

1 **Shaker Regional School Board**
2 **Meeting Minutes**
3 **September 23, 2010**
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5 IN ATTENDANCE

6 **School Board:** Chairman: Diane O’Hara, Pret Tuthill, Heidi Hutchinson, Sean Embree,
7 Gretta Olson-Wilder, Tom Goulette

8 **Regrets:** Sumner Dole

9 **Administration:** Superintendent: Mark Blount; Director of Student Services: Tonyel
10 Mitchell-Berry; Principals: Aaron Pope, Emily Spear, Mary Morrison, Russ Holden

11 **Guests:** BHS Teacher: Randy Wormald; Town Administrator: Jeanne Beaudin; Board of
12 Selectman Chair: Ron Cormier; Town Planner: Candace Daigle; Fire Chief: Dave Parenti
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14 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

15 Chairman, Diane O’Hara called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
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17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

18 The September 23, 2010 Board minutes were accepted as presented.
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20 BHS STUDENT RESPONSE SYSTEM (SMARTBOARD) – Randy Wormald

21 Randy gave a presentation to the Board by having each member and guests use a
22 “clicker” to answer some questions. It was an activity for everyone to understand how
23 the Clickers and Smartboards are used as a teaching and learning tool in the classroom.
24 At the end of the presentation, the Board was informed that a set of 24 clickers is about
25 \$1,400.00 and a set of 32 is about \$2,000.00
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27 OLD BUSINESS:

28 **Recycling Reports: BES, CES, BMS & BHS:** Emily Spear reported that BES has
29 expanded this year to include recycling milk cartons at snack time. The report listed all
30 of the current things the school is doing to recycle. Mary Morrison, from CES, shared all
31 of the ways they are recycling. They also have recycling as part of the curriculum
32 through the health program at all grade levels. They have recently added recycling to
33 their faculty meeting agenda. BMS has a lot of recycling going on through the Tech Ed
34 program. Aaron Pope recapped his report including all the different ways they are
35 recycling. They currently include milk cartons and juice pouches in their program. Aaron
36 stated that, at some point, they would like to do away with paper towels in the bathrooms
37 and have efficient hand driers installed. Russ Holden from BHS stated that there is a
38 little bit of recycling going on at the high school. They have contacted Mike Dufor from
39 Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) to have them do a recycling
40 assessment, so that they can increase the recycling at the school. BES, CES and BMS
41 were presented with recycling signs to hang at each of the schools, showing that they are
42 actively participating in recycling. Heidi Hutchinson obtained the signs through Norman
43 Bowles of Canterbury Transfer Station and NH The Beautiful, a nonprofit organization,
44 using points earned by each NH town through their recycling efforts. Canterbury had
45 earned enough points to cover the signage for three of the districts schools.
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1 *Public Input on Policy JH* – “Attendance, Absenteeism and Truancy: Mark stated that the
2 district has not had any feedback from the public on this policy. This is the second time
3 the Board is reading this policy.

4 *Budget Development Update:* Mark stated that the Administration is in the process of
5 developing the budget now. The Finance Committee will have a first look in mid-
6 October.

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8 *Internal Policy Committee:* Heidi, Sean and Mark met to discuss the Bullying policy.
9 Mark went into a classroom at the high school to discuss Bullying with students. The
10 Belmont Police Chief has been given copies of the Bullying Policy. The committee has
11 also talked about the shifts in the curriculum.

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13 *On the Horizon:* The October 28 meeting is a joint meeting with Canterbury Town
14 Officials as well as a Board Retreat. The Board will meet with the Canterbury Town
15 Officials at 6pm. The other agenda items will be pushed back to other meetings. Diane
16 stated that Tom Haley will be the facilitator at the Retreat starting at 7:00pm and that
17 Attorney Dean Eggert will speak on IDEA from 5-6pm. Mark stated that he would like
18 to have Rachel Small, the high school senior advisor, come to the October 14 meeting to
19 give the Board an update on the planning of the senior class trip activities.

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21 NEW BUSINESS:

22 A) *Meet with Belmont Town Official:* Dave Parenti, Fire Chief, extended an
23 invitation to the Board for the Open House at the Belmont Fire Department
24 scheduled for October 2 from 10am-2pm. Candace Daigle stated that the growth
25 and construction in Belmont is down this year. There are renovations and
26 additions being done on existing homes. Currently, there are six homes being
27 built. Belmont has met the legal requirements for workforce housing. We are in
28 compliance with legislation due to our subsidized housing and elderly housing.
29 The general assistance office is seeing an increase, while moving into the fall.
30 They wouldn't say her work has increased, but it is definitely steady. The School
31 Board shared that the free and reduced lunch program has increased quite a bit.
32 The town's real estate assessments have not changed from 2009 for this year.
33 There are some new commercial businesses coming to Belmont. The tax rate
34 setting will be delayed this year. Utility values won't be in until October. In
35 2011, the State Aid Assistance will increase for our area. Part of the Energy
36 Grant that the town has received will be used for replacement of exterior lighting
37 at the Mill and at Sargent Park this year. Pret informed the town of the boiler
38 replacement at the middle school. Diane asked if the town officials had received
39 copies of the Youth Risk Surveys that were sent to the town. Each of the different
40 departments should be receiving a copy. The Board and the Administration are
41 looking to have the children in the community feel more of a sense of belonging,
42 higher self-esteem and improve attitudes. It would be beneficial to have the
43 students connect more with adults in the community. The fire department will be
44 working to get an explorer program up and running soon. There are a number of
45 projects that can be done in the community by volunteers. One of the projects is
46 to make the Tioga River visible in downtown, as it was a long time ago. The

1 town would also like to have a pavilion for things like a farmers market. A new
2 sidewalk going up Church Hill is in the engineering stages. They hope to get the
3 work started for that, next year. The focus for the next two years will be on the
4 downtown village area for roads and sidewalks. They are trying to make the park
5 better too. They have improved the playground. Teens in the community have
6 expressed that they don't feel safe at the park. There has been a part-time person
7 hired to supervise at the park during the warmer months. The town is looking to
8 expand the lanes on Rte 106 near Brown Hill Rd, so that traffic can turn into
9 Brown Hill Rd safely. The Fire Department is working on Emergency
10 Management Programs and is working closely with the school district. They are
11 also working with the schools for evacuations and drills. Belmont has begun their
12 Budget Planning. They are in the very preliminary stages. There was some
13 discussion about the Health Insurance coverage and the impact on the budget.

14 *B) Dropout Prevention:* The information is included in the packet. It is hard to keep
15 track of the students for different reasons. Over the last three years there has been
16 a significant decrease in the dropout rate due to the Plato Learning Lab at BHS as
17 well as GED and Alternative Options available at the Huot Center in Laconia. It
18 was asked how many students over the age of 18, still in school, don't live at
19 home anymore. Russ stated that it can fluctuate from week to week. He wasn't
20 sure of the number.

21 *C) BHS Art Club Trip:* There was a field trip request in the Board packet from Mrs.
22 Farrington to take her Advanced Art students to visit MASS MOCA and Storm
23 King Art Museums. She has done this trip a few times before. It is very
24 educational for her Art students.

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26 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded by Tom Goulette, to approve the***
27 ***BHS Advanced Art field trip to N. Adams MA and Newburgh, NY from 9/30 to***
28 ***10/1, as presented by Administration. The motion passed unanimously.***
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30 *D) Private School Report:* Mark went over the spreadsheet included in the packet. It
31 gave the Board the numbers of students at the different private schools in each
32 grade level. The numbers have gone down a little since we built our new high
33 school.

34 *E) Other:* Mark informed the Board that Rick Acquillano was named Athletic
35 Director of the year. Also, Randy Wormald is one of the top five finalists for the
36 Great American Teacher Award. Mark also recognized Annett Blake and Annette
37 Belanger for their involvement with the NH School Counselors Association. Mrs.
38 Blake is the Treasurer and Mrs. Belanger is the Public Relations Chairperson.
39 Mark is looking for some guidance from the School Board regarding the sale of
40 old sports uniforms, at BHS Homecoming. The SALT Club would like to sell the
41 retired, Belmont athletic uniforms and use the funds toward promoting good
42 sportsmanship with their new club. The Club anticipates raising \$200.00. Policy
43 DN – "School Properties Disposition" was distributed and reviewed by the Board.
44 There was some discussion about the sale of retired uniforms. The Board advised
45 Mark that it would be acceptable for them the sell the uniforms, as long as the

1 funds raised are put back into the general fund and proceeds used to directly
2 support students, in this case to promote sportsmanship.

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4 ***At 8:00pm, Diane O'Hara adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion from***
5 ***Pret Tuthill, and seconded by Sean Embree, and by unanimous roll call vote to***
6 ***enter into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-3:II(b)(c).***

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8 Respectfully Submitted,

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5 **Present:**

6 ***Board Members:*** Diane O'Hara, Chair; Gretta Olson-Wilder, Heidi Hutchinson, Sean
7 Embree, Pret Tuthill, Tom Goulette

8 ***Administration:*** Mark Blount, Superintendent; Tonyel Mitchell-Berry, Director of
9 Special Education; Aaron Pope, Belmont Middle School Principal
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11 **CALL TO ORDER**

12 The meeting reconvened at 8:35 PM.
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14 **GENERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE REQUEST**

15 Board member Tuthill explained that this request to transfer funds in excess of \$5,000
16 first requires Board approval and authorization under Policy DBJ Transfer of
17 Funds/Budget. There was procedural discussion regarding the request. Through
18 consensus, the Board will hold a meeting regarding the General Special Education Aide
19 Request at 5:00 PM, Monday, September 27, 2010 at the SAU Office Conference Room.
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21 ***At 8:45 PM, Diane O'Hara adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion from***
22 ***Pret Tuthill, and seconded by Tom Goulette, and by unanimous roll call vote to re-***
23 ***enter into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-3:II(a)(b)(c).***
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