

To be approved at the Board of Education meeting November 8, 2017.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2017 SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

The Shaker Heights Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 3:45 p.m. in the small auditorium of the Shaker Heights High School, 15911 Aldersyde Drive, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

At 3:50 p.m. President Alex Liston Dykema, who presided over the meeting, called the meeting to order.

1.2 ROLL CALL

President Dykema directed Treasurer Bryan C. Christman to call the roll.

Members present:

William L. Clawson II, Todd C. Davidson, Jeffrey Isaacs, Annette Tucker Sutherland, and Alex Liston Dykema.

2. BOARD OF EDUCATION

2.1 WORK SESSION - CURRICULUM UPDATE

At this time Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Terri L. Breeden was joined by the following SHCSD colleagues who provided an update on various topics:

- Dr. John Moore, SHHS teacher, presented a "ManageBac Tour" from 3:51 p.m.- 4:25 p.m.;
- Eric Forman, Principal of Onaway Elementary, and James Henry, IB Coordinator for Lomond Elementary provided an update on the Primary Years Program: Pre K-4th Grade from 4:25 p.m. - 4:38 p.m.;
- Middle School Principal David Glasner and Director of Professional Learning Dr. Erin Herbruck presented "Instructional Rounds" from 4:38 p.m. - 4:53 p.m.;
- Dr. Breeden presented the Academic Planning Guide from 4:53 p.m. - 4:55 p.m.; and
- John Rizzo, Executive Director of Technology and Media Services provided a "Technology Assessment" from 4:55 p.m. until 5:05 p.m.

The session concluded after a questions, answers and discussion session with the Board and Superintendent lasting from 5:05 p.m. until 5:15 p.m.

2.2 RESOLUTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM OF OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ON ISSUE OF TAX POLICY AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO FEDERAL TAX CODE

At this time, Board Member Annette Tucker Sutherland presented a draft of a resolution requesting that the Ohio School Board Association amend its legislative platform to incorporate advocating for the retention of the state and local tax (SALT) deduction.

At the recommendation of Board President Dykema, and upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board of Education voted on approving the resolution to advocate for the retention of the State & Local Tax Deduction.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Shaker Heights City School District is a member of the Ohio School Boards Association ("OSBA") and has at times collaborated with OSBA on legislative lobbying efforts; and

WHEREAS, federal legislators are working this session on a broad rewrite of federal tax policy and are considering an elimination from federal tax liability of the item known as a deduction for state and local taxes ("SALT"); and

WHEREAS, because Ohio public school districts must periodically ask their voters to increase taxes in order to provide sufficient resources for public education, therefore all Ohio public school boards of education are likely to be concerned that elimination of the SALT deduction would have the effect of double taxation as well as increased taxpayer opposition to public school ballot funding requests; and

WHEREAS, letters have already been sent to several Ohio officials who serve in federal government, stating:

The Shaker Heights Board of Education and District leaders, speaking in concert with more than 600 Ohio school districts, urge Congress in any comprehensive federal tax reform package to retain the deduction of state and local taxes ("SALT").

SALT is embedded in budgets and operations for local entities throughout Ohio because it has been in existence since the birth of the tax code in 1913. Any alteration to the deduction would upset a carefully balanced fiscal federalism that has existed since the federal income tax was made permanent.

Elimination of SALT would disproportionately penalize suburban municipalities, areas of high voter concentration. Almost 30% of taxpayers now use this deduction across the country with a much higher percentage of middle income taxpayers using it in many communities across the state. Taxpayers who itemize and exercise the SALT deduction comprise about a third of taxpayers in most Ohio suburbs. For example, about 89 percent of middle-income residents in Franklin County and in Medina County and 88 percent in Cuyahoga County itemize their tax returns using the SALT deduction. (Middle income is defined by the National Association of Counties as someone claiming the SALT deduction and reporting less than \$200,000 in adjusted gross income.)

SALT was enacted in 1913 in recognition that a majority of taxpayers would otherwise suffer double-taxation. Eliminating the deduction would create a system of double taxation—a federal tax on what residents pay on local and state taxes. For the millions currently and historically using the deduction, elimination of SALT would also increase their marginal tax rate and shrink disposable income.

In Ohio, where every school district must periodically ask its voters to increase support for public education, elimination of SALT would also threaten the resources necessary to care for our children and their futures. The deduction has significantly reduced the net costs of school and municipal taxes because the payment of these taxes results in a significant reduction for taxpayers in their federal income taxes. Without that deduction, school districts will have much more difficulty

passing tax levies because levies would be much more expensive to many individual taxpayers. For instance, taxpayers who pay 28% of their income in federal taxes can now deduct the cost of every \$1,000 in school taxes from federal income so the net cost is only 72% of the amount of the levy or \$720. In the future, if the deduction is eliminated, the cost of the school tax would be 100% or the full \$1000.

The Ohio School Boards Association, National School Boards Association, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, the Ohio Educational Service Center Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors have all strongly opposed the elimination of the SALT deduction.

We urge you to honor the needs and resources of Ohioans. We urge you to retain the SALT deduction; and

WHEREAS, the OSBA legislative platform may need to be amended in order to facilitate OSBA collaboration on SALT lobbying efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Shaker Height CSD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that our Board forward to the OSBA a motion to amend its Legislative Platform section on Tax Policy as follows:

Tax policy

Ohio's tax system must be stable, competitive and reflective of the current economy. The funding of public education is a shared responsibility of the state of Ohio and local communities. Tax policy at the state and federal levels has a direct influence on local revenues and resources, as well as on the division of responsibility between various governmental entities. It is essential to maintain an appropriate balance among federal, state, and local revenues. State actions that reduce local revenue resources must be accompanied by appropriate increases in state education funding.

OSBA supports legislation that

- Requires all sectors of the economy to pay their fair share of the cost of public school education and state government.
- Replaces lost revenues with state funds when legislation results in local revenue losses, such as a reduction of the tax base, exemptions from taxation or other tax structure changes.
- Sustains an appropriate balance between all levels of government funding and between those respective governments' functions.

If this motion is adopted by the Board of Education of Shaker Heights CSD, it will be promptly forwarded to OSBA for appropriate action there, and may be formally presented by the Board's Delegate to the OSBA Delegate Assembly on November 13, 2017.

Motion by Annette Tucker Sutherland, second by William Clawson II.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: William Clawson II, Todd Davidson, Jeffrey Isaacs, Annette Tucker Sutherland, Alex Liston Dykema.

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3. ADJOURNMENT

3.1 NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education will take place on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 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 of Education voted on adjourning the meeting.

Motion by William Clawson II, second by Todd Davidson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: William Clawson II, Todd Davidson, Jeffrey Isaacs, Annette Tucker Sutherland, Alex Liston Dykema

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The special meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Alex Liston Dykema, President

Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer