

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. BERNARD-ELMWOOD
PLACE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON MARCH 22, 2010**

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, 105 Washington Avenue, St. Bernard, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Linda Radtke and was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call

Present: Tricia Hackney, Linda Radtke, Gabe Sanders, and Deborah Steidel

Absent: Steven Rutenmueller

Also present: Dr. Mimi Webb, Bruce Helwagen, and Michael Mays

Visitors (who signed in): Becky Balzer, Pam Cain, Janet Haarman, and Don Tobergte

Public Participation

Don Tobergte, 4227 Greenlee Avenue, announced that the Third Annual Soap Box Derby will be held on April 17, 2010. Last year one of our students, Sam Newberry, made it to the World Finals.

10-38 Executive Session

Mrs. Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Steidel, to enter into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

Absent – Mr. Rutenmueller

Regular session reconvened at 7:29 p.m. with all members present except Mr. Rutenmueller.

10-39 Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 22, 2010

Mrs. Radtke made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Steidel, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 25, 2010. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

Absent – Mr. Rutenmueller

10-40 Financial Reports

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the following:

Financial Report for February 2010

Investments for February 2010

Investments as of 2/28/10

\$ 3,405,188.53

<u>Investments Redeemed</u>	\$	-0-
<u>Investments Purchased</u>	\$	-0-
<u>Interest Income</u>	\$	327.94

Donations

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>School/Club</u>
St. Bernard Eagles	4,267.32	001 1890	General Fund
St. Bernard Eagles	75.00	018 9031	EPE Principal's Fund
St. Bernard Eagles	75.00	200 9239	Class of 2011
St. Bernard Eagles	225.00	300 9301	Athletics

Invoices with Then and Now Certificates in Excess of \$3,000

Joan Berry	3,358.25
Sharon Cooley	5,625.00
Hamilton County Educational Service Center	64,259.00
Ruth Mitchell	5,250.00
School Insurance Consultants	3,500.00

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

Absent – Mr. Rutenmueller

10-41 Resignation

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hackney, to approve Alisa Fisher's letter of resignation, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

Absent – Mr. Rutenmueller

10-42 Retirement

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve Connie Prather's letter of retirement, effective June 4, 2010. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

Absent – Mr. Rutenmueller

10-43 Administrative Contract for Brian Connors

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve an administrative contract for Brian Connors, High School Principal, Step 7.5, effective August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2012. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

Absent – Mr. Rutenmueller

10-44 Administrative Contract for John Estep

Mrs. Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Steidel, to approve an administrative contract for John Estep, High School Assistant Principal, Step 10.5, effective August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2012. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

10-45 Administrative Contract for Lisa Pfalzgraf

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Steidel, to approve an administrative contract for Lisa Pfalzgraf, Elmwood Place Elementary School Principal, Step 8, effective August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2012. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

10-46 Administrative Contract for David Query

Mrs. Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve an administrative contract for David Query, Elmwood Place Elementary School Principal, Step 10.5, effective August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2012. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

10-47 Employment of Certified Substitutes for the 2009-2010 School Year

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hackney, to employ the following as certified substitutes on an “as needed” basis for the 2009-2010 school year:

Karen Hatfield Carolyn Whelan

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

10-48 Employment of Paraprofessional

Mrs. Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Steidel, to employ Brittany Terry as a Paraprofessional, Step 1, effective March 1, 2010 through June 4, 2010. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

10-49 Employment of Tutor

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to employ Ashley Fleck as a tutor at St. Bernard Elementary on an “as needed” basis for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

10-50 Resolution and Supplemental Contracts for 2009-2010

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hackney, to approve the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the certificated employees of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City School District have been notified that there is an opening for the position listed below and at this time no such certificated employees with the qualifications which the Board of Education deems necessary for the position have accepted the position; and

WHEREAS, individuals with a teaching certificate who are not employed by the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City School District have been notified that there are openings in the position listed below by advertising the opening in appropriate local media, and at this time no such individuals with the qualifications deemed necessary for the position by the Board of Education have applied and accepted the position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be employed as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
Matthew Spradlin	Junior High Boys & Girls Track	5

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

10-51 Exempt Personnel Salary Schedules

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approval exempt personnel salary schedules as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

10-52 2010 After Prom

Mrs. Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the 2010 After Prom as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

10-53 Revision of Facilities Usage Fee Schedule for 2010-2011

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the revised Facilities Usage Schedule for 2010-2011 as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

10-54 Facilities Usage Requests

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hackney, to approve the following facilities usage requests:

1. St. Bernard Elementary Cafeteria, Girl Scout Daisies Meeting, Melissa Hacker, Wednesdays, March 17, 2010 through June 1, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
2. Elmwood Place Elementary Cafeteria, Elmwood Wesleyan Church, Pastor Jamison Moody, Saturday, February 20, 2010, 12:00 Noon - 6:00 p.m. **(Fee: \$50.00)**
3. Elmwood Place Elementary Gymnasium, St. Clement Basketball Practice, Dave Holt, Wednesdays, March 23, 2010 through June 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
4. High School Pool, Roger Bacon High School Swim Team, Joe Corcoran, Mondays through Fridays, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Saturdays, 12:00 Noon – 2:00 p.m., November 6, 2009 through March 19, 2010 **(Fee: \$5,477.50)**
5. High School Pool, St. Ursula Academy Swim Team, Mike Sipes, Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, November 7, 2009 through February 19, 2010 **(Fee: \$6,930.00)**

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel
Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

Miscellaneous/Liaison Reports

The following committee members gave reports:

- a. Curriculum Council Representative – Deborah Steidel – No report
- b. Student Achievement Representative – Deborah Steidel – No report
- c. Education Hall of Fame Committee Representatives – Tricia Hackney and Gabe Sanders – Nomination forms are due April 22, 2010.
- d. Alumni Association Representative – Steven Rutemueller – No report

- e. Great Oaks Institute of Technology & Career Representative – Tricia Hackney – Various items from the March 10, 2010 Great Oaks Board meeting were discussed. Meeting minutes are available if anyone would want a copy.
- f. Legislative Liaison Representative – Linda Radtke - The Healthy Children legislation is in committee hearings this week; property tax abatement legislation is being discussed; the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is being revised; and the State of Ohio is presenting its RTTT Grant to the federal government. Mrs. Radtke shared a list of questions that St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools answered to receive the 1986-87 School of Success Award. In addition, she presented 30 indicators for which schools are now judged and the chart for computing the performance index.
- g. President’s Report – Steven Rutemueller – No Report
- h. Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Mimi Webb - Next month the Board will be asked to approve a gifted teacher for two days per week. The teacher will be working one day with Math and one day with Language Arts. The program will begin with grades 3 through 8 and require parental permission. Dr. Webb met with Timothy Nolan from Cincinnati State and discussed dual credit which is credit accepted at any Ohio public university. He is also going to give us two spots in their summer experience program in which students go to Cincinnati State for 8 weeks in the summer. They would receive three credits for an elective and three credits for the course in addition to paying the student \$100 per week to go.
- i. Treasurer’s Report - Michael Mays - We are in the first year of the two-year Biennium Budget. If we continue meeting current projections, Mr. Mays will not be recommending any reductions this year and hopefully not next year either. We have many concerns in our district, one of which is levies. In the next three years we have two levies coming up for renewal; one in year 2011 and another in 2013. The levies are renewals, and they are for no new money. One of the problems that we have going forward is that our valuation has decreased from approximately \$210 million to \$115 million. In the past, to raise \$1,000,000, our district needed a 4.8 mill levy. Due to the valuation reduction, we now need an 8.6 mill levy which is almost double. Some of our options are to keep the five-year term the same, increase the years from 5 to 10, or a continuing period of time just to name a few.

Mr. Sanders said Mrs. Cain was kind enough to share with him concerns, issues, questions, and suggestions from St. Bernard Elementary School which I discussed with Dr. Webb, and found that 90% of the items were already being addressed by the Superintendent and the administration. The Superintendent’s Advisory Committee, along with Mrs. Radtke and Mr. Sanders, will continue to look at these issues along with other items such as open enrollment, levies, and other topics as the need arises.

10-55 Adjournment

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hackney, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes –Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

Absent – Mr. Rutemueller

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.