

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. BERNARD-ELMWOOD  
PLACE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON APRIL 25, 2011**

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, 105 Washington Avenue, St. Bernard, Ohio 45217. The meeting was called to order by President Steven Rutemueller and opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call

Present: Steven Rutemueller, Tricia Hackney, Gabe Sanders, Linda Radtke, and Deborah Steidel

Also present: Mimi Webb, Bruce Helwagen and Michael Mays

Visitors (who signed in): Becky Balzer, Janet Haarman, and Don Tobergte

Public Participation

Donald Tobergte, 4227 Greenlee Avenue, thanked the Board of Education for permitting usage of school facilities during the Soap Box Derby.

Presentation

Becky Balzer, Elmwood Place Elementary teacher, gave a report on Race to the Top.

11-47 Executive Session

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Radtke, to enter into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mr. Rutemueller, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

Regular session reconvened at 6:55 p.m. with all members present.

11-48 Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 28, 2011

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Radtke, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 28, 2011. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mr. Rutemueller, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

11-49 Financial Reports

Mrs. Radtke made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Steidel, to approve the following:

Financial Report for March 2011

<u>Investments</u>	\$ 4,082,185.00
<u>Investments Redeemed</u>	\$ -0-
<u>Investments Purchased</u>	\$ -0-
<u>Interest Income</u>	\$ 408.32

Donations

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>School/Club</u>
St. Bernard Eagles	820.57	001 1890	General Fund
Immanuel UCC	725.28	007 1890	Education Foundation
Elmwood Place Eagles	60.00	018 9031	EPE Principal Fund
St. Bernard Eagles	750.00	300 9301	Athletics
St. Bernard Eagles	50.00	300 9302	Music

Invoices with Then and Now Certificates in Excess of \$3,000

Fifth Third Bank \$4,336.88

Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission & Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies & Certifying them to the County Auditor

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mr. Rutemueller, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

11-50 Resignation

Mrs. Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Radtke, to approve Aaron Josh Wainscott’s letter of resignation, effective April 29, 2011. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mr. Rutemueller, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

11-51 Re-Employment of Supervisor of Maintenance/Custodians

Mrs. Steidel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hackney, to approve the re-employment of Paul Finkes as Supervisor of Maintenance/Custodians, effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, 4 days per week, 8 hours per day, at the approved rate. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mr. Rutemueller, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

11-52 Employment of Certified Teaching Contracts

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hackney, to approve the following certified teaching contracts:

Continuing

Sarah Girard  
 Louise Gunn  
 Michael Osborne  
 Brenda Schildmeyer  
 Bradley Webb  
 Laura Zimmerman

Two-Year (2011-2012 and 2012-2013)

Cara Concannon  
 Melissa Giese  
 Maggie Goller  
 Lindsey Louis

Megan McGarey  
Kristopher Niehaus

One Year (2011-2012)

Linda Conway Hensley  
Heather Howe  
Michelle Law  
Lindsay Magliano (4 days per week)  
Holly McNutt (5 hours per day, 5 days per week)  
Sheena Niehaus  
Leah Pham (2 days per week)  
Tricia Wietmarschen

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mr. Rutemueller, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, and Mr. Sanders  
Abstain – Mrs. Steidel

11-53 Nonrenewals

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Radtke, that the following not be re-employed for the 2011-2012 school year and that a notice of nonrenewal be sent:

Certified Employees

Rhiannon Curtis (2 days per week)  
Lindsey Henke (2 days per week)  
Jennifer Dutschke (Teacher, St. Clement School, Auxiliary Funds)  
Carrie Riley (Teacher, St. Clement School, Auxiliary Funds)  
Michelle Stephens (Kindergarten Teacher, St. Bernard Elementary)

Classified Employees

Sandy Harris (Auxiliary Clerk, St. Clement School)  
Natasha Byrd (Paraprofessional)  
Joetta Hatton (Paraprofessional)  
Jessica Morgan (Paraprofessional)  
Tina Kovach (Paraprofessional)  
Sarah Prather (Paraprofessional)  
Jennifer Spears (Paraprofessional)  
Brittany Coy (Paraprofessional)

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mr. Rutemueller, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel

Miscellaneous

The following committee members gave reports:

- a. Curriculum Council Representative – Deborah Steidel - The district is working on benchmarks and standards.

- b. Student Achievement Representative – Deborah Steidel – No Report
- c. Education Hall of Fame Committee Representatives – Tricia Hackney and Gabe Sanders reported the Hall of Fame Committee will be meeting on April 26. Recipients will be honored at the May 23 Board of Education meeting.
- d. Alumni Association Representative – Steven Rutemueller announced the Alumni Association will be meeting on April 26 at 6:00 p.m. He distributed information on the book written by Dr. Carroll E. Roberts. Copies can be purchased at the Central Office for \$11 each. Proceeds will benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.
- e. Great Oaks Institute of Technology & Career Representative – Tricia Hackney reviewed the April Great Oaks Board meeting. A complete report of the meeting was made available.
- f. Legislative Liaison Representative – Linda Radtke reported House Bill 153 has 1000 amendments thus far. Governor Kasich said districts should not vote for levies until local governments and school districts have used all of the tools given to them. In this economy we need to find new ways of doing business. Our district lost both years. Loveland extended their teacher contract with a total wage freeze through 2013. The state has procedures to review schools that have improvement in test scores that are too good to be true. A former district art teacher, Betty Maupin (Hlad) Pogue, was recently recognized as one of Cincinnati's Women of the Year.
- g. President's Report – Steven Rutemueller – No report
- h. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Mimi Webb announced the district is conducting OAA testing this week. We are finally out of special education audit after about 15 months. Many thanks to Ms. Pfalzgraf, Ms. Howe, and the special education teachers for this accomplishment.
- i. Treasurer's Report – Mike Mays – Under the Governor's new Biennium Budget, state assistance to the district is scheduled to increase in total by 1.9% in FY12 over FY11 amounts and another 1% in FY13. Approximately 50% of the schools will have increases in funding and 50% will have decreases because of district index calculation that was made. Our state assistance decreased by \$94,792 or 3.5% in FY12 and \$114,559 or 4.4% in FY13. All schools lost the SFSF stimulus, one-time funding provided by the federal government. Our district lost \$203,791 in stimulus funding, plus we will lose an additional \$226,115 of our tangible personal property, guaranteed amount from House Bill 66. Additionally, our local property tax receipts are estimated to be \$143,000 less for a total loss of \$667,698. Mr. Mays projected a loss of over \$700,000 for loss of state funding, stimulus funding, and local tax receipts, so we are still to the good but not by much. The Bill still needs to pass the House, then the Senate, then the Conference Committee, and finally the Governor would need to sign by June 30, 2011. Usually what happens is the budget is fair to special needs districts at first, school with high poverty, and high special needs.

However, as the process proceeds, the larger districts, such as Sycamore, lobby and receive more money. One thing the Governor said, “you can change the allocations but not the total unless you find the funds and increasing taxes is not an option”. We already have our projected allocations; if someone gets more someone has to get less. Just five years ago our district had a total property valuation of approximately \$220,000,000. Today that has decreased to just over \$90,000,000 because of the loss of tangible personal property. In the past if we needed to raise \$1,100,000 we needed a 5-mil levy. Today we would need more than a 12-mil levy to raise the same amount. Not only are we losing revenue but the ability to raise revenue. It is going to be very difficult to pass a levy and raise the additional funds we have been able to raise in the past.

#### 11-54 Adjournment

Mr. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Radtke, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mr. Rutemueller, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Steidel