

To be approved at the Board of Education meeting February 13, 2007.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2007, ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Shaker Heights Board of Education held its Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 8:06 p.m. at the Shaker Heights High School Media Center, 15911 Aldersyde Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

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

Board Member Freda J. Levenson chaired the meeting because she was the president of the Board last year.

In accordance with Section 3313.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, Ms. Levenson called for nominations for President of the Board of Education for the year. Mr. Feeling nominated Ms. Freda J. Levenson, and Ms. Sutherland seconded the nomination. Board members provided statements of encouragement and support for Ms. Levenson's continuation as President. There being no further nominations, Ms. Levenson called for the vote.

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

07-01-01

President Levenson expressed her gratitude at being elected to serve as President of the Board and thanked the Board for their confidence in her service. Ms. Levenson indicated that she is honored to serve as president for another year. She thanked the Board for their cooperation and success last year and looks forward to another successful year.

Ms. Levenson continued as the chair and presided over the remainder of the Organizational meeting.

At this time, in accordance with Section 3313.14 of Ohio Revised Code, President Levenson called for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education for the year. Mrs. Johnson nominated Mr. F. Drexel Feeling, and Mr. Bliss seconded the nomination. Board members provided statements of support for Mr. Feeling's continuation as Vice President. There being no further nominations, President Levenson called for the vote.

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

07-01-02

Mr. Feeling expressed his gratitude and thanked the Board for their support.

At this time Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Sutherland, that in accordance with Section 3313.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Education continue to hold its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

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

07-01-03

Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education designate Superintendent Mark Freeman, or his designee, as the Board of Education's Hearing Officer for student discipline matters.

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

07-01-04

Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Ms. Sutherland, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution dispensing with resolutions approving checks:

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

Section 1. This Board does hereby dispense with the adoption of resolutions authorizing the purchase or sale of property other than real estate, the payment of debts or claims, salaries of superintendent, teachers or other employees, and does hereby dispense with the adoption of resolutions approving warrants for the payment of any claim from school funds, if provision therefore is made in the annual appropriation resolution, unless otherwise required by law.

Section 2. This Board hereby directs the Treasurer to include in the monthly financial statement to the Board a listing of all checks paid.

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

07-01-05

Mr. Bliss moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, that in accordance with Section 3315.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Education establish a service fund.

WHEREAS, Section 3315.15 of the Revised Code of Ohio provides that any board of education may by resolution set aside each year from the General Fund a sum, not to exceed two dollars per pupil enrolled or \$20,000, whichever is greater, to be used for paying the expense incurred by board members, their official representatives or members-elect in the performance of their official duties, and

WHEREAS, the Shaker Heights Board of Education has in the past and expects to continue to provide in its general operation fund an appropriation for the Service Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shaker Heights Board of Education hereby establishes a Service Fund for year 2007 with an appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 made to expenditure category Fund 001, Function 2300, Object 800 to be used as indicated by Section 3315.15 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

President Levenson explained to the Board that historically the Shaker Heights Board of Education has declined to accept any salary believing that this is a very important voluntary role in terms of service to the community. The service fund would cover travel expenses incurred in connection with lobbying and advocacy activities and other professional responsibilities.

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

07-01-06

At this time Superintendent Mark Freeman recommended that the Board of Education break from the business of the Organizational meeting to introduce Mr. Michael Griffith, Principal of the Shaker Heights High School, who extended a warm welcome to the Board and community. At this time Mr. Griffith presented the 40 members of the Shaker Heights High School Class of 2007 who have been named Semifinalists or Commended Students in the National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic Scholarship Programs. Selected on the basis of their high scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), these academically talented seniors are considered top candidates for admission to America's most selective colleges. They also have the opportunity to continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards that will be offered this spring, and will be candidates for other scholarships as well. They are:

National Merit Semifinalists: **Aaron Abelson, Michael Stavis Bohl, David Coon, Aaron Fallon, Katy Fishman, Stephanie Goldfarb, Audrey Gyurgyik, Blair Kurit, Anthony Lanese, Hyunho Lee, Luke Shahinian, Carolyn Stange, Hannah T'Kindt, and Lauren Weinberger.**

National Achievement Semifinalists: **Christopher Butler and Shardey Martin.**

National Hispanic Scholar: **Sonia Misra.**

National Merit Commended Students: **Mark Antal, Steven Aviram, Mark Axel, Christopher Butler, Thomas Chokel, Caroline Coverdale, Megen Cowett, Allen Eckhouse, Anastasia Frank, Michael Hornick, Niranjan Kumar, Jenny Kutik, Christin Martahus, Sonia Misra, Connor Nobert, Elizabeth Quigley, Kathryn Rohacz, Gregory Seidner, Adam Shands, Katherine Stamm, Meghan Thompson, Carter Wang, and Mary Winkelman.**

National Achievement Commended Students: **Nteni Nlandu and Blair Wise.**

Following the presentment, Superintendent Mark Freeman offered words of praise, encouragement, appreciation and congratulations. After the student recognition, the Board returned to the Organizational Meeting agenda.

Ms. Sutherland moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling, that the Board of Education approve the following memberships for 2007:

Ohio School Boards Association Membership

In accordance with Section 3313.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, by a majority vote of its members, the Board of Education may join the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA).

Legal Assistance Fund Membership

In accordance with Section 3313.171 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Education has in past years entered into a consultant service contract with the Ohio School Boards Association as part of the Legal Assistance Fund.

National School Boards Direct Affiliation

In accordance with Section 3313.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Education has in past years been a direct affiliate of the National School Boards Association.

Ohio High School Athletic Association

The Board of Education has historically agreed to, and abided by, the rules, regulations and obligations of membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association that governs the conduct of the school's interscholastic program.

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

At this time, President Levenson made the following appointments:

- Ms. Sutherland as the OSBA legislative liaison;
- Mrs. Johnson as the OSBA student achievement liaison;
- Ms. Levenson and Mr. Feeling will continue to serve on the Finance & Audit Committee; and
- Mr. Bliss as the Neighborhood Association Revitalization Committee liaison.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Bliss, that the Board of Education appoint Superintendent Mark Freeman, or his designee, as the Board of Education's representative to the Ohio High School Athletic Association for matters including but not limited to student transfers.

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

07-01-08

Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Ms. Sutherland, that the Board of Education approve the District's participation in the following Cuyahoga County Educational Programs for the ensuing school year:

Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County

In accordance with Section 3313.843 of the Ohio Revised Code, the District has historically agreed to and utilized, the various services provided by the Educational Service Center.

Cuyahoga Special Education Service Center

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Shaker Heights Board of Education to provide appropriate educational programs and services to each disabled child and his/her parents, and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Special Education Service Center (CSESC) is designed to initiate, expand and improve special education programs and services for disabled children and their parents by providing Identification System Services, Educational Assessment Services and Instructional Resources Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shaker Heights City School District participate in the component projects comprising the CSESC for the 2007-2008 school year under the terms and conditions specified for use of Federal Education Grant Funds issued through Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is understood that the Shaker Heights Board of Education incurs no financial obligation for the activities to be carried out under the terms of the project as a participating agency.

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

07-01-09

At this time Ms. Sutherland moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 5715.19 provides that the Board of Education may file complaints as to the valuation or assessment of real estate property, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Board of Education duly exercise said complaints, and

WHEREAS, in connection with the valuation of real property within the Shaker Heights City School District, it is necessary for tax purposes, to review actions of the Cuyahoga County Board of Revision, Common Pleas Court and the Board of Tax Appeals of the State of Ohio;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Shaker Heights City School District that appearances before the Cuyahoga County Board of Revision, the filing of complaints therein, and the filing of prosecution of appeals from orders of the Cuyahoga County Board of Revision by Charles P. Braman & Co., Inc. and/or the law firm of Brindza McIntyre & Seed LLP, on behalf of the Shaker Heights Board of Education during 2007 be authorized, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized on behalf of the Shaker Heights Board of Education to execute, or cause to be executed, all complaint documents as determined by the Treasurer, upon the advice of Charles P. Braman & Co., Inc., and/or Brindza McIntyre & Seed LLP, to be necessary pursuant to O.R.C. 5715.19 to be filed with appropriate Cuyahoga County or State offices during the calendar year 2007.

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

07-01-10

Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Ms. Sutherland, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the State of Ohio has issued formal opinions (OAG 81-052 and 82-006) with regard to the authority of a school board to grant certain non-salary employee benefits, and

WHEREAS, OAG 81-052 and 82-006 broadened the scope of a school board's authority to compensate its employees with those benefits that are not otherwise specifically circumscribed by statute, and

WHEREAS, it is a determination of the Board of Education that it is in the best interests of the Shaker Heights City School District and its employees to grant certain non-salary benefits to its employees to further the objectives and goals of the Shaker Heights City School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that under authority of and in accordance with OAG 81-052 and 82-006, the Shaker Heights Board of Education now authorizes the following non-salary benefits to employees of the Shaker Heights City School District:

- Meals or refreshments at some meetings, formal and informal, of district employees that further the objectives of the Shaker Heights City School District; and
- Awards in recognition of service (e.g. pins, plaques, certificates, etc).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective during the period from January 1 through December 31, 2007.

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

07-01-11

Ms. Sutherland moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, be hereby authorized to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective during the period from January 1 through December 31, 2007.

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

07-01-12

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Bliss, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, certain student activity and other public school support function programs require that contracts be entered into with vendors, and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's signature on the requisition/purchase order and contract indicates that there is a sufficient appropriation and sufficient monies available to honor that contract, and

WHEREAS, Board Policy IGDG - Student Activity Programs and Their Fiscal management, provides maintaining a system of both accounting and internal controls including the use of administrative procedures and guidelines that anticipates the need for relatively small financial commitments for the calendar year, and

WHEREAS, the phrase "relatively small financial commitment" shall be defined as those contractual commitments not exceeding \$2,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Shaker Heights City School District that authorization be given to building principals and the Treasurer to enter into on behalf of the Board during 2007 student activity and other public school support program contracts involving relatively small financial commitments, providing such contracts are consistent with the Ohio Revised Code, with Policy IGDG - Student Activity Programs and Their Fiscal Management - and fall within the scope of activity program goals, purposes and budget as approved by the District.

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

07-01-13

At this time Ms. Sutherland moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

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

Section 1. The City of Shaker Heights Law Department, the law firms of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.; Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP; Sebraien M. Haygood & Associates; Roetzel & Andress, LPA; and/or their successor firms are hereby employed as legal counsel for this Board.

Section 2. The duties of said legal counsel shall be to prepare resolutions, notices, certificates and other legal papers in connection with the issuance of notes or bonds by this Board, to prepare legal opinions, to act as legal advisor to this Board and its administrative personnel and to represent this Board as this Board may from time to time require.

Section 3. The compensation of the legal counsel for services in connection with the issuance of notes or bonds and the preparation of certificates and transcripts in connection herewith, and for the handling of settlement of any litigation involving this Board, or other legal services performed shall be upon reasonable basis.

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

07-01-14

Ms. Sutherland moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Shaker Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that the Superintendent or his designee may, if an emergency exists, act to repair or replace property or otherwise make possible the continuous operation of schools.

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

07-01-15

Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Mr. Bliss, that in accordance with Section 3313.642 and Section 3313.813, the Superintendent be authorized to establish school lunch and milk prices, class fees, student fees, and other appropriate school fees.

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

07-01-16

Ms. Sutherland moved, seconded by Mr. Bliss, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shaker Heights Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to seek grants and contracts for various funded programs from outside sources including the federal, state, and other governments, foundations, private sector corporations, and other funding sources that would be of benefit to the Shaker Heights City School District. Such grants and contracts include, **but are not limited to**,

No Child Left Behind Act-the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (Title I), Title IIA-Improving Teacher Quality, Title IID-Technology, Title III-Limited English Proficiency, Title III-Immigrant, Title IVA-Safe & Drug-Free Schools, Title V-Innovative Programs, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), Pre School Special Education, E-Rate, Charter Schools, Community Schools, Conversion Schools, and other federal programs and/or their successor programs; and Auxiliary Service Funds, eTechOhioFunds (formerly known as SchoolNet), Data Communication, Alternative Education, Poverty Based Assistance, Parent Mentor Program, Ohio CORE, and other state or private grant programs and/or their successor programs.

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

07-01-17

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

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

07-01-18

The organizational meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Freda J. Levenson, President

Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer