

1 **Shaker Regional School Board**  
2 **Meeting Minutes**  
3 **January 8, 2009**  
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6 IN ATTENDANCE:

7 **School Board:** Chairman Bill Hart, Pret Tuthill, Roy Roberts, Tom Goulette, Diane  
8 O'Hara, Carolyn French-Witham

9 **Administration:** Superintendent Mike Cozort; Business Administrator Debbie Gay;  
10 Principals: Emily Spear, Mary Morrison, Aaron Pope and Russ Holden; Director of  
11 Student Services Tonyel Mitchell-Berry; Curriculum Coordinator Shannon Bartlett

12 **Guests:** Amanda DeGange

13 **Regrets:** Sumner Dole  
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15 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

16 Chairman Bill Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.  
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18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

19 The Board discussed the December 18, 2008 draft meeting minutes. The minutes were  
20 accepted as presented.  
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22 FINANCIAL REPORT

23 Debbie Gay hand carried the financial report and indicated there were no areas of  
24 concern, outside of fuel oil. There were no questions.  
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26 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

27 **Administrators:** Administrators' reports were included in the Board Packet, with updates  
28 provided by each administrator.  
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30 Emily Spear shared a photo with the Board of Carolyn Hemingway receiving the  
31 Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Award. Mary Morrison stated that  
32 Canterbury Elementary had their Spelling Bee this week. She also stated that CES is  
33 going to be setting up a book fund in the name of Graham P. Chynoweth. The Spelling  
34 Bee winner will be awarded a dictionary from this new book fund. Aaron Pope stated  
35 that Belmont Middle School is getting back on track after the vacation break. They are  
36 also having their Spelling Bee at the end of January. Russ Holden stated that Belmont  
37 High School is preparing for the end of the first semester and finals. The second  
38 semester begins on January 26, 2009. The process of selecting courses will have more  
39 involvement and choices from students and parents.  
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41 **Superintendent of Schools:** Mike Cozort shared a letter that the District received from  
42 Canterbury Shaker Village. They were stating their appreciation to Coach Jon Goegel  
43 and his Cross-Country team for their assistance with raking all the leaves at the village  
44 last fall.  
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1 *Board Members:* Carolyn French-Witham stated that the Christmas Concert at CES was  
2 incredible and wonderful. Roy Roberts stated that the comments from the public  
3 regarding the 2009-2010 budget seems to positive and they think it is headed in the right  
4 direction.

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6 OLD BUSINESS

7 *2009-2010 School Calendar Draft #5:* Mike Cozort reviewed the days of importance on  
8 the calendar. He stated that the Board could wait until the January 22 meeting to act on  
9 the calendar, if necessary. He asked the administrators if they had a chance to discuss  
10 this draft with the staff. All of the schools had discussed it. As always, there were some  
11 differences in opinion, however, most staff members preferred the early start with a  
12 corresponding early end of the year. Tom Goulette shared his annual observation that if  
13 the teacher workshop days were moved to August before the students began school, then  
14 they would end school two or three earlier days in June.

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16 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded, to accept the Shaker Regional  
17 School Calendar draft # 5 for 2009-2010 as presented. The motion passed  
18 unanimously.***

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20 *Internal Policies 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – IHAM, IMBD, IHBI, IHCA:* The policies had been  
21 presented at the December 18, 2008 meeting.

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23 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded, to adopt Policies IHAM (Health  
24 Education and Exemption), policy IMBD (High School Credit for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
25 Advanced Course Work), policy IHBI (Alternative Learning Plans), and policy IHCA  
26 (Summer Learning Activities), as presented at the December 18, 2008 meeting. The  
27 motion passed unanimously.***

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29 *Demographic Study Draft:* Mike Cozort presented the Demographic Study Report at the  
30 December 18, 2008 meeting. Debbie Gay stated that she hadn't heard from anyone with  
31 any questions or concerns. Bill Hart said the Board decided that the study does not need  
32 to be done every year. Pret Tuthill stated that it can be done every other year and almost  
33 every three years.

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35 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded, to adopt the Demographic Study  
36 that was presented to the Board at the December 18, 2008 meeting. The motion passed  
37 unanimously.***

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39 *NHSBA Resolutions:* The NHSBA Resolutions were distributed at a prior meeting.

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41 ***A motion was made by Carolyn French Witham, and seconded, to support the NHSBA  
42 Continuing Resolutions for 2009, including numbers 1-9. The motion passed  
43 unanimously.***

1 *A motion was made by Carolyn French Witham, and seconded, to support those*  
2 *Resolution Proposals of Member School Boards for 2008-2009 that were approved by*  
3 *the NHSBA. The motion passed unanimously.*

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5 *A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded, to authorize Carolyn French-*  
6 *Witham, to act as the Board's Delegate at the NHSBA Delegate Assembly. The motion*  
7 *passed unanimously.*

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9 *403 B Service Fees:* This will be on a future School Board Agenda.

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11 *"On the Horizon":* The January 22, 2009 meeting is reserved for Budget Development  
12 and a few retreat items. Pret requested that the Report from Alternative Education be  
13 moved to the February agenda so that the location of the meeting will be closer for the  
14 guests that will be presenting.

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16 NEW BUSINESS

17 *Science Curriculum Report:* Shannon Bartlett introduced Amanda DeGange, BMS  
18 Science Curriculum Chair, to the Board. Amanda shared that Belmont Middle School is  
19 currently analyzing their curriculum and science kit resources to determine how to best  
20 teach all science strands in each grade level every year. All three science strands (Earth,  
21 Life and Physical) should be taught in all four grade levels at the middle school.  
22 Currently, there are two strands being taught at each grade level. Several Board  
23 Members asked if there is involvement of grade K-12 in this development. Shannon  
24 Bartlett is currently working with all Curriculum Chairpersons at elementary, middle and  
25 high school levels.

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27 ADJOURNMENT

28 *At 7:00p.m., Bill Hart adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion by Pret Tuthill,*  
29 *and by unanimous roll call vote (6-yeah, 0-nay), entered into non-public session, in*  
30 *accordance with RSA 91-3:II(c).*

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32 Respectfully Submitted,

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35 Stacy S. Kruger  
36 Clerk, Pro Temp