

1 **Shaker Regional School Board**
2 **Meeting Minutes**
3 **February 8, 2012**
4 **DRAFT**
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7 IN ATTENDANCE:

8 ***School Board:*** Chairman: Pret Tuthill, Tom Goulette, Diane O’Hara, Bob Reed, Richard
9 Bryant, Heidi Hutchinson, Sean Embree; Student Representative: Andrew Bragg

10 ***Administration:*** Acting Superintendent: Tom Haley; Business Administrator: Debbie
11 Thompson; Director of Buildings and Grounds: Doug Ellis; Director of Technology: Jon
12 White; Director of Student Services: Tonyel Mitchell-Berry; Principals: Russ Holden,
13 Aaron Pope, Emily Spear, Mary Morrison
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15 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

16 Chairman, Pret Tuthill called the meeting to order at 8:57pm.
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18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

19 *January 26, 2012:* The minutes were accepted as presented.
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21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

22 *Nothing to report*
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24 FINANCIAL REPORT

25 *Monthly Financial Report:* Debbie stated that the report was included in the packet. She
26 also said that she had just met with Tonyel and she is finalizing the predicted
27 unencumbered balance. It looks to be about \$500,000.00.

28 *Budget Transfers:* The transfers were included in the packet.
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30 ***A motion was made by Tom Goulette, and seconded by Sean Embree, to approve the***
31 ***budget transfers recommended by Administration. The motion passed unanimously.***
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33 REPORTS

34 *Student Representative Reports:*

35 *Andrew Bragg, BMS:* Andrew distributed his report for the Board to review.

36 *Steven Farkas, BHS:* not in attendance
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38 *Administration:* Mary Morrison’s report was included in the packet.

39 Emily Spear’s report was included in the packet.

40 Aaron Pope’s report was included in the packet.

41 Russ Holden’s report was included in the packet. Heidi asked why BHS is struggling
42 with offering electives to the students. Russ said even though they have added some
43 electives, the high school doesn’t have enough space or personnel for the seniors to have
44 enough courses to chose from. They enter their senior year required only to take their
45 English class.
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1 *School Board Members:* nothing to report

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3 *Student Enrollment Report as of February 1, 2012:* The enrollment report was included
4 in the packet. Pret stated that the numbers are down by 24 students. He would like to see
5 the past 7 years.

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7 OLD BUSINESS

8 *Policy JCA – Assignment of Students to a School, second reading:* Heidi said that this
9 policy was presented to the Board at the last meeting. There are no changes. This policy
10 is required by law. Tuition and transportation were added on page 2.

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12 ***A motion was made by Heidi Hutchinson, and seconded by Richy Bryant, to accept***
13 ***policy JCA “Assignment of Students to a School”, as presented to the Board on***
14 ***February 8, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.***

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16 *Superintendent Search Update:* The Advisory Search Committee and the Board Sub-
17 Committee reviewed the applications and have selected six candidates. Five out of the
18 six have accepted the invitation to be interviewed. Interviews start tomorrow.

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20 *Strategic Plan Update:* The Committee will meet next week. They have moved into their
21 focus groups. Each group has a chairman and they will develop steps for the focus
22 groups. Some of the committees do need more volunteers. It is difficult to find more
23 people right now; they have been reaching out to the community. Things are going well
24 and on schedule.

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26 *Adopt 2012-2013 Budget and Warrant Articles:* Pret stated that there were several people
27 at the Public Hearing concerned with the hours that the voting polls were open. There
28 was some discussion about the voting process. Debbie stated that the Board is required to
29 set a time limit. The moderator may extend the hours that the polls are open. The ballot
30 machine is not going to be used for the voting. The ballots will be manually counted.
31 Pret recommended to have the polls open until 7:30pm.

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33 ***A motion was made by Richy Bryant, and seconded by Bob Reed, to have the voting***
34 ***polls open from 6-7:30pm at the Annual District Meeting on March 9, 2012. The***
35 ***motion passed unanimously.***

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37 ***A motion was made by Richy Bryant, and seconded by Bob Reed, to amend Article VI***
38 ***by adding the wording “will vote by ballot”, to be presented at the Annual District***
39 ***Meeting on March 9, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.***

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41 There was some discussion regarding some edits to be made to the Annual Report, for
42 final printing. Debbie will make the corrections and add the FAQ to the report.

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44 ***A motion was made by Bob Reed, and seconded by Richy Bryant, to adopt the Budget***
45 ***and the Warrant, with the above corrections, as presented at the Public Hearings on***
46 ***February 7th and February 8, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.***

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On the Horizon: Prep for the Annual meeting is on the agenda for the next meeting. Each of the Board members received an email from Shannon Bartlett with a summary of the AYP results. Tom Haley and Pret will be getting together to fill out the agendas for April, May and June.

Policy IGE – Parental Objection to Specific Course Materials, First Reading: This policy was withdrawn by the Policy Committee.

Withdrawal from Expendable Trust Funds: Pret stated that there needs to be a motion to approve the withdrawals from the trusts now that the Public Hearing has taken place.

A motion was made by Sean Embree, and seconded by Bob Reed, to approve the withdrawal of \$50,000.00 from the Energy Conservation Expendable Trust Fund and a withdrawal of up to \$130,000.00 from the Buildings and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:32pm, Pret Tuthill adjourned the meeting, accompanied by a motion from Heidi Hutchinson, and seconded by Diane O’Hara, and by unanimous roll call vote to enter into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-3:II(b).

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy S. Kruger
School District Clerk