

To be approved at the April 19, 2005 Board of Education meeting.

#### MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2005 SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

The Shaker Heights Board of Education met on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at 4:43 p.m. in the large conference room of the Shaker Heights Board of Education Administration Building, 15600 Parkland Drive, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

Members present: Mrs. Mary S. Johnson, Ms. Freda J. Levenson, Mrs. Carol J. Ribar, and Mr. Steven S. Kaufman. Mr. F. Drexel Feeling joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m. upon his return to Cleveland from attending to an out-of-town matter.

President Kaufman commented on the timeliness of the security discussion by Shaker Heights Police Chief Walter Ugrinic at the Board of Education meeting of March 8, 2005 especially after the recent school shootings in Minnesota. Superintendent Freeman also commented on the support, effectiveness and good working relationship with the City of Shaker Heights Police Department and the Shaker Heights City schools.

At this time, Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, presented information relating to the recent revelation concerning the tax collection payments received from the County Treasurer's office. As explained in a March 17, 2005 memo, what appeared to be an increase in delinquencies and tax base reduction due to successful taxpayer valuation complaints, turned out to be a payment oversight by the County Treasurer's office. The public utility tangible tax, which is combined with real estate tax collections, was inadvertently excluded from the advance payment calculations, thereby resulting in county-wide underpayments for all school districts. The District's share approximates \$1.4 million.

Mr. Christman further explained that the receipt of these funds, will essentially eliminate the first half calendar 2005 projected budget shortfall, leaving the shortfall from the second half of 2004 collections of \$610,000 remaining as the variance for the fiscal year. Any proceeds from a scheduled sale of delinquent tax accounts receivable could of course go a long way to reducing such shortfall.

A discussion ensued after the presentation, during which it was concluded that the Administration would draft a letter to the County Treasurer expressing the District's concern about ways in which to avoid a recurrence of the error.

Superintendent Mark Freeman updated the Board on the February 2005 meeting with the City concerning housing and mobility. Topics of discussion included access to information, computer files and paper reports. A Section 8 Metro Housing meeting was held on March 18, 2005 discussing lead paint, and other pertinent topics. There was a brief question, answer, and discussion period after the update.

After a short recess, the Board briefly discussed the current situation surrounding Charter Schools and related state funding issues.

At about 6:35 p.m., the Board began a discussion about Board Goals. A consensus was reached to further develop three primary points focused around an assessment of what we are,

what we have, and what we want to become. The three objectives include 1) communicating the District message; 2) positioning ourselves for the future; and 3) financing our future.

Upon the recommendation of President Kaufman, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson that the Board of Education recess to executive session to discuss personnel matters pertaining to the Superintendent and Treasurer evaluations.

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

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The Board recessed to executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:20 p.m.

The Board resumed the public session at 8:16 p.m.

There being no further business, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

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The special meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Steven S. Kaufman, President

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Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer