

1 **Shaker Regional School Board**
2 **Meeting Minutes**
3 **February 24, 2011**
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6 IN ATTENDANCE

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

9 **Administration:** Superintendent: Mark Blount; Business Administrator: Debbie Gay;
10 Director of Buildings and Grounds: Doug Ellis; Director of Student Services: Tonyel
11 Mitchell-Barry; Director of Technology: Jon White; Assistant Principal: Tim Saunders

12 **Excused: Principals:** Russ Holden, Aaron Pope, Emily Spear, Mary Morrison
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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 Both sets of meeting minutes from February 10, 2011 were accepted as presented.
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20 OLD BUSINESS

21 **Budget Development:** Sumner Dole stated that at the February 10th meeting the
22 discussion was on adding the B team athletics at BMS, Custodians, and funding the SRO
23 back into the budget. Since the Evergreen repeal, there is \$67,269.00 that could be added
24 back into the budget to help fund the items under consideration.
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26 Mr. Dole suggested that \$10,000.00 in additional funds should be put into legal fees
27 which will help pay for “Fact Finding” during teacher contract negotiations. Diane
28 O’Hara asked for more detail as to what “Fact Finding” consists of. Mr. Dole explained
29 that it could include the study of past contracts or demographics, which would need an
30 objective analysis. These fees can run between \$5,000 and \$8,000. So, a comfortable
31 figure would be \$10,000.00 to add to the legal fees line in the budget.
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33 Mr. Dole asked the board to look at the priorities for the \$67,000.00. Mark Blount
34 requested the restoration of the Special Education Administrative Assistant to a full time
35 status of 8 hours a day. In the proposed budget the hours were going to be cut to 5.5 a
36 day. The total for this position with salary and benefits would be \$28,062.00.
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38 Debbie Gay added that the BHS library assistant was included in the proposed budget,
39 but that position will not be needed next year. This will add \$9,020.00 to use on the
40 items being considered for restoration to the budget. She also stated that \$19,000.00 can
41 be cut from the proposed advertising budget, bringing the total to \$95,289.00, when
42 considering the additions.
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44 Diane O’Hara said that there is further information to restore the B team athletics at
45 BMS. There was a petition submitted to the board. Copies of the petition were
46 distributed to the board members.

1 Heidi Hutchinson asked the BMS Athletic Director, Tim Saunders, for some clarification
2 on the athletic spreadsheet that the board received. Mr. Saunders said that he had been
3 asked several times to submit spreadsheets for this purpose so he requested a copy of the
4 one the board was referring to. There was some discussion and clarification on the
5 different items and expenses for the B team program to run at the middle school. The
6 dollar amount to restore this program is \$14,910.00 which is for the athletics and some
7 benefits of our district's employees that are paid coaches.

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9 The Board discussed how they were going to make motions to add the different items
10 back into the budget. Mr. Tuthill felt that each item should have a separate motion and
11 Mr. Dole thought there could be one motion with a total dollar amount and how much
12 would be added into each line item. After some discussion the board decided to have
13 individual motions for each item being added.

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15 Mrs. O'Hara said there has been some discussion to add the SRO back into the budget. It
16 was suggested to meet the Town of Belmont half way and add \$13,000.00 back into the
17 budget. This would include \$3,000 for staff development and \$10,000 for salaries. Mr.
18 Goulette suggested adding at least \$20,000 to assist in funding the SRO.

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20 Mr. Tuthill asked for a dollar amount to add the custodians back into the budget. Mr.
21 Dole had received two different scenarios from Doug Ellis. The first, which is the
22 number one recommendation, is to restore one full time custodian from half time status in
23 the proposed budget. This will add \$25,000.00 to the budget. The second scenario is to
24 add two full time custodians and that would be a total of \$50,000.00. There was some
25 discussion of the upkeep of the buildings with different numbers of custodians working.

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27 Mr. Dole asked Mrs. Gay what the impact would be if the state were to cut all
28 contribution to the retirement. She said that the district would have to pay \$306,443.00.

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30 Tonyel Mitchell-Barry asked the board to consider some upcoming items for the Special
31 Education Department before restoring the Administrative Assistant position to 8 hours a
32 day. She would like to put \$50,000 into the expendable trust to cover a couple of other
33 things that have come up in the last two weeks. There will also be a need for another 1 to
34 1 Aide in the Special Education Department for next fall, due to another student coming
35 into the district.

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37 Mr. Dole stated that it would be helpful for Mr. Blount, Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Mitchell-
38 Barry to take a break to discuss the priorities in the Special Education Department.

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40 *Diane O'Hara called a 10 minutes recess at 6:45pm.*

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42 ADJOURNMENT

43 *At 6:55pm, Diane O'Hara adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion from Pret*
44 *Tuthill, and seconded by Tom Goulette, and by unanimous roll call vote to enter into*
45 *non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-3:II(a)(b).*

1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2 Chairman, Diane O'Hara called the meeting back to public session at 7:27pm.

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4 ***A motion was made by Tom Goulette, and seconded by Pret Tuthill to add \$10,000.00***
5 ***into legal fees. The motion passed unanimously on a role call vote. (6-yeah,0-nay)***

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7 Mrs. Hutchinson asked for clarification on the funding of the SRO. Currently, the district
8 paid \$3,000 for staff development and paid \$22,000 for the salaries. The district had
9 budgeted for \$25,000.

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11 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill to contribute \$20,000.00 to the Town of Belmont's***
12 ***budget to help fund the School Resource Officers. Sumner Dole amended the motion***
13 ***to contribute \$10,000.00 to the town's budget to help fund the School Resource officer,***
14 ***the amended motion was seconded by Gretta Olson-Wilder. The motion passed with a***
15 ***role call vote to amend the contribution amount to \$10,000.00 in place of \$20,000.00.***
16 ***(4-yeah, 2- nay)***

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18 Mr. Dole stated that the Board does not under value the SRO role, but it is a budgetary
19 issue. He is in favor of a \$10,000.00 contribution.

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21 Mr. Goulette explained that the town provides two full time police officers to the schools
22 in our district. He does not agree with funding only \$10,000.00.

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24 Mr. Tuthill stated that it is unfortunate that we are going to cut back our contribution to
25 \$10,000.00.

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27 Mrs. Olson-Wilder understands the importance of the SRO, but we have other important
28 issues in the budget and that \$10,000.00 is the best gesture we can provide for this year.

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30 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded by Tom Goulette, to help support the***
31 ***B team athletics at BMS, by contributing \$14,500.00 in the budget for this program.***
32 ***The motion passed with a unanimous role call vote. (6-yeah, 0-nay)***

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34 ***A motion was made by Sumner Dole, and seconded by Pret Tuthill, to restore one full***
35 ***time custodian position, in place of cutting it to a half time position, with adding***
36 ***\$25,000.00 to the budget. The motion passed with a unanimous role call vote. (6-yeah,***
37 ***0-nay)***

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39 ***A motion was made by Sumner Dole, and seconded by Pret Tuthill, to restore the***
40 ***Student Services Administrative Assistant position to 8 hours from 5.5 hours a day.***
41 ***This position will total \$28,062.00. The motion passed with a unanimous role call vote.***
42 ***(6-yeah, 0-nay)***

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44 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded by Gretta Olson-Wilder, to add a 1 to***
45 ***1 aide in the Special Education function at \$28,257.00. The motion passed on a role***
46 ***call vote. (5-yeah, 1-nay)***

1 Mrs. Gay explained that the total of these additions is \$20,530.00 over the original
2 proposed budget. She listed each addition and the dollar amounts as follows: \$10,000 for
3 Legal Services, \$10,000 for the SRO, \$14,500 for the B team athletics, \$28,062 for
4 Student Services Administrative Assistant, \$25,000 for custodians and \$28,257 for 1 to 1
5 Special Education Assistant. This brings the total budget to 19,837,324.00 for 2011-
6 2012. This is a total operational increase of 2.07% over the current year's budget. This
7 is an increase of \$20,530.00 over the original proposed budget.

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9 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded by Tom Goulette, to adopt the 2011-
10 2012 budget in the amount of \$19,837,324.00. The motion passed unanimously on a
11 role call vote. (6-yeah, 0-nay)***

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13 Mrs. Gay stated that Article IV will be rewritten to reflect the total budget amount of
14 \$19,837.324.00. A vote is necessary to change the amount in the article.

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16 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded by Sumner Dole, to accept Article IV
17 on page 1 of the 2011-2012 proposed budget book, to be changed to the amount of
18 \$19,837,324.00. The motion passed unanimously on a role call vote. (6-yeah, 0-nay)***

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20 Tonyel Mitchell-Barry expressed that she was not happy or in agreement with the
21 changes made tonight to the budget. She is a parent of a student at the elementary school
22 in this district and does not agree with the cutting of classroom assistants in the schools.

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24 **OLD BUSINESS**

25 *On the Horizon:* Mr. Blount stated that moderator, Roy Roberts, will attend the next
26 Board meeting on March 10th to discuss the Annual District Meeting procedures.

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28 **NEW BUSINESS**

29 *Policy KCD – Public Gifts/Donations:* Mr. Tuthill stated that this is a rough draft that the
30 policy committee has recently done. They wanted to share with the Board what they had
31 put together so far, to go along with Warrant Article XI. There was some discussion
32 about paragraph 1.4. The policy committee felt that the Fund Committee should consist
33 of Principals instead of Athletic Directors, as previously discussed, so that there is a
34 balance from both sides on the decisions. Mrs. Hutchinson asked if paragraph 1.2 was
35 going to be removed because Mr. Blount had felt it was redundant. After reading the
36 section carefully the committee had decided it was relevant to keep. There were some
37 grammatical changes recommended. Mr. Goulette stated that he can provide a copy of a
38 legal donation letter that LRCC uses as a template for our district. There was some
39 discussion about advertising in the schools and the policy our district has in place. The
40 policy committee will take all of the comments and suggestions into consideration while
41 putting the first draft together for the Board.

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43 *Huot Tech Center:* Mr. Goulette informed the Board that the funding for the Huot Tech
44 Center was not included in the Governor's budget. They are going to try and put it into
45 the budget. Mr. Goulette would like the Board to show its support of this funding.

1 *A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded by Sean Embree, to authorize the*
2 *SRSB Chair to write a letter to the legislative delegation in support of the expansion of*
3 *the Huot Tech Center. The motion passed unanimously on a role call vote. (6-yeah, 0-*
4 *nay)*

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6 ADJOURNMENT

7 *At 8:08pm, Diane O'Hara adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion by Pret*
8 *Tuthill, and seconded by Gretta Olson-Wilder, and by unanimous roll call vote to enter*
9 *into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-3:II(a).*

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