

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

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

The Shaker Heights Board of Education held its Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 6:07 p.m. at the Shaker Heights High School, 15911 Aldersyde Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

Board Member Steven S. Kaufman presided.

Members present: Mr. F. Drexel Feeling, Mrs. Mary S. Johnson, Mr. Steven S. Kaufman, Ms. Freda J. Levenson, and Mrs. Carol J. Ribar.

In accordance with Section 3313.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, Mr. Kaufman called for nominations for President of the Board of Education for the year. Ms. Levenson nominated Mr. Steven S. Kaufman, and Mrs. Ribar seconded the nomination. Board members provided statements of support for Mr. Kaufman. There being no further nominations, Mr. Kaufman called for the vote.

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

05-01-01

President Kaufman expressed his gratitude at being elected to serve as President for another year and thanked the Board for their confidence in his service. Mr. Kaufman also commented that it has been fun working with the Board and that it has been a rewarding team effort. Mr. Kaufman continued as the chair and presided over the remainder of the organizational meeting.

At this time, and in accordance with Section 3313.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, President Kaufman called for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education for the year. Mr. Feeling nominated Mrs. Carol Ribar, and Mrs. Johnson seconded the nomination. Board members provided statements of support for Mrs. Ribar. There being no further nominations, President Kaufman called for the vote.

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

05-01-02

Mrs. Ribar expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve in the position of Vice President for another year. Mrs. Ribar also thanked the Board for their confidence and is looking forward to working with them.

At this time, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling, 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. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.
The motion carried.

05-01-03

Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Mrs. Ribar, 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. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.
The motion carried.

05-01-04

Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, 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. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.
The motion carried.

05-01-05

Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson, 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 establish a Service Fund for year 2005 with an appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 made to expenditure category Fd 001 Fctn 2300 Object 800 to be used as indicated by Section 3315.15 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

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

05-01-06

Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson, that the Board of Education approve the following memberships for 2005:

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.

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 which governs the conduct of the school's interscholastic program.

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

05-01-07

Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson 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. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.
The motion carried.

05-01-08

Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson 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 2005-2006 school year under the terms and conditions specified for use of Federal Education Grant Funds issued through Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), 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. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.
The motion carried.

05-01-09

At this time, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling, 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 Robert A. Brindza Co, LPA, on behalf of the Shaker Heights Board of Education during 2005 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 Robert A. Brindza Co., LPA, to be necessary pursuant to O.R.C. 5715.19 to be filed with appropriate Cuyahoga County or State offices during the calendar year 2005.

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

05-01-10

Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mrs. Ribar, 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 which further the objectives of the Shaker Heights City School District;

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, 2005.

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

05-01-11

Mr. Feeling moved, seconded by Mrs. Ribar, 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 2005 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. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.
The motion carried.

05-01-12

At this time, Ms. Levenson 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; 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. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.
The motion carried.

05-01-13

Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Mr. Feeling, 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. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.
The motion carried.

05-01-14

Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mrs. Ribar, 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. Feeling, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Levenson, Mrs. Ribar, Mr. Kaufman.
The motion carried.

05-01-15

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Ribar, 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**, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (Title I), Title IIA-Improving Teacher Quality, Title IID-Technology, Title III-Limited English Proficiency and Immigrant Grants, Title IVA-Safe & Drug-Free Schools, Title V-Innovative Programs, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and other federal programs and/or their successor programs; and Auxiliary Service Funds, Student Reading Intervention, SchoolNet Funds, and other state or private grant programs and/or their successor programs.

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

05-01-16

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Ribar moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson, that the organizational meeting be adjourned.

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

05-01-17

The organizational meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Steven S. Kaufman, President

Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer