

1 **Shaker Regional School Board**
2 **Meeting Minutes**
3 **February 10 2011**
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5 IN ATTENDANCE

6 **School Board:** Chairman: Diane O'Hara, Sean Embree, Gretta Olson-Wilder, Tom
7 Goulette, Sumner Dole, Pret Tuthill, Heidi Hutchinson; BMS Student Representative:
8 Andrew Bragg

9 **Administration:** Superintendent: Mark Blount; Business Administrator: Debbie Gay;
10 Director of Student Services: Tonyel Mitchell-Berry; Director of Buildings and Grounds:
11 Doug Ellis; Curriculum Coordinator: Shannon Bartlett; Principals: Russ Holden, Aaron
12 Pope, Emily Spear, Mary Morrison

13 **Guests:** Superintendent of Laconia School District: Bob Champlin; Laconia School
14 Board Chairman: Bob Dassatti
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16 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

17 Chairman, Diane O'Hara called the meeting to order at 6:04pm
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19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

20 *January 27, 2011 Minutes:* The minutes were accepted as presented.

21 *January 30, 2011 Minutes:* The minutes were accepted as presented.

22 *February 7, 2011 Minutes:* The minutes were accepted as presented.
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24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

25 Nothing to report.
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27 FINANCIAL REPORT

28 *Monthly Financial Report:* Last month's report was in the packet, in error. Debbie
29 distributed this month's financial report.

30 *Budget Transfers:* The budget transfers for January were included in the Board packet.
31 Debbie stated that the transfers are recommended by administration and they are an
32 action item.
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34 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill and seconded by Tom Goulette, to approve the***
35 ***adjustments for January recommended by administration. The motion passed***
36 ***unanimously.***
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38 REPORTS

39 *Student Representative Reports:*

40 *Andrew Bragg BMS:* He distributed his January and February reports to the Board. He
41 stated that the school is headed to Gunstock tomorrow for their winter activities day and
42 CES is going as well. The winter athletic programs are wrapping up.

43 *Steven Farkas BHS:* Unable to attend.
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45 *Administration:* Emily Spear from BES, shared that they have had two safety drills in the
46 last month, one was a Drop and Cover and the other was a Lock Down. The basketball

1 program wrapped up last weekend. The annual Volunteer Breakfast will be held on
2 Friday 2/18. Emily also stated that the 4th grade took the NAEP test on Monday, which is
3 the National Assessment of Education Progress. The school will not receive individual
4 scores, but the results will be reported in the Nation's Report Card.

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6 Mary Morrison from CES shared that the 4th grade in Canterbury took the NAEP today.
7 She also stated that grades 3, 4, and 5 will be going to Gunstock tomorrow.

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9 Aaron Pope from BMS recapped his report. Lynn Lyons will be holding a presentation
10 on Parenting for Prevention of Anxiety and Depression, which will be held on February
11 22 at 6:00pm. It is open for all parents to attend.

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13 Russ Holden from BHS shared that the 8th grade student/parent night had about 150 or so
14 people attend. They had a spaghetti dinner, a tour of the school and information about
15 the school. Grades 9 through 11 will be choosing their courses for next year and the
16 incoming 9th graders will choose theirs as well.

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18 *Superintendent of Schools: Mark Blount*

19 *Monthly Report:* The monthly report was included in the Board Packet. Mark stated that
20 this past Monday there was a New Bullying Presentation given for all staff. He also
21 stated that he had attended a meeting with the Lakes Region Superintendents looking at
22 the long range calendars and how to best meet the needs of the students. He visited with
23 the Future Business Leaders group today at BHS. He has asked if they would come to an
24 April Board meeting to give a presentation.

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26 *School Board Members:* Heidi attended the Lizzie Borden play and said it was a great
27 performance and the food was really good. She thanked them for the tickets. She also
28 attended the Poetry Out Loud competition at BHS and said that it was a great event.

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30 Tom shared that he is thinking about the ongoing Legislative Hearings on Education
31 Reform. He would like to keep talking with the elected representatives so that they know
32 where the School Boards stand with education. They are not looking to do away with
33 Tech Ed., Art and Music. He also appreciates the School Board Association updates.
34 Gretta Wilder is also concerned with the public deciding that Kindergarten is not needed
35 in the public schools. Mark has talked with parents at the BEST meetings and asked
36 them to keep writing and emailing to voice their opinions to the Legislators.

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38 OLD BUSINESS

39 *Public Hearing Preparation:* Sumner stated that all Board members have their
40 assignments for the Public Hearings on February 15th at BMS and February 16th at CES.

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42 *District Meeting Preparation:* Sumner stated that Roy Roberts should attend the Finance
43 Committee Meeting on March 10th, to go over the Annual Meeting procedures. Debbie
44 stated that the Warrant Articles are being worded properly for the Annual District
45 Meeting on March 18th.

1 “On the Horizon”: The February 24th meeting is reserved for budget development. Mark
2 went over the March 10th agenda. The SAP Report/YRBS has been moved to later in the
3 spring and the Spring Sports Coaches has already been done.
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5 NEW BUSINESS

6 *Huot Center Renovations Update:* Diane O’Hara thanked Bob Champlin and Bob
7 Dassatti for attending today’s meeting. Mr. Champlin told the Board that there is a
8 Political Update for the Huot Tech Center. Any Tech project starts in the House of
9 Representatives. The Tech Centers have gained support from the Legislature over the
10 years. Governor Lynch will be presenting his budget on February 15, 2011. The Laconia
11 School District is hoping to have the Huot Tech Center renovations included in his
12 budget. In the planning stages, Ralph Dixon from BHS is on their Board. The twelve
13 programs that are currently offered at the Tech Center, will remain. They are planning to
14 add an IT program and a First Responders program. The final piece is the location of this
15 off-site expansion. There are two options being considered. The first location presented
16 was an 80,000 square foot section at the old Aavid Engineering building. All of the Huot
17 Tech programs would be moved to this location, which would give Laconia High School
18 room to expand. The second location is where Manter Oldsmobile used to be, which is
19 close enough to LHS to create a “campus” with both locations. There would be some
20 programs where they exist now and some at the new location. The expansion of the Huot
21 Tech Center would cost about 10 million dollars.
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23 Russ Holden added that Belmont currently has 72 students enrolled at the Tech Center
24 from BHS. The enrollment around the area has been increasing for the Tech Programs.
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26 *NECAP Results – Shannon Bartlett:* Shannon gave a power point presentation explaining
27 the results of the testing in each of the areas. She stated that the reading scores were
28 good in comparison with the NH results and other surrounding districts. The scores are
29 not as good this year, which shows that the test were much more difficult. SRSD did
30 well comparatively in math. Again, the test is much more difficult. Shannon distributed
31 sample questions from the tests for the Board to see. She also stated that BHS is going to
32 give the NWEA testing to the grade 10 students next week to see where they are and
33 what needs to be worked on to prepare them for next year.
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35 Mark said that Grade 11 NECAP math results have been very low in comparison to
36 Grade 11 NECAP reading results and grades 3-8 math/reading results. The grade 11
37 NECAP Math assessment, tests content at an Algebra II level and higher. Most juniors
38 are just beginning to take Algebra II coursework. Curriculum Directors in some regions
39 of the state have discussed with the NHDOE that the timing of the Grade 11 math test or
40 the material tested needs to be revisited.
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42 Shannon added that they are not satisfied with these results. She did state that the
43 makeup of the school district has changed. Our IEP groups have increased by 23 and our
44 SES group (socio economical status) has increased by 62. These are some factors that
45 can impact the test results.
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1 Pret Tuthill stated that the district can't blame the results primarily on the difficulty of the
2 test; we need to take accountability for this. We need to work on bringing the results up.
3 Shannon said the NECAP tests will not be used after 2013. There will be a new test
4 which will be given at the end of the student's school year rather than at the beginning of
5 the following year.

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7 *BMS/BHS First Semester Discipline Reports:* The reports for both schools were included
8 in the Board packet. Aaron Pope went over some of the categories on the report. There
9 was a large increase in Bullying cases, due to the new Bullying Law and how it is
10 defined. The number of kids misbehaving on the bus has increased. This could be due to
11 new drivers being less tolerant or more students on the bus. There could be a number of
12 reasons. Pret asked if the administrators still meets with the bus company at the
13 beginning of the school year. Aaron said that they do meet and that he is in contact with
14 the bus company during the year. He has recommended some professional development
15 workshops for some of the bus drivers. It is a tough job to be a bus driver. There were
16 some questions from the Board regarding differentiating between bullying and
17 harassment. Administration works very hard to determine if a case referred to them
18 really is bullying or harassment. Aaron also stated that the middle school has the PASS
19 program, which may have helped lower the cases of discipline because students do not
20 want to spend time in this program during school or after school. There were a few
21 questions on some of the different incidents listed on the report.

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23 Russ Holden stated that his report is similar to the middle school's report. There has
24 been a decrease in the total number of incidents from last year to this year. There have
25 been fewer students using abusive language, cutting class or being late to class. Overall,
26 there have been fewer students sent to the office.

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28 *Graduation Plans As Impacted By Snow Days:* Graduation is currently planned for June
29 10, 2011 at Meadowbrook. The seniors need 175 days of school. The seniors need to
30 make up two days to have that date, as it stands now. There have been ideas of one day
31 being spent with the town helping with the Tioga River cleanup. Another day could be a
32 seminar day, with 4 or 5 different seminars during a 4.5 to 5 hr day. There is also the
33 option of moving graduation to a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday night. They still
34 have to wait and see how many snow days there are.

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36 *School Year Calendar as Impacted by Snow Days:* Mark stated that the snow days have
37 changed the last day of school for this year. Currently, the last day of school is June 21.

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39 *Model United Nations, BHS Club:* The Debate Club is no longer available at the high
40 school; the Model United Nations Club would be a nice replacement. The money for this
41 club will be fund raised. There was some discussion about the Request for Consideration
42 of the New Co-curricular Activity having a stipend of \$1000.00. The agreement by the
43 teacher and Administration was for a \$200.00 stipend. The Board stated that they would
44 approve this co-curricular activity without a paid stipend for the first two years. The
45 Board also requested to have the document rewritten without a paid stipend.

1 *A motion was made by Sumner Dole, and seconded by Heidi Hutchinson, to have the*
2 *co-curricular club, Model United Nations, for at least two years without a stipend. The*
3 *motion passed unanimously.*

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5 *Enrollment Monthly Report:* There was a decline in grades 9 and 10 at the high school.
6 This was due to students accumulating credits and moving to the next grade after the
7 semester ended. Also, a few new students registered at the high school.

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9 *Other:* Newspaper articles for information only.

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11 ADJOURNMENT

12 *At 8:035pm, Diane O’Hara adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion from*
13 *Pret Tuthill, and seconded by Tom Goulette, and by unanimous roll call vote to enter*
14 *into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-3:II(a)(b)(c).*

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16 Respectfully Submitted,

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19 Stacy S. Kruger
20 School District Clerk

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26 **Shaker Regional School District**
27 **Meeting Minutes**
28 **February 10, 2011**

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30 **Present:**

31 **Board:** Diane O’Hara, Board Chair; Tom Goulette, Pret Tuthill, Sean Embree, Gretta
32 Olson-Wilder, Heidi Hutchinson, Sumner Dole

33 **Administration:** Mark Blount, Superintendent; Debbie Gay, Business Administrator

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35 **Diane O’Hara reconvened the meeting at 8:25 pm.**

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37 Negotiated Agreement
38 Sean Embree recused himself from the meeting.

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40 *A motion was made by Sumner Dole, and seconded by Tom Goulette, to accept the*
41 *tentative agreement reached on January 28, 2011 with the Shaker Regional Education*
42 *Association. The motion failed by a vote of 2 in favor and 3 opposed.*

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44 **At 8:32 pm, Diane O’Hara adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion from**
45 **Sumner Dole, and seconded by Pret Tuthill, and by unanimous roll call vote to enter**
46 **into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 93-3:11(b)**

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Respectfully submitted,

Debbie D. Gay
Clerk pro temp