Duck Creek Energy, Inc., for the purpose of drilling and operating an oil and gas well on District property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Treasurer are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of such contract.

Current proposed terms of the contract include:

- An up-front payment to the District of \$15,000;
- A royalty fee of 12.5% on all gas and oil produced on District property, for estimated income of \$150,000 to \$200,000 over a period of about 20 years;
- Storage allocation of 7,500 MCF, protecting the District from seasonal price spikes, for an estimated saving of \$131,000 to \$198,000 over the term; and
- Free gas up to 400 MCF annually, plus additional gas available for purchase below market price.

Assuming all appropriate approvals are received, drilling will begin this summer, and the company will work with the District to communicate with neighbors about the project. An educational component is to be incorporated into the project.

Duck Creek, based in Brecksville, has been drilling in Cuyahoga County since 1983. The company is working with Shaker Heights Country Club on well development and has worked with other public entities including school districts.

Prior to the vote a brief discussion of the process occurred during which Board members' questions were answered by the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Business Administrator.

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

07-04-54

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Freeman, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling that the Board accept the lowest responsive and responsible bids for the Shaker Heights High School large auditorium renovation and restoration.

Package No. 1	Environmental	GCS Industries Services	\$19,579.00
Package No. 2	General Trades	Fiorilli Construction	\$433,700.00
Package No. 3	Mechanical	PK Mechanical	\$530,700.00
Package No. 4	Electrical	Doan Pyramid	\$514,871.00
Package No. 5	Theatrical Rigging	Tiffin Studios	\$106,842.77
Package No. 6	Auditorium Seating	Baker Road Seating	\$234,865.00

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

07-04-55

### **WELCOME – DR. LYNN COWEN, ONAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

At this time Dr. Lynn Cowen, Principal of Onaway Elementary School, extended a warm welcome to the Board and community.

### **DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

At this time Superintendent Freeman reported the following:

- More than 400 students, teachers, and parent chaperones traveled overseas during spring break, continuing a long Shaker tradition of making international travel opportunities available. The largest trip this year was a groundbreaking performance tour in China by the High School band, including a visit to Shaker’s “sister school” in Shanghai. The choir and orchestra undertook a highly successful performance tour in Spain, and a group of art students also visited Spain.

Over the past decade, Shaker student musicians have performed in England, Germany, France, the Netherlands, and Italy. The trips sponsored by the music and art departments are but one aspect of the District’s efforts to foster international travel and exchange. For nearly 30 years, Shaker has had a strong student and faculty exchange program with the Ratsgymnasium in Goslar, Germany. The school also has exchanges with schools in England, Russia, Japan, Mexico, France, and, as of two years ago, China. In addition, the High School annually hosts international students for a full-year stay through organizations such as AFS. All of these experiences – together with courses in world languages, history, and economics – are intended to broaden students’ understanding of different cultures and their role as citizens of the world.

At this time Board Member Sutherland gave a brief report on the Band’s China trip. Ms. Sutherland accompanied the Band in connection with Mr. Tom Keane’s production of a video documentary of the trip.

- Major capital projects slated for this spring and summer:
  - Delays in fabrication of the new windows for the High School and Boulevard Elementary School have put the replacement projects a few weeks behind. The

Business Department has negotiated an aggressive recovery schedule with the vendor and every effort will be made to complete the replacements on schedule.

- The District sent a letter and fact sheet to 659 residences in the High School vicinity concerning the four construction projects at the High School (cafeteria addition, stadium repairs, Large Auditorium restoration, and window replacement). The letter outlined steps being taken to minimize the negative impact on the neighborhood and announced the establishment of a web page ([www.shaker.org/HSconstruction](http://www.shaker.org/HSconstruction)), where updates will be posted as warranted.
- Shaker seniors have continued to do well in admissions to highly selective colleges. In the spring round, Shaker students have been accepted at Amherst, Barnard, Columbia, Georgetown, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern, St. Lawrence, the University of North Carolina, and Wesleyan, among others. Additional Shaker students have joined those accepted some through early admission at several schools, including Brown, Colgate, Cornell, Hamilton, Harvard, Skidmore, Vassar, and Wellesley.
- Shaker seniors **Chris Butler** and **Adam Shands** are among just over 800 students nationwide who have been awarded National Achievement Scholarships by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The National Achievement Scholarships honors the nation's top Black seniors who demonstrate "the strongest record of accomplishments and the greatest potential for academic success." The winners were chosen from more than 140,000 eligible students nationwide.

