

To be approved at the Board of Education meeting April 15, 2008.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2008 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

The Shaker Heights Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 8:12 p.m. at Woodbury Elementary School, 15400 South Woodland, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

Members present: Mr. Norman A. Bliss, Ms. Freda J. Levenson, Mr. Peter A. Robertson, Ms. Annette Tucker Sutherland, and Mr. F. Drexel Feeling.

President F. Drexel Feeling presided.

Upon the presentation of the Minutes of the February 12, 2008 regular meeting, Ms. Sutherland moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson to approve the minutes as presented.

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

08-03-47

Upon the presentation of the Minutes of the February 11, 2008 special joint meeting with the Shaker Heights City Council and the Shaker Heights Board of Education, Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mr. Bliss to approve the minutes as presented.

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

08-03-48

President Feeling inquired of the audience as to any questions or comments pertaining to agenda items. There being none, the meeting commenced.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Mark Freeman, Mr. Bliss moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson 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 2007-2008 School Year

Eschmann, Kurt
Fisher, Cynthia

Payton, Bettye
Rosenberger, Stephen

Change of Rate for Individual Substitute Teachers for the 2007-2008 School Year

Manary, Sarah – (Social Studies/High School) – Class B.A. – Effective February 25, 2008

Steiner, Carolyn – (Intervention Specialist Tutor/High School) – Class M.A., step 0 of the Non-Bargaining/Non-Administrative Certificated Staff Salary Schedule – Effective January 28, 2008 through February 21, 2008

Curriculum Writing and Instructional Planning for the 2007-2008 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.

Program Planning

Farinacci, Nicole
Farren, Christine

Pincoe, Heather

Additional Assignment for the 2007-2008 School Year

Smith, Ouimet – 5 days per diem

Supplemental Contracts for the 2006-2007 School Year

High School

Mallon, Mark – Pre-season Soccer Head Coach (Men) – 4.5 x 1
Mallon, Mark – Soccer Head Coach (Men) – 8.5 x 1

Supplemental Contracts for the 2007-2008 School Year

Middle School

Hastings, Ryan – Lacrosse Coach (Men) – 6.0 x 1

High School

Cole, Carolyn – Field Hockey Assistant Coach – 6.5 x 1
Sekicky, Natalie – Newspaper Advisor – 4.0 x 1
Stager, Augustus – Pre-season Lacrosse Head Coach (Men) – 4.5 x 1
Stager, Augustus – Lacrosse Head Coach (Men) – 8.5 x 1

Special Supplementals for the 2007-2008 School Year

Districtwide/Spring Semester – Mentor

McCauley, Tina

Mears, Susan

Extension to Leave of Absence

Knisely, Amy – (LOA/High School) – Effective August 25, 2008, through June 12, 2009 (caregiver)

Leave of Absence for the 2008-2009 School Year

Horstman, Yvonne – (Social Studies/High School) – Effective August 25, 2008 through June 12, 2009 (general)

Resignations

Brodsky, Beverly – (Intervention Specialist Tutor/High School) – Effective end of the 2007-2008 school year – 15 years of service (retirement)

Gudell, Naomi – (SIP Specialist/Lomond School) – Effective end of the 2007-2008 school year – 13 years of service (retirement)

Illes-Johnson, Beth – (English/High School) – Effective end of the 2007-2008 school year – 30 years of service (retirement)

Porras, Gloria – (SIP Specialist/Fernway School) – Effective end of the 2007-2008 school year – 18 years of service (retirement)

Richards, Paul – (Art/Middle School) – Effective end of the 2007-2008 school year – 36 combined years of service (previously retired)

Smith, Anthony – (Computer Science/High School) – Effective end of the 2007-2008 school year – 30 years of service (retirement)

Speer, Barbara – (Intervention Specialist Teacher/Mercer School) – Effective end of the 2007-2008 school year – 32 years of service (retirement)

Weiss, Rona – (Keyboarding/Middle School) – Effective end of the 2007-2008 school year – 36 years of service (retirement)

Classified

Temporary Employees: Building Monitors, Head Lunchroom Aides, Lunchroom Aides, Off-Duty Police Officers, Student Technology Aides, Student Aides, Substitute Bus Drivers, Substitute Bus Monitors, Substitute Cafeteria Workers, Substitute Custodians, Substitute Secretarial Technicians, Substitute Security, Substitute Teacher Aides, Technology Interns, Tutoring Center Study Assistants for the 2007-2008 School Year

Farmer, Richard
Haynes, Tammi
Jenkins, Josephine
Lombardi, John

McClain, Paul
Smith, Dwain
Smith, Jacqueline
Stuart, Flora

Project Assistants for the 2007-2008 School Year

DiFranco, Anne-Marie
DiNunzio, Amanda

McClain, Dana
Ray, Carolyn

Extension to Leave of Absence for the 2007-2008 School Year

Wervey, Lawrence - (Custodian/High School) – Effective March 4, 2008, through March 21, 2008 (medical)

Leave of Absence for the 2007-2008 School Year

Lee, Nicole - (Cashier/Cook's Helper/Mercer) – Effective February 29, 2008, through March 17, 2008 (medical)

ADDENDUM

Temporary Employees: Lunch Room Supervisors, Substitute Tutors, Home Instructors, Substitute Teachers, Substitute Nurses, Substitute Library Aides, Tutoring Center Tutors for the 2007-2008 School Year

Anderson, Leah
Cargile, Rosie

MacLeod, Roderick
McClain, Paul

Curriculum Writing and Instructional Planning for the 2007-2008 School Year

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Program Planning

McCauley, Tina (5)

Special Assignments for the 2007-2008 School Year

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

Instructors/Mentor Meeting

Up to 6 hours

MacLeod, Roderick

McIntyre, Hubert

Supplemental Contract for the 2007-2008 School Year

High School Special Supplementals

Lynne, Wendy – Shaker Scenes Support - .1 x 32

Leave of Absence for the 2007-2008 School Year

Sekicky, Natalie – (English/High School) – Effective April 7, 2008 through May 27, 2008 (FMLA)

Classified

Appointments for the 2007-2008 School Year

Harris, Sherrie – (Cashier/Cook's Helper/Lomond/6 hours per week) – step 1 – Effective March 10, 2008

Holesovsky, James – (Student Services Software Specialist/Data Processing) – Class W, grade 4 of the Administrative and Classified Administrator Salary Schedule – Effective March 24, 2008

Schwartz, Sara – (Kindergarten Assistant/Onaway School) – step 10 of the Teacher Aide Salary Schedule – Effective March 6, 2008

Temporary Employee: Building Monitors, Head Lunchroom Aides, Lunchroom Aides, Off-Duty Police Officers, Student Technology Aides, Student Aides, Substitute Bus Drivers, Substitute Bus Monitors, Substitute Cafeteria Workers, Substitute Custodians, Substitute Secretarial Technicians, Substitute Security, Substitute Teacher Aides, Technology Interns, Tutoring Center Study Assistants for the 2007-2008 School Year

Kennedy, Susan

Leave of Absence for the 2007-2008 School Year

Walls, Jr., Mathew – (Garage Mechanic/Transportation) – Effective April 3, 2008, through May 12, 2008 (medical)

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

BUSINESS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Freeman, Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Shaker Heights City Schools Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of four (4) 71-passenger conventional integrated chassis school buses. The 2008-2009 Cooperative School Bus Purchasing Program fee is \$650.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Shaker Heights City Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of four (4) 71-passenger conventional integrated chassis school buses. This Board agrees to pay \$650.00 to Ohio Schools Council for school district membership as a service fee for this purpose.

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

08-03-50

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Freeman, Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mr. Bliss that the Board approve a change order with Mid American Construction for the High School cafeteria in the amount of \$12,561.00.

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

08-03-51

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Freeman, Mr. Bliss moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson that the Board approve a change order with Fiorilli Construction for the Shaker Heights High School large auditorium renovation and restoration in the amount of \$25,430.50. Dr. Robert Kreiner, Business Administrator, provided the Board with additional detail concerning the change order. Upon further discussion and questions by the Board, Mr. Bliss and Ms. Levenson withdrew their respective motion and second to the motion, and the Board decided to withdraw this item from the agenda at this time.

WELCOME – MRS. BARBARA WHITAKER, WOODBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

At this time Superintendent Freeman introduced Mrs. Barbara Whitaker, Principal of Wodbury Elementary School. Mrs. Whitaker extended a warm welcome to the Board and community.

- At this time the Board heard an overview of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program from **James J. Paces**, Executive Director of Curriculum, and **Bernice M. Stokes**, Executive Director of Elementary Education. The District continues to investigate the possibility of adopting IB, a rigorous curriculum with an international orientation. It consists of three components, the Primary Years Program for ages 3-12, the Middle Years Program for ages 11-16, and the Diploma Program for ages 16-19. The Primary and Middle Years Programs involve all students; the Diploma Program is elective and leads to a credential that is recognized by universities in many nations. Districts may choose to adopt one, two, or all three components.
- As part of the Districts's investigation, a five-member team from the High School and central office attended an IB orientation in Texas last month and took advantage of the opportunity to visit four schools with IB programs. For more information on International Baccalaureate, visit www.ibo.org.

Superintendent Freeman made brief comments concerning the IB program followed by questions, answers and discussion.

At this time Kathy Fredrick, Director of Library Media and Instructional Technology, gave an update on classroom use of technology in the District. With significant support from *A Night for the Red & White* and other private donors as well as District funds, students and teachers are employing a variety of technology resources for instruction, research, and assessment. The presentation was followed by questions, answers and discussion.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- Approximately 500 patrons -- about two-thirds of those who purchased tickets -- braved the worst snowstorm of the year on Saturday night to attend *A Night for the Red & White*. Despite the diminished turnout, the annual benefit sponsored by the Friends of the Shaker Schools Foundation will still yield significant net proceeds to support enrichment in the arts, humanities and technology in all the Shaker schools. Final figures will be calculated when all invoices for the event have been received.
- Shaker senior **Robert Abrams** will face off against University School's Justin Wedell in the City Club's Annual High School Debate Championship this Friday, March 14, at noon. The debate, following the Lincoln/Douglas-style format, will be on the topic of hate crime enhancements. Robert is the sixth member of his immediate family to attend Shaker Heights High School. He is the son of **Marc** ('66) and **Barbara** ('67) Abrams and brother of **Anna** ('04), **Julia** ('02), and **Lauren** ('01). For ticket information, visit www.cityclub.org.
- Two international delegations visiting the United States under the auspices of the State Department recently spent time in the Shaker schools. The Cleveland Council on World Affairs made the local arrangements. On February 13, nine young Muslim leaders from various European nations visited Boulevard Elementary School, where they observed reading instruction in a first grade classroom and met with staff members to learn more about diversity issues.
- On March 3, journalists from six European and African nations, in Ohio to observe the primary election, spent two hours at the High School talking with students about presidential politics and the involvement of young people in the current election.
- The District's initiatives in the areas of Chinese language and Asian studies continue to grow in scope and strength. Current developments:
 - The Ohio Department of Education has awarded the Shaker schools a grant of \$43,377.41 over two years to support the expansion of the elementary Chinese language program. Currently, all first and second graders receive one hour per week of instruction in Chinese and 42 students are enrolled in Chinese I and II at the High School. Next year, the District plans to add third-grade Chinese at the elementary level and Chinese III at the High School.
 - James J. Paces, Executive Director of Curriculum, has been invited to speak later this week at the Chinese Language Conference in San Francisco under the auspices of the Chinese American International School Institute. He will make a presentation on the educational benefits and logistical challenges of hosting guest teachers from China.
 - Last week, community leaders were invited to a screening of "Broadening Your Horizons," a 22-minute video by Thomas Keane on Shaker's programs in Chinese language, Asian Studies, and student travel to China and Japan.

- Residents packed the High School's Large Auditorium on Sunday afternoon for a concert celebrating the diversity of the Ludlow neighborhood and raising funds for youth programs. Sponsored by the Shaker Arts Council, Verlezza Dance, and the Ludlow Community Association, the event included performances by several individuals and groups, including the High School's A Cappella Ensembles, Jazz Combo, Symphonic Orchestra, String Quartet, and Acting Ensembles. Woodbury band director **Luiz Coelho** was one of the organizers of the event.
- Woodbury Elementary School took home the award for 1st Place Team at the Ohio Elementary Chess Championships in Bowling Green on March 9. Playing for Woodbury were Zane Eisen (5th place individual), **Ben Robertson** (9th place individual) and Leo Izen (10th place individual). This victory for Woodbury's chess team follows wins last fall at the Ohio Grade Level Championships, at which Woodbury's 5th grade team took 1st place, and at the North East Ohio Regional Team Championship, where the grades 5-6 team took 1st place. The Woodbury Chess Team will be traveling to the National Elementary Chess Championships in Pittsburgh in May. **Paul Swaney** coaches the team.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

At this time upon the recommendation of the Board's Library Trustee Nominating Committee members, Ms. Levenson and Mr. Bliss, Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Ms. Sutherland that the Board appoint Mr. Chad Anderson to the Shaker Heights Public Library Board of Trustees to fulfill the remainder of Thomas Schorgl's term beginning April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010.

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

08-03-52

TREASURER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Mr. Bliss moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson that the financial statements for February 2008 be accepted and placed on file for audit.

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

- Real Estate Taxes – As compared to the prior year, \$2,312,724 or 4.3% more than taxes received through February 2007. The unfavorable budgetary variance is due primarily to the reduction and the conversion of the telecommunication equipment from being classified as real estate to general business property, coupled with increasing delinquencies. The delinquent taxes as of March 2008 totaled \$6.6 million, while the delinquent total as of the same time period in 2005 totaled \$6.2 million. We expect a shortfall in real estate tax collection for the fiscal year due to delinquencies.
- Investment Earnings continue to be higher than last year. \$1,322,387 received this year, which is \$562,527 or 74.0% more than received at this time last year. Because of the continuing softness in the economy, many believe there will be additional rate cuts by the Federal Reserve in the near term, including as much as 50 to 100 basis point reduction expected at the Federal Reserve's meeting scheduled for next week. As a point of clarification the investment instruments that we hold in our investment portfolio are *not* mortgage-backed securities, but instead they are "General Obligations", or G.O.'s of the issuing Agencies. The distinction between the two

types of securities is that the mortgage-backed instruments being “written off” by financial institutions are **ONLY** collateralized by the mortgages, whereas the G.O.’s are backed by the full faith and credit of the respective Agency, including its ability to draw on their respective lines of credit available to them from both public and private sources. Total Treasury Agencies at the end of February totaled \$9.9 million, or 39.8% of our portfolio. Because of the current interest rate market, we are currently more-heavily weighted toward Bank Certificate’s of Deposit at a \$14 million level, comprising 56.3% of our portfolio. These percentages exclude our deposits in overnight funds such as StarOhio and our interest bearing checking account at Charter One.

There has been recent publicity about \$1 billion writeoffs of mortgage-backed securities held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two primary Agency securities that the District purchases. As a point of reference both of these Agencies have between \$800 and \$900 billion in assets. Besides their size, the overriding safety feature is their ability to draw on a multi-billion dollar line of credit with the U.S. Government. We are in consultation with our investment advisors, Productive Portfolios, every week and have discussed these and other market investment issues, and we are confident of the continued safety of such Agency investments, and accordingly, we feel at this time there is no need to restrict our future purchases of such securities. We will of course continue to monitor the market activity and keep you apprised on a monthly basis.

- Other State Sources - February 2008 receipts include \$7,650 for bus purchase subsidy reimbursement paid at 30%, while February 2007 receipts included the full bus purchase subsidy funding for the year totaling \$22,123. Given the uncertainty surrounding the State budget cuts, it is not known at this point whether we will receive the full 100% allocation before the end of the fiscal year (or at all). Other instances of State budget cuts appeared in a recent statement that accompanied the semi-monthly settlement payment from the State as follows:
 - “The special education transportation calculation has been reduced to 80.508169% to stay within the appropriation amount.”
 - “Preschool handicapped units were funded at 99.509752% to stay within appropriations.”
- Expenditures – Payroll expenses as of February 29th represent a 4.6% increase from last year’s payrolls for the same number of year-to-date pay dates. Payrolls averaged \$2,035,706 for the year-to-date vs. \$1,946,153 for the prior year. Excluding sick leave severance payments, however, the increase is only 3.8% over the prior year. Classified overtime paid in February 2008 was \$20,643 more than in February 2007, while the cumulative YTD classified overtime amounted to \$230,351 over prior YTD. Although we are higher YTD than 2007, we are still \$41,616 lower than 2006, our base year of reference. Sick leave severance payments this YTD totaled \$837,979, representing a \$262,491, or 45.6% increase over the prior year YTD total of \$575,488.
- Total Expenditures – On a budgetary basis, we have a \$407,896, or 0.7% favorable cash basis variance and an unfavorable encumbrance variance of \$1.5 million, most of which is attributable to timing differences.
- Levy Election Results – March 2008 - Of the 165 Ohio school district funding issues (156 school districts) on the March 4th ballot, 46.1%, or 76 passed. 49.5%, or 51 of the 103 operating issues were approved, while 39.3% or 24 of 61 of the capital issues passed. Cuyahoga County issues fared worse overall than the State results with only 3 out of 10 or 30.0% passing, including 2 of 9, or 22.2% of operating issues; and 1 of 1 or 100.0% of capital issues passing. It should be noted, however, that both of the operating levies that passed were renewal levies.

Mr. Christman also commented on the following legislative items:

- The new Ohio lottery game, Keno, is set for hearings with an estimated profit of \$73 million per year.
- The Office of Budget Management released guidance for the 2010 and 2011 fiscal year budget.
- The capital reappropriation bill is being reviewed in the House Finance and Appropriations Committee.
- The School Employee Health Care Board is proceeding with its mission. The issuance of “Best Practices” are expected later this year.
- The Ohio Supreme Court ruled against Columbia Gas in their efforts to have the assessed value of their pipelines reduced from 88% to 25%.

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

08-03-53

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Ms. Levenson moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson that in accordance with Section 135.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, the interim investments listed below be ratified.

INTERIM INVESTMENTS FEBRUARY 2008

<u>FEDERAL & OTHER SECURITIES:</u>						
<u>Purchase Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Investment Amount</u>	<u>Bond Equiv. Yield</u>	<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Interest to be Earned</u>	<u>Dealer/Issuer</u>
1/1 - 1/31/08	Each Business Day	\$137,000 - \$1,040,000	2.90-4.15%	Overnight Sweep	\$1,228.11	National City Bank (Payroll)
02/12/08	08/08/08	\$1,500,000.00	2.829%	CD	\$20,692.50	Charter One
02/13/08	02/12/10	\$1,000,000.00	3.168%	FHLMC	\$62,800.00	Charter One
02/28/08	06/13/08	\$2,000,000.00	2.920%	CD	\$16,960.00	Charter One
02/29/08	08/27/08	\$500,000.00	3.082%	CD	\$7,600.00	Charter One
02/29/08	11/25/08	\$1,000,000.00	3.082%	CD	\$22,800.00	Huntington
02/29/08	02/23/09	\$1,000,000.00	3.204%	CD	\$31,600.00	Huntington
<u>OTHER DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:</u>						
<u>Account</u>		<u>Balance at 02/29/08</u>	<u>Avg. Annual Interest Rate for Month</u>		<u>Interest Earned</u>	
Star Ohio-General		\$22,036,070.70	3.61%		\$46,923.13	
Charter One High Balance		\$867,488.29	2.93%		\$278.62	

In response to a Board member’s question regarding interest rates and the District’s investment portfolio, Mr. Christman gave a brief explanation concerning the interaction between the Federal Reserve’s targeted short-term interest rate actions and the effects on the District’s investment strategies and the resulting portfolio return. The significant decline in interest rates over the last twelve months has been the result of a confluence of economic events including most notably the crisis in the sub-prime and regular mortgage industry, the record high price levels for energy, the increasing federal cost of the war, the decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, culminating in a general decline in the U.S. economy.

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

08-03-54

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bryan Christman, Treasurer, Ms. Sutherland moved, seconded by Ms. Levenson that the Board of Education approve the following supplemental appropriation resolution:

WHEREAS, the Shaker Heights Board of Education has received grants and awards from various funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Shaker Heights Board of Education on September 11, 2007, adopted annual appropriations for the 2007-2008 budget year, which in part this appropriation in addition to others adopted since September will either replace or amend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shaker Heights Board of Education, amend its previously adopted appropriation accounts:

1. Exhibit T-3

Funding Agency: Ohio Department of Education

Funding: Federal Government

Project: Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP)

<u>FUND</u>	<u>SPCC</u>	<u>FUNC.</u>	<u>OBJ.</u>	<u>OPU</u>	<u>DESC.</u>	<u>APPROP.</u>
599	9608	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$14,240

2. No Exhibit – To amend previous appropriation

Funding Agency: Local

Funding: Bond Issue

Project: Capital Fund

<u>FUND</u>	<u>SPCC</u>	<u>FUNC.</u>	<u>OBJ.</u>	<u>OPU</u>	<u>DESC.</u>	<u>INCREASE IN APPROP.</u>
004	Var.	Var.	Var.	Var.		\$1,000,000

To allow for the letting of contracts for summer projects before yearend.

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

08-03-55

Mr. Feeling called for Board Committee reports. Ms. Sutherland commented on the success of the library levy with an overall approval rating of 74%. Ms. Sutherland also commented on the amazing cultural events, which occurred over the weekend including *A Night for the Red & White*, the Ludlow Community Diversity Concert, the Chess Club's State Championship win at Bowling Green, and the performance of the Middle School Musical, "Music Man".

At this time Mr. Feeling inquired of the audience as to any questions or comments. Mr. Dan Hoffman commented regarding the "digital divide" and suggested a way to help alleviate it by seeking corporate donations of unwanted business personal computers.

Ms. Karla Bell Wallach, speaking as a resident and not as the League of Women Voters observer, commented on the Board's special workshop/retreat meeting to be held at the Punderson Manor Conference Center in Newbury later this week (March 14th & 15th). Ms. Wallach criticized the Board for planning a meeting outside the School District jurisdictional boundaries, thereby making it difficult for citizen attendance and observation. Ms. Wallach, citing Attorney General Opinions discussed in the Attorney General and Auditor of State's joint publication *Ohio Sunshine Laws 2008*, also expressed her concern as to the legality of the District's meeting outside the School District jurisdictional boundaries. [The Treasurer had provided her with information about a 2007 ruling in a Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court case to the contrary.]

Jane Wood inquired as to whether any business would be transacted at the Board workshop/retreat meeting to occur this coming weekend. Mr. Feeling responded that there would not be. Ms. Wood also inquired about the cost of the meeting including the cost of the meeting facilitator and whether there would be official minutes prepared. Superintendent Freeman responded that the estimated cost of the meeting will be provided and that minutes would be prepared in accordance with the requirement to do so for all Board meetings.

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

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

08-03-56

The regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

F. Drexel Feeling, President

Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer