

To be approved at the Board of Education meeting November 6, 2013.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2013 SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

The Shaker Heights Board of Education met in special work session on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 6:07 p.m. in the Shaker Heights High School small auditorium, 15911 Aldersyde Drive, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

At 6:07 p.m., Board President Annette Tucker Sutherland called the meeting to order. President Sutherland presided over the meeting.

1.2 ROLL CALL

President Sutherland directed Treasurer Bryan Christman to call the roll.

Members present:

Amy H. Fulford, Reuben Harris, Jr., and Annette Tucker Sutherland. Norman A. Bliss was delayed returning from an out-of-town business trip and was unable to attend the meeting. William L. Clawson II was also on an out-of-town business meeting but was able to join the meeting via a conference call.

1.3 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Board policy permits the President to invite public comment. The President designates the time for any comment and may limit the time allotted to speakers. Anyone who wishes to speak at the time designated by the President should raise his or her hand and, when called upon, stand and state his or her name and address for the record. Because comments sometimes concern complex topics requiring research, an immediate response should not be expected. Board and staff members may be contacted for follow-up. There being no questions or comments, the meeting continued.

2. BOARD OF EDUCATION

2.1 WORK SESSION – IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH TEACHER EVALUATION AND BUILDING SCANS

From 6:10 p.m. until 6:42 p.m., Dr. Erin Herbruck, Director of Planning and Development; Addie Tobey, 7th grade English teacher; Carina Robinson, Principal at Lomond Elementary; and Dr. Dale Whittington, Director of Research and Evaluation reviewed with the Board an in-depth presentation entitled "Improving Student Achievement Through Teacher Evaluation". The presentation is available at the following link.

Following the presentation, a question, answer and discussion session amongst the Members of the Board, Superintendent Hutchings, and the presenters lasted until 6:55 p.m.

At 6:55 p.m., Dr. Erin Herbruck, Director of Planning and Development, and Dr. Ann Spurrier, Assistant Principal at the High School, reviewed with the Board an in-depth presentation titled "Improving Student Achievement Through Building Scans." Building Scans are a non-evaluative review of the building as a whole and are not teacher specific. The presentation is available at the following link.

Following the presentation, a question, answer and discussion session amongst the Members of the Board, Superintendent Hutchings, and the presenters lasted until 7:18 p.m., including comments by President Sutherland about her experience with the building scans in which she participated with Superintendent Hutchings. She

provided a few examples of instances while in the buildings. President Sutherland stated that it was a very interesting and valuable experience.

2.2 BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this time President Sutherland called for Committee Reports.

Mr. Harris attended the *Tour Your Schools Day* at the Middle School, where he sat in on a meeting with the parents of a prospective student that was conducted by Principal H. Danny Young. Mr. Harris complimented Mr. Young on doing a great job in representing the School District.

Mrs. Fulford reported on the Finance & Audit Committee. The Committee has received reports from the consultants, PFR-CFO, including a Building Operations Report and an Expenditure and Salary Comparison Report. They continue to discuss the finances of the District.

President Sutherland attended the League of Women Voters Forum, a Superintendent reception also held by the League of Women Voters, and the Shaker Schools Foundation Planetarium re-opening. She remarked what an impressive resource the Planetarium is. She also participated in several meetings with trustee members of the Shaker Public Library in connection with the Straight A Grant that Dr. Hutchings and staff are diligently preparing to be submitted this week.

Mr. Harris suggested that retirees and the public be invited to view and experience the Planetarium. Mr. Harris also stated his preference for the Policy Committee to recommend the implementation of an employee no-smoking policy and also a policy to encourage greater usage of minority vendors for purchasing District goods and services.

3. ADJOURNMENT

3.1 NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education will take place on November 6, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Shaker Heights High School small auditorium.

3.2 ADJOURN THE MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board will vote on adjourning the meeting.

Motion by Reuben Harris, second by Amy Fulford

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Fulford, Reuben Harris, and Annette Tucker Sutherland

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The special meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Annette Tucker Sutherland, President

Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer