In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every public meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation. These rules are available at each Board meeting. Anyone desiring to speak is asked to make this request in advance. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer. Comments shall be directed to the presiding officer; not to Board members individually. Board Bylaw 0169.1

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call: Mr. Miller, Mr. Koster, Mr. Manfredi, Ms. Timmons, Mr. Honkala

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the current agenda and the minutes from April 8, 2013 regular board meeting and the special board meeting from April 3, 2013.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

Presentation: Math Matters

Treasurer’s Report:

Let the records reflect that – The Treasurer has submitted a statement to the board and to the Superintendent showing the revenues and receipts from whatever sources derived, the various appropriations made by the board, the expenditures and disbursements therefrom, the purposes thereof, and the balances remaining in each fund. The financial statements for the period ending April, 2013 submitted subject to audit and include: Financial Summary, Appropriations and Revenue Summary, Check Register Recap, and Bank Reconciliation per ORC 3313.29.

Appropriation Modification

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the following appropriation changes:

- Title I - 3,206.01
- Title II A - 65.94
- Uniform Supplies +11,889.08
- Food Service Grant + 720.00

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

Permanent Improvement Levy

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing permanent improvement levy and requesting the County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and the amount of the revenue that would be generated by the renewal levy.

WHEREAS, at an election held on November 4, 2008, the voters in the Berkshire Local School District approved the renewal of an existing 2.5 mill permanent improvement levy for the purpose of remodeling, renovating and otherwise improving school buildings, furnishing and equipping school buildings and equipping and otherwise improving school sites for a period of five (5) years, commencing with a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the year 2009, the proceeds of which will be received for the last time during calendar year
WHEREAS, the Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Berkshire Local School District and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of remodeling, renovating and otherwise improving school buildings, furnishing and equipping school buildings and equipping and otherwise improving school sites; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B), in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.21, this Board must request the Geauga County Auditor to certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the School District and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Berkshire Local School District, County of Geauga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to renew for a period of five (5) years all of the aforementioned existing 2.5 mill tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of remodeling, renovating and otherwise improving school buildings, furnishing and equipping school buildings and equipping and otherwise improving school sites.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.21 the question of the renewal levy be submitted to the electors of the Berkshire Local School District at a general election to be held on November 5, 2013, and that said levy be placed on the tax list and duplicate for tax year 2014 for collection commencing in calendar year 2015, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, a copy of this Resolution be certified by the Treasurer/Chief Fiscal Officer of the Berkshire Local School District to the Geauga County Auditor with instructions to calculate and certify to the Board of Education of the Berkshire Local School District the total current tax valuation of the School District, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a levy of two and one-half (2.5) mills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll Call: Mr. Koster: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Manfredi: Aye, Mr. Honkala: Absent, Ms. Timmons: Absent
Motion Carried.
Five Year Forecast

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the five year forecast as submitted which is due to the Ohio Department of Education May 31, 2013.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

Vocational Report

Mr. Miller reported that the new manufacturing building project will break ground this month. The building will open sometime in the fall.

Committee Reports

Mr. DeLong reported that the health care committee had their final meeting of the year and that this coming week the family civic engagement team and the technology committee would have their final meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Personnel:

Certified:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to accept the resignation of Beth Duricky, classroom teacher, effective the end of the 2012/2013 school year.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the retirement of the following certified staff, effective July 1, 2013:

- Linda Claypool
- Patricia Donaldson
- Matt Marks
- Donald Nikolai
- Robin Olds
- Susan Rice
- Linda Stanley

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

Classified:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to accept the retirement of Victoria Meadows, cook, effective July 1, 2013.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.
Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to accept the resignation of Tiffany Dixon, custodian, effective April 8, 2013.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the following classified Contracts:

- Laura Klatik, Bus Driver Two Year Limited
- Karen Holshuh, Cook Continuing

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve a Limited Contract to Margaret Ballash for Custodian, effective May 14, 2013, with salary and benefits per negotiated agreement.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve Ken Landrus as a substitute custodian.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

**Business:**

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the following sixth grade camp counselors for 2013:

- Abbi Blechschmid
- Brianna Hackett
- Olivia Hess
- Courtney Kotrlik
- Samantha Mighton
- Emily Osmeloski
- Lindsay Porter
- Jessica Sinatra
- Alyssa Spangler
- Alyssa Zeitler
- Austin Ambrose
- Brian Arnold
- Erick Burzanko
- David Colwill
- Kyle Hall
- Jason Kaser
- Iain Laymon
- T. J. Lockhart
- Tim Ludlow
- Ian Patterson

Alternates:
- Alley Corrigan
- Jenna Maxwell
- Brooke Sell
- Ben Vizy
- Brad Simon
- Ian Monroe
Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Second Reading for the following NEOLA Policy New/Revisions/Deletions:

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Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the preliminary list for the Graduating Class of 2013. Graduating seniors must complete all district and state requirements in order to receive a diploma. At the June regular meeting, the final list will be approved and recorded in the minutes.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the Board of Education/Governing Board Resolution authorizing 2013-2014 membership in Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve a Service Contract between Berkshire Schools and Lake/Geauga Educational Assistance Foundation for FY 2013-2014 at a cost of $7,360.00 for 160 hours.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the nurse, Chad Russell, for the 2012/2013 sixth grade camp, May 21-24th, 2013, at the cost of $600.00, which will be covered by camp fees.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the 2013/2014 Burton Elementary Student Handbook.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent  
Motion Carried.
Old Business

Mr. DeLong reported that the Career Day was held on April 24th and it was a great success. The event took place at Kent Geauga.

Mr. Koster reported that the Berkshire Planning Committee is working on a plan with the fire departments of Claridon, Troy and Burton to work together.

New Business

Mr. Manfredi reported that a security expert from his company will be touring our schools to evaluate our security plan.

Open Public Participation

A representative from the Berkshire Boosters requested $5,500 from the Board to cover the remaining costs of new football helmets. Mr. Manfredi asked that he speak with the Athletic Director.

Executive Session

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), we hereby move that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of personnel matters.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:25 p.m.

The Board exited executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the Third Reading for the following Policy:

Professional Staff – Staff Evaluation

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.
Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, Two Absent
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Mr. John Manfredi       President

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Mrs. Beth McCaffrey     Recorder of Proceedings