

1 **Shaker Regional School Board**
2 **Meeting Minutes**
3 **March 24, 2011**
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5 IN ATTENDANCE

6 **School Board:** Pret Tuthill, Tom Goulette, Sean Embree, Heidi Hutchinson, Diane
7 O'Hara, Richie Bryant, Robert Reed; BMS Student Representative: Andrew Bragg
8 **Administration:** Superintendent: Mark Blount; Business Administrator: Debbie Gay;
9 Director of Student Services: Tonyel Mitchell-Berry; Director of Buildings and Grounds:
10 Doug Ellis; Principals: Russ Holden, Aaron Pope, Emily Spear, Mary Morrison; School
11 **District Attorney:** Jim O'Shaughnessy
12 **Guests:** Jaylene Bengtson
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14 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

15 Superintendent: Mark Blount called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
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17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

18 *March 10, 2011 School Board Minutes:* The minutes were accepted as presented.
19 *March 18, 2011 School District Minutes:* A copy of these minutes was distributed to the
20 Board. They would like time to review these minutes.
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22 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded by Richard Bryant, to table the***
23 ***March 18, 2011 minutes until the next Board meeting. The motion passed***
24 ***unanimously.***
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26 OLD BUSINESS

27 **Swear in New Members:** New School Board Members, Richard Bryant and Robert Reed
28 were sworn in by the School District Clerk. Preston Tuthill was sworn in to renew his
29 term, as well.
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31 **Debrief from Annual Meeting:** Ms. Gay handed out a sheet with the Impact to Shaker
32 Regional by the Legislative Proposals: She listed the items totaling a revenue impact of
33 \$210,854.00 which would be funded by the tax payers or have a special district meeting
34 to authorize a decrease in the new budget. Although, if the state cuts the retirement
35 contribution, that would add \$306,443.00 and if the state cuts the contribution for
36 Vocational Education that would add \$524,727.00 to the budget. There are two options to
37 fund this, cut the current budget to absorb the cost or have a special district meeting to
38 authorize an increase in the new budget. The total potential impact to the budget will be
39 \$1,042,024.00. The District could use the BU Longevity pay of \$235,143.00 and the
40 addition to the budget that the public voted in, \$213,830.00, bringing the total down to
41 \$593,051.00. Now, the District needs to consider cutting programs, BU members, and
42 support staff. Mr. Blount added that the lakes region superintendents just found out about
43 this legislative proposal and sent letters to our local representatives.
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45 Tom Goulette requested to work with Mr. Blount on contacting all of the local reps and
46 getting a press release out, so that the public is notified of what is going on.

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2 ***Elect Chair, Vice Chair: A motion was made by Tom Goulette, and seconded by Robert***
3 ***Reed to nominate Pret Tuthill as Chairman of the Board. The motion passed with a 5***
4 ***to 1 vote.***

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6 ***A motion was made by Diane O’Hara, and seconded by Richard Bryant, to nominate***
7 ***Sean Embree as Chairman of the Board. The motion failed on a 1 to 5 vote.***

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9 Diane O’Hara stated that Sean Embree has sought information and asked good questions
10 to come up to speed in his tenure on the Board. This is a good opportunity for him and a
11 great learning experience to be Chairman of the Board.

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13 Tom Goulette feels that this is going to be a difficult year in the legislature for education
14 and there is no substitute for experience, at this time.

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16 Sean Embree added that he does have a conflict of interest. His wife is a teacher at the
17 elementary school and he would have to abstain from voting. There was some discussion
18 regarding the chairman casting the tie breaking vote.

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20 Chairman: Pret Tuthill, requested nominations for the Vice Chairman.

21 ***A motion was made by Diane O’Hara, and seconded by Richard Bryant, to nominate***
22 ***Heidi Hutchinson as Vice Chairman of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.***

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24 ***At 6:20pm, Pret Tuthill accepted a motion, made by Sean Embree, and seconded by***
25 ***Heidi Hutchinson, and by unanimous roll call vote to enter into non-public session, in***
26 ***accordance with RSA 91-3:II (a)(b)(c).***

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28 ***Pret Tuthill reconvened the public meeting at 7:25pm.***

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30 ***Internal Policy KCD – Public Gifts Donations – Second Reading:*** Mr. Bryant requested
31 the wording on line 15 be changed from \$500 to \$500.01.

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33 ***A motion was made by Pret Tuthill, and seconded, by Sean Embree, to accept Policy***
34 ***KCD “Public Gifts/Donations” as presented on March 24, 2011, with the correction of***
35 ***wording on line 15. The motion passed unanimously.***

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37 ***“On the Horizon”:*** Mr. Tuthill informed the new Board members, that this is used as a
38 planning tool for future meetings. Items are added if the Board would like to have them
39 on the agenda of upcoming meetings. Mr. Blount ran through the items on the April 14
40 meeting. Attorney Teague was added to the agenda, he will be talking about School
41 Board roles and responsibilities.

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43 ***Art from the Heart:*** Mr. Blount introduced Jaylene Bengtson, Art teacher at BMS, to
44 explain this new program “Art from the Heart”. Mrs. Bengtson stated that she is
45 representing the Art Department for the District. This program is originally based out of
46 Chicago. The student’s art work from all grade levels will be used. There will be a group

1 to judge and chose the artwork to be displayed. The art work will be framed and matted.
2 There will be about 20 pieces displayed at a formal reception. Organizations, businesses
3 and organizations will be invited. They will come and see all of the art work and there
4 will be a formal bidding process on the art work capping at about \$120.00. The highest
5 bidder will get to have the art work for a year to display at their place of business. It will
6 then be returned to the student. There will be a signed contract between the business and
7 the student, so that everyone will understand the deal. The money from the bidding is to
8 cover the cost of the framing and matting of the art work and the formal reception. The
9 Art Department is not looking to make a profit off of this program. The art work could
10 include photography and computer art, as well.

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12 Mrs. Bengtson invited the Board to Arts Alive at the Belknap Mill on March 28 from 6-
13 7:30pm, where Belmont Elementary and Belmont Middle School students have art work
14 on display.

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16 *Summer Enrichment Proposal Approval:* Mr. Blount distributed the Summer Enrichment
17 Program brochure to the Board. It includes four different programs from elementary,
18 middle and high school levels. The goal was to get the program off the ground with four
19 to six programs offered with a cost under \$60 per student. Mrs. Hutchinson asked if this
20 includes Canterbury as well. Mr. Blount said that all students are invited, if we do not
21 have enough from just our own district, we will allow friends or relatives of students that
22 are attending. Hopefully, we will have more offerings, including some at CES, in the
23 upcoming years. Mr. Blount recommends these programs for approval from the Board.

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25 ***A motion was made by Sean Embree, and seconded by Richard Bryant, to approve the***
26 ***Summer Enrichment Program, as recommended by Administration. The motion***
27 ***passed unanimously.***

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29 *E-Rate Funds:* Debbie Gay reviewed the Technology Special Revenue Fund that the
30 Board established last year for the e-rate funds, which are suppose to be used for
31 technology. Ms. Gay reported that the district has been approved for \$9,723.79 for e-
32 rate funding this year and requested the funds be placed in the technology special
33 revenue fund.

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35 ***A motion was made by Sean Embree, and seconded by Heidi Hutchinson, to place***
36 ***\$9,723.79 received from E Rate, into the Special Technology Operating Account. The***
37 ***motion passed unanimously.***

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39 *Primex Multi Year Discount Program:* Ms. Gay explained that Primex is offering a
40 discount for the District if we sign on for a three year contract or 5 year contract. They
41 have offered this to the district in previous years, but we had needed a non-appropriation
42 clause in the contract, which Primex has included this year. Ms. Gay said that we have
43 looked around at prices with other insurance companies, but Primex has the best rates.
44 Administration recommends a three year contract with Primex, at a 5% savings.
45 Mr. Goulette asked if we can request a three year commitment and they give us that same
46 rate for three years. Mrs. Gay said that we could request that. It was also stated that

1 Primex has been very good to work with; they have come to our meetings with
2 information, when the Board has had questions.

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4 ***A motion was made by Tom Goulette, and seconded by Sean Embree, to enter into a***
5 ***three year contract, with a 5% discount, with Primex insurance. The motion passed***
6 ***unanimously.***

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8 *Strategic Plan 2012-2017:* Mr. Blount distributed the Strategic Plan that will be expired
9 at the end of next year. He is looking to see what direction the Board would like to go in
10 while making the new plan. He also stated that the Mission is up to date as well as the
11 core pieces are strong, but the items under the major headings need to be updated. We
12 would like to leave the items that have not been accomplished yet. It is time to look out
13 over the next five years.

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15 Mr. Tuthill stated that he remembers this being a valuable experience for the public and
16 would like to see the public hearings for the next five year plan.

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18 Mr. Goulette agreed that having the public involved with the process was what made it
19 work. The Board members drop in and out of the meetings, but it is mainly the public
20 that works on the plan.

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22 Mrs. O'Hara remembers being involved with the process originally and that it is a
23 worthwhile experience to get all people involved. It is a little disappointing to see so
24 many of the items have not been met within the first five years. It may be even harder to
25 meet some of these items with the financial stand point we are in now.

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27 *Other:* Mr. Blount said that the Board had requested copies of the "Pay to Play" Surveys
28 from the NHIAA. He distributed them to the Board for them to review for information
29 only. He also included an article from a professional magazine on this topic.

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31 Mr. Blount asked if the Board is available to meet on April 7th; which may be in addition
32 to the other meetings in April. This meeting is necessary due to the financial situation
33 and contracts needing to be out by April 15th.

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35 ADJOURNMENT

36 ***At 8:00pm, Pret Tuthill adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion by Sean***
37 ***Embree, and seconded by Tom Goulette, and by unanimous role call vote.***

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39 Respectfully Submitted,

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42 Stacy S. Kruger
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