The NMSC will announce winners of National Merit Scholarships this spring in two categories: those sponsored by corporations that employ the candidate's parent(s) and those sponsored by NMSC. Shaker is expected to have multiple winners of NMSC-sponsored National Merit Scholarships.

- The Lakeshore Northeast Ohio Computer Association (LNOCA), the data consortium of which Shaker is a member, appears to be making improvements in the reliability and responsiveness of its services. LNOCA recently upgraded its equipment and software in an attempt to address the problems plaguing users in member school districts. This quarter's grade entry period for High School and Middle School report cards was relatively smooth, with no major problems reported. The staff continues to monitor the performance of LNOCA and associated software applications.
- **Trey Modlin**, an eighth grader at Shaker Heights Middle School, placed first in the Grades 7-8 National Chess Tournament, the Queen City Classic, on March 30 in Cincinnati. More than 500 students competed in the event, one of the largest scholastic chess tournaments in the nation.
- The Alliance for Adequate School Funding is hosting a regional meeting on the proposed constitutional amendment on school funding at Shaker Heights Middle School at 9 a.m. on April 19. The meeting is open to the public.

One of the primary purposes of the meeting is to answer questions about the amendment, its impact on districts, and the current status of the campaign to gather enough signatures to place it on the November ballot. Petitions are being circulated

throughout the state, including Shaker Heights. More information about the proposed amendment is available at [www.rightforohio.com](http://www.rightforohio.com).

- The Shaker Heights Schools will open their doors to District residents as students showcase their musical, theatrical, artistic, and academic talents during this year's Shakerfest celebration, which began this week and will continue until May 25. Shakerfest, an annual event, will include such activities as school open houses; student art shows; band, orchestra, and choral concerts; theatre ensemble performances; displays and demonstrations of student projects; an evening at the planetarium; and kindergarten welcome events. Each elementary school will host at least one event, and the Middle School and High School will each sponsor several events.

Some of the upcoming events:

April 18, 7 p.m.	<b>Evening of Jazz</b>	Middle School
April 19, 7 p.m.	<b>Woodbury Open House</b>	Woodbury
April 24 & 25, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.	<b>Shaker by Starlight An Evening at the Planetarium</b>	High School Planetarium
April 26, 7:30 p.m.	<b>High School Orchestra Concert</b>	Middle School Auditorium
May 1, 7:00 p.m.	<b>Woodbury Orchestra Concert</b>	Middle School Auditorium
May 2-May 5	<b>High School Acting Ensemble Show</b>	High School Large Auditorium
May 4, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>High School Art Fair</b>	High School Courtyard
May 8, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Ice Cream Social &amp; Band Concert</b>	High School Front Lawn
May 8, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Middle School Orchestra Concert</b>	Middle School Auditorium
May 9, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Spring Choral Concert</b>	High School Large Auditorium
May 15, 7 p.m.	<b>Woodbury 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert</b>	Middle School Auditorium
May 17, 7 p.m.	<b>Woodbury 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert</b>	Middle School Auditorium
May 17, 7 p.m.	<b>Shakescenes: <i>Mirandolina</i> by Carlo Goldini</b>	High School Large Auditorium
May 21, 7 p.m.	<b>Music Composition Concert</b>	High School Large Auditorium
May 22, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Middle School Choral Concert</b>	Middle School Auditorium

The complete Shakerfest schedule is available on the District's website, [www.shaker.org](http://www.shaker.org), and at the Shaker schools and public libraries.

At this time Superintendent Freeman introduced Dr. Dale Whittington, Director of Research and Evaluation, who provided the Board with an overview of the forthcoming

edition of the annual Fact Book, based on data from the 2005-06 school year. The book is a compilation of data about the community, student and faculty demographics, student achievement, and other aspects of the District. When the book is completed, it will be posted on the District website, [www.shaker.org](http://www.shaker.org). The presentation was followed by a question and answer session and discussion.

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

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Ms. Sutherland that the financial statements for March 2007 (Exhibit T-1) be accepted and placed on file for audit.

President Levenson asked Mr. Christman to review the highlights of the March 2007 financial statements. He commented on items as delineated in the financial and miscellaneous briefs as follows:

- The Federal Reserve last raised targeted short-term interest rates a quarter point to 5.25% on June 29<sup>th</sup>, but has left them unchanged at each of their six meetings since then including most recently on March 21<sup>st</sup>. It is the continuing belief that the Fed will leave rates unchanged for the near-term future.
- Other State Sources for the current and prior year months include a semi-annual public utility property tax reimbursement of \$388,031 and \$385,113 respectively, which is to help offset the reduction in real estate taxes collected due to the lower assessed value applied to the electric and natural gas industry properties.
- Total Revenues continue to be ahead of budget.
- Total Expenditures continue to be below budget.
- Bond Issuance Update – The District's bond rating was upgraded by Standard & Poor's two years ago to AA+. Given the current financial condition of the District, we pushed for and obtained an upgrade from Moody's from Aa2 to Aa1, thereby bringing the two rating agencies ratings in line with each other. There is only one better rating category (AAA) available for which S&P has one school district (Orange) and Moody's has three (Orange, Indian Hills and Sycamore) in that category. Difference between Orange and Shaker Heights is (1) wealth statistics of population, (2) no levy failures ever, and (3) official District fund balance policy. Mr. Christman also commented as part of the discussion with the Board, that the ratings process is really a long-term process whereby you must continue to operate a "tight ship" financially-speaking with the goal being to work your way up the progressive ratings ladder.

We sold the bonds on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The issuance included \$8.5 million of the bond issue approved in November 2004, as well as the refinancing of the callable portion of the Series 1999 and the Series 2000 outstanding bonds. The overall interest rate (including costs of issuance) was 4.08% (correction: rate is 4.176%) for the total issuance (new and refinancing monies). The refinancing generated net present value savings after expenses on the Series 1999 refunding bonds of 3.76%, and the savings on the Series 2000 was 5.02%, for an overall savings on the refunded bonds of 4.19%.

Mr. Christman also commented on the following legislative items:

- Testimony being provided in the House where they are gearing up following a 2-week spring break.
- State Budget Results through February 2007:

In millions of \$'s				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	Feb

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Diff</u>	<u>Month</u>
Receipts	\$15,896	\$16,146	\$(250)	\$(62)
Expenditures	\$17,074	\$17,776	\$(702)	\$(36)
Net Bottom Line			\$452	\$(26)

- There was an error in the calculation of the Governor's initial proposal regarding K-12 education. Impact resulted in \$11 million and \$5 million reduction in K-12 appropriation for F08 and F09, respectively.

- Per Pupil Proposal      F07                      F08                      F09  
    \$5,403 3% increase to \$5,565 3% increase to \$5,732

Shaker Heights – No change in Ohio Department of Education projection during F07 through F09

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

07-04-56

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  
MARCH 2007**

<b><u>FEDERAL &amp; OTHER SECURITIES:</u></b>						
<b><u>Purchase Date</u></b>	<b><u>Maturity Date</u></b>	<b><u>Investment Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Bond Equiv. Yield</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Invstmt.</u></b>	<b><u>Interest to be Earned</u></b>	<b><u>Dealer/Issuer</u></b>
2/1 - 2/28/07	Each Business Day	\$11,000 - \$822,000	5.210%	Overnight Sweep	\$1,087.25	National City Bank (Payroll)
03/02/07	05/29/07	\$987,411.11	5.288%	FHLMC dn	\$12,588.89	JP Morgan Chase
03/19/07	09/17/07	\$974,418.89	5.265%	FHLMC dn	\$25,581.11	JP Morgan Chase
03/19/07	03/19/09	\$1,000,000.00	5.375%	FHLB	\$107,500.00	Huntington
<b><u>OTHER DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:</u></b>						
<b><u>Account</u></b>		<b><u>Balance at 03/31/07</u></b>	<b><u>Avg. Annual Interest Rate for Month</u></b>		<b><u>Interest Earned</u></b>	
Star Ohio-General		\$1,856.98	5.17%		\$8.09	
Charter One High Balance		\$12,590,713.31	5.17%		\$63,026.28	

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

07-04-57

At this time President Levenson asked if there were any committee reports and/or questions or comments from the audience. There being none, Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling that the meeting be adjourned.

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

07-04-58

The regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

---

Freda J. Levenson, President

---

Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer