

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. BERNARD-ELMWOOD PLACE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON APRIL 26, 2010**

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 26, 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 President Steven Rutemueller and was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call

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

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

Visitors (who signed in): Becky Balzer, Pam Cain, Janet Haarman, and Marty Artens

Public Participation

Pam Cain, 193 Harvey Court, had questions regarding scheduling for next year and Open Enrollment.

10-56 Executive Session

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hackney, to enter into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Regular session reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

10-57 Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 22, 2010

Mrs. Radtke made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Steidel, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 22, 2010. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10-58 Financial Reports

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

Financial Report for March 2010

Investments for March 2010

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Investments as of 3/31/10</u> | \$ 3,439,096.57 |
| <u>Investments Redeemed</u>      | \$ -0-          |
| <u>Investments Purchased</u>     | \$ -0-          |
| <u>Interest Income</u>           | \$ 274.44       |

Donations

| <u>Source</u>   | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Fund</u> | <u>School/Club</u>     |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|
| St. Bernard PTA | 850.00        | 018 9021    | SBE Principal's Fund   |
| St. Bernard PTA | 500.00        | 018 9811    | Breakfast of Champions |

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

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Sharon Cooley       | 7,650.00 |
| Fifth Third Bank    | 4,637.19 |
| Ruth Mitchell       | 6,187.50 |
| Jennifer Moormeier  | 4,000.00 |
| Works International | 3,442.00 |

Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission & Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies & Certifying them to the County Auditor

Federal Programs

Programs funded with Federal Funds will need to be eliminated if the Federal funding for that program or expenditure is eliminated unless they are specifically reinstated.

Buildings & Contents and Vehicle Insurance Policy

Approval of comprehensive insurance policy with Trident/Argonaut Insurance Company, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. This policy provides coverage for the district's buildings, contents, and vehicles.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10-59 Motion to Change Elementary Art Teaching Position from Two Days per Week to Four Days Per Week

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hackney to change elementary the elementary art teaching position from two days per week to four days per week. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10-60 Resignations

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Radtke, to approve the following resignations, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

Laura Synowiec, Speech Language Pathologist  
Holly Elliott, Intervention Specialist Teacher

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10-61 Employment of Gifted Teacher

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Radtke, to employ Leah Pham as a Gifted Teacher two days per week, 7 ¾ hours per day, for the 2009-2010 school year, Master's Degree, Step 9, effective March 16, 2010 through June 4, 2010.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10-62 Employment of Certified Teaching Contracts, Supervisor of Nursing Services, and Supervisor of Maintenance/Custodians

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

Continuing

Christina Reichardt

Two-Year (2010-2011 and 2011-2012)

Julia Emark

Christina Kowalski (5 days per week, 7 ¾ hours per day)

Kathryn McCulley

Pamela Pahls

One Year (2010-2011)

Cara Concannon

Melissa Giese

Maggie Goller

Louise Gunn

Lindsey Henke (2 days per week, 7 ¾ hours per day)

Heather Howe

Lindsey Kellerman

Lindsay Magliano (4 days per week, 7 ¾ hours per day)

Michelle Mascari

Kristopher Niehaus

Michael Osborne

Leah Pham (2 days per week, 7 ¾ hours per day)

Brenda Schildmeyer

Supervisor of Nursing Services

Brenda Keppel, Supervisor of Nursing Services, 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective August 20, 2010, at Step 2 of the approved salary schedule.

Supervisor of Maintenance/Custodians

Paul Finkes, Supervisor of Maintenance/Custodians, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, 4 days per week, 8 hours per day, at \$24.57 per hour.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

#### 10-63 Nonrenewals

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Steidel, to approve the following nonrenewals for the 2010-2011 school year:

#### Certified Employees

Jennifer Dutschke (Teacher, St. Clement School, Auxiliary Funds)  
Carrie Riley (Teacher, St. Clement School, Auxiliary Funds)  
Lori Schott (Kindergarten Teacher, half-year assignment)

#### Classified Employees

Sandy Harris (Auxiliary Clerk, St. Clement School)  
Tina Kovach (Paraprofessional)  
Deanna McCreanor (Paraprofessional)  
Joyce Muthig (Paraprofessional)  
Jennifer Spears (Paraprofessional)  
Brittany Terry (Paraprofessional)

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

#### 10-64 Scarlet and Gray Cleaning Service Contract for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012

Mrs. Radtke made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Steidel, to approve the Scarlet and Gray Cleaning Service Contract for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years as presented.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

#### 10-65 Facilities Usage Requests

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Radtke, to approve the following facilities usage requests:

1. Elmwood Place Elementary Gymnasium, St. Clement Basketball Practice, Dave Holt, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, March 25, 2010 through June 1, 2010, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
2. High School Parking Lot, After Prom Committee Car Wash, Pam Cain, Saturday, April 24, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

3. High School Gymnasium, After Prom, Pam Cain, May 1, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to May 2, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

#### Miscellaneous/Liaison Reports

The following committee members gave reports:

- a. Curriculum Council Representative – Deborah Steidel – No report
- b. Student Achievement Representative – Deborah Steidel discussed an article on class size and student achievement.
- c. Education Hall of Fame Committee Representatives – Tricia Hackney and Gabe Sanders reported that two new members were elected to the Education Hall of Fame. Letters will be sent by the Superintendent's office tomorrow and we will recognize the two individuals at the May Board meeting.
- d. Alumni Association Representative – Steven Rutemueller announced that the Alumni Association will be meeting tomorrow in the Board office at 7:00 p.m.
- e. Great Oaks Institute of Technology & Career Representative – Tricia Hackney reviewed the minutes of the April 14, 2010 Great Oaks Board meeting and had notes of the meeting available.
- f. Legislative Liaison Representative – Linda Radtke stated that Senate Bill 192, sponsored by Garry Cates of West Chester and Senator Bill Sites, allows school districts that have bus driver contracts to end those contracts and outsource the services because of economic conditions. National Senate Bill 3206 is to help school districts and states avoid layoffs and budget cuts not only to continue with core instruction programs but additionally intervention and tutoring programs, counseling programs, transportation and extra curricular activities. Mrs. Radtke has been invited to participate in a Web-an-Our from ETPI, Education Tax Policy Institute. Governor Strickland was unhappy that so many districts failed to participate with Race to the Top.
- g. President's Report – Steven Rutemueller announced that he will be attending a *Making Schools Work* conference on June 14, 2010. He attended a meeting on the highway construction in the area. I will be attending another meeting in May.
- h. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Mimi Webb reported that the district did very well on the federal programs on site review with the state. We need to develop a family civic engagement district team policy by June 30, 2010. A board member needs to be one of the team. Mr. Sanders volunteered. Our first program will be at Elmwood Place called getting a good job in lousy market on May 11, 2010 at 6 to

7:30. We do have our flex policy. Because our open enrollment policy has been so successful, we raised over \$439,000; we will be increasing art from 2 to 4 days per week.

- i. Treasurer's Report - Michael Mays - Tonight we approved the amounts and rates with the county. This represents over \$9,000,000 of our budget. In the past the money came all from the county real estate and personal property taxes. Today \$5,000,000 comes from the county and \$4,000,000 comes from the state in the form of guarantees, because of House Bill 66 passed in 2005, which eliminated tangible personal property taxes on business. We were scheduled to lose over \$400,000 this year and another \$400,000 next year however the governor extended the guarantee on those amounts for the two-year, the HB1 budget period, FY10 and FY11. In HB1 the guarantee was permanent however the governor vetoed that section and extended the guarantee for only two years. Remember we are scheduled to lose all \$4,000,000 by 2018. We are hoping that the governor will continue all or a part of the guarantee indefinitely but this may not happen so we have to plan for the projected reductions.

#### Miscellaneous

Mr. Sanders discussed the Open Enrollment meeting with the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. We met April 15, 2010 discussing how to successfully add more open enrollment students at all three buildings but focusing on Elmwood Elementary. Also, Mr. Sanders distributed an article that discusses how one school successfully added a football team to significantly increase their revenue. Maybe this is something that the Superintendent advisory committee could look at. To look at the possibility of adding football or other sports like swimming to help keep and retain and bring in new students to our district. A number of students leave our district to attend Reading and play football. Maybe we could bring some of those residents back. Other schools our size and smaller offer football, and its something that we should at least look at. Dr. Webb asked, are you volunteering to look into this. Mr. Sanders said yes.

#### 10-66 Adjournment

Mrs. Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.