

1 **Shaker Regional School Board**
2 **Meeting Minutes**
3 **October 22, 2009**
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6 IN ATTENDANCE:

7 **School Board:** Chairman: Diane O'Hara; Pret Tuthill, Heidi Hutchinson, Roy Roberts,
8 Sean Embree, Sumner Dole, Tom Goulette (6:20pm); Student Representative: Michael
9 Farkas

10 **Administration:** Superintendent Mike Cozort; Principal Russ Holden

11 **Regrets:** Business Administrator Debbie Gay

12 **Guests:** Canterbury Town Selectman: Briggs Lockwood, Bob Steenson
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14 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

15 School Board Chairman, Diane O'Hara, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
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17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

18 The minutes of the October 6, 2009 meeting were presented. Page 3, lines 1&2 need to
19 have the wording corrected. With that correction, the minutes were accepted. The
20 minutes of the October 8, 2009 meeting were presented to the Board. The minutes were
21 accepted as presented.
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23 MEET WITH CANTERBURY TOWN OFFICIALS:

24 Mike Cozort welcomed the Canterbury Municipal Leaders to the meeting and
25 introductions were made. The Board was informed that the Town of Canterbury
26 currently has 1 building permit issued. The town projects under consideration are the
27 purchase of a highway truck, police car and fire truck. There is no construction currently
28 planned. They mentioned to the Board that they are scheduled to meet with the DRA
29 tomorrow to set the tax rate for December. Roy Roberts asked if the town has a Capital
30 Improvement Plan. Currently, the plan in place is from 2000-2001. They are in need of
31 developing a new plan. Pret Tuthill stated that the Demographic Study that was done
32 recently shows that Canterbury will have a growing population. One of the causes for
33 this population increase in the school could be from the seasonal homes becoming year
34 round.
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36 The town officials asked the school board what their projects are for the upcoming year.
37 Diane O'Hara shared that one of the most recent items is the hunt for the new
38 Superintendent. Pret said that the Buildings and Grounds committee is installing
39 sprinklers at BES which will be paid for out of the Capital Reserve Fund for the building
40 maintenance, with 40-47% state reimbursement over 5 years. The School District's
41 Capital Improvement Plan is being revised by the committee. Mr. Cozort shared that
42 there is \$900,000 being turned back to the taxpayers from the school budget this year.
43 Over the years the surplus has been used for catching up on necessary maintenance
44 projects, but this year it will go back to the taxpayers.
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1 FINANCIAL REPORT:

2 Debbie Gay is away at a conference. Mike reported that the district has been told to
3 budget a health insurance rate increase between 8 & 10 %.

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5 OLD BUSINESS:

6 *Policy Development:* The policy committee meeting did not take place this week.

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8 *Debrief of Superintendent Search Meetings:* Diane O’Hara informed the Board that it is
9 critical for them to know who they are and where they plan to go over the next 5 years,
10 before the search for the Superintendent begins. Pret asked the Board when they felt it
11 was necessary to involve outside constituents in the hiring process. Is it when the Board
12 has narrowed it down to a couple of candidates or at the beginning of the whole process?
13 Tom suggested that there be public focus groups organized at the beginning of the
14 process. Then, have the Board choose a selection committee that will come back to the
15 focus groups with the information from the interview committee for public input. Diane
16 polled each member of the Board for other ideas and input. There was some discussion
17 of how many focus groups should be organized. It was suggested to have one group at
18 each school consisting of teachers and parents or PTO members. A subcommittee should
19 be selected for this search consisting of two Board members and Diane as the chairman
20 of this committee. This committee will inform the remainder of the Board of the process.
21 When they are at the stage of doing site visits, the full Board will be included. It was also
22 agreed upon, by the Board, to engage the services of the NHSBA from the beginning of
23 the search process.

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25 ***A motion was made by Tom Goulette, and seconded by Roy Roberts, to engage the NH***
26 ***School Boards Association in the menu-based option to assist the board in their search***
27 ***for a Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.***

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29 Chairman, Diane O’Hara, will call the NHSBA representative to inform them of the
30 Board’s decision of developing a path with different menu items. The Superintendent
31 Search should be included in all upcoming School Board agendas. It was decided to have
32 the November 12 meeting to appoint the subcommittee for the Superintendent Search.
33 The November 19 meeting will be a Board retreat and include a facilitator from either the
34 Local Government Center or the NHSBA. .

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36 *On the Horizon:* Mike said that they have been staying on top of the scheduling of agenda
37 items so that the meetings do not last too long. The Board retreat meeting will be
38 scheduled for November 19, due to the following Thursday falling on the holiday.

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40 *Other:* Randy Wormald has been working on a grant, which the Board needs to accept.
41 The grant, entitled “Getting a Charge out of Helping the Environment” will support the
42 conversion of an internal combustion truck to an all electric vehicle.. There was some
43 discussion. Mike recommended the Board approve the grant. They will be building an
44 electric pickup truck. It is a grant, for just under \$10,000.00.

1 *A motion was made by Sumner Dole, and seconded by Pret Tuthill, to accept the grant*
2 *from the Toshiba America Foundation for \$10,000. The motion passed with a 5-0*
3 *vote. Tom Goulette abstained.*

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5 NEW BUSINESS:

6 *Senior Class Trip:* Jessica Palmer, Rachel MacPherson and Kaitlyn Gagnon presented
7 the Board members with the proposed senior class trip outline. The itinerary was
8 distributed. The Class of 2010 would like to take their class trip to Orlando, Florida and
9 attend Grad Nite at Disney World. The actual dates for the trip have not yet been
10 determined. It may be during school vacation, in which case there would not be any
11 school time missed for this trip. The cost is going to be between \$500 and \$600,
12 depending on the airfare when the trip is booked. The senior class would like the Board
13 to approve the collection of refundable deposits from the class to determine how many
14 students are serious about attending the trip. The senior representatives informed the
15 Board that the class has been given enough volunteer opportunities, during their four
16 years at BHS, to pay for this trip from those funds. Several students have participated in
17 all of the fundraising opportunities, some have participated in just a few of the
18 opportunities and some have chosen not to volunteer at all. The chances were given to
19 everyone to earn the money for the trip. They would like to collect the first deposit from
20 the students in mid November.

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22 Several board members expressed their desire to have a majority of the students go and
23 withheld final approval pending this determination. The Board also asked if there are not
24 enough to warrant this trip what the alternative trip is for the class. The representatives
25 informed the Board that the Class of 2010 has not shown any interest to go on a class trip
26 anywhere other than Disney World. The Board gave the class of 2010 the approval to
27 begin collecting refundable deposits from the seniors to find out how many students are
28 planning to definitely attend the trip.

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30 *Other:* Nothing to report.

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32 *At 7:52pm, Diane O'Hara adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion from Pret*
33 *Tuthill, seconded by Roy Roberts, and by unanimous roll call vote (6 yeah, 0-nay),*
34 *entered into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-3:II(a)(b)(c).*

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36 Respectfully Submitted,

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39 Stacy S. Kruger
40 School District Clerk
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