MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2011 6:00 PM
BERKSHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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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 By-law 0169.1

REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call: Mrs. Timmons, Mr. Miller, Mr. Honkala, Mr. Koster and Mr. Manfredi

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve current agenda and the minutes from February 12, 2011 special meeting and February 14, 2011 regular meeting.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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 February, 2011 submitted subject to audit and include: Financial Summary, Appropriations and Revenue Summary, Check Register Recap, and Bank Reconciliation per ORC 3313.29

Resolution Accepting Tax Rates
Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the following resolution as required by the Tax Budget Commission.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

WHEREAS, this Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing on July 1st, 2011; and WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Geauga County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Berkshire Local
School District, Geauga County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

**SCHEDULE A**

**SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITORS ESTIMATED TAX RATES**

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<tr>
<th>FUND</th>
<th>Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation</th>
<th>Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation</th>
<th>County Auditor’s Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied</th>
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<td>Inside 10 Mill Limit</td>
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<tr>
<td>General Fund</td>
<td>3,521,213.00</td>
<td>965,627.00</td>
<td>4.50</td>
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<td>Library Fund</td>
<td>257,131.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>1.20</td>
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<td>Permanent Improvement</td>
<td>236,554.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>2.50</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>4,014,898.00</td>
<td>965,627.00</td>
<td>4.50</td>
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**SCHEDULE B**

**LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES**

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<tr>
<th>GENERAL FUND</th>
<th>Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied</th>
<th>County Auditor’s Estimate of Yield of Levy (Schedule A, Col 1)</th>
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<td>26.10 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 1976 and Prior not to exceed - Continuing - years.</td>
<td>26.10</td>
<td>1,758,538.00</td>
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<td>5.0 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 11-08-1977 not to exceed - Continuing - years.</td>
<td>5.00</td>
<td>336,885.00</td>
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<td>4.70 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 08-02-1983 not to exceed - Continuing - years.</td>
<td>4.70</td>
<td>459,770.00</td>
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<td>4.50 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 11-05-1985 not to exceed - Continuing - years.</td>
<td>4.50</td>
<td>440,204.00</td>
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<td>5.0 Current expense levy authorized by voters on 05-03-1988 not to exceed - Continuing - years.</td>
<td>5.00</td>
<td>525,816.00</td>
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<td>TOTAL General Fund outside 10 mill Limitation</td>
<td>45.30</td>
<td>3,521,213.00</td>
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and be it further RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Koster to accept donation of $200.00 from Beaches and Dreams to Berkshire High School principal’s fund.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**Vocational Report**

Mr. Miller reported the contracts for roof replacement and mechanical upgrades are being finalized for Auburn. Work will begin this summer.

**Committee Reports**

Mr. DeLong reported that the facilities committee has met once and will finalize their recommendations at the next meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Presentations: Mr. Frank Samuel from Geauga Growth Partnership
Ms. Kathleen Munch from Geauga United Way
Mrs. Tracy Rae, Spanish Teacher, Costa Rica Trip
A. Certified:

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the change on the salary schedule for the following employee, effective January 21, 2011:

- Maria Ritter from Level I to Level II/BA + 15

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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

Senior Class trip to New York City:

- Jim Lester
- Maria Ritter
- Meghan Hull
- Lynn Hunter
- Don Nikolai

Eighth Grade trip to Washington DC:

- Barb Koschki

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the following employees to dispense medications:

8th Grade trip to Washington DC:

- Matt Marks
- Ruth Moore

Band trip to Disney World, Florida:

- Matt Marks

New York Senior Trip:

- Jim Lester
- Meghan Hull
- Bruce Cline

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried
Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following Supplemental Contracts:

For the 2010/2011 school year:

- Nichole Hess  Jr. High Assistant Track Coach (50%)

For the 2011/2012 school year:

- Dan Itschner  Faculty Manager Assistant
- Dave List  Varsity Boys' Golf Coach
- Pete Moran  Assistant Boys' Golf Coach
- Pat Casseday  7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach
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Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

B. Classified:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following chaperones for the Senior Class trip to New York City:

- Deshel Lester
- Nancy Panko
- Julie Coleman

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Honkala to accept the resignations of the following supplemental coaches:

- Monica Shorter  JV Softball Coach
- Gary McCrone  Varsity Assistant Softball Coach

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the following Supplemental Contracts:

2010/2011 school year

- Monica Shorter  Varsity Assistant Softball Coach
- Julie Cole  Girls' Head Track Coach
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- Jack Arnold  Boys' Head Track Coach (25%)
- Bryan Straniero  Jr. High Assistant Track Coach (50%)
- Laura Straniero  Jr. High Assistant Track Coach
- Lucas Hess  Jr. High Assistant Track Coach
- Steve Smetana  Varsity Baseball Coach
- Justin Smetana  Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
- Bob White  JV Baseball Coach
- Russell Pernus  Track Assistant Coach

2011/2012 school year:
- Joni Prots  Varsity Volleyball Coach
- Jamie Bowers  Assistant JV
- Jim Gonczy  8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Coach
- Denise Nash  Freshmen Volleyball Coach

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve Nick Burzanko as a Volunteer for Boys’ Baseball.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve Traci Arbogast for the position of Substitute Custodian. All background checks have been completed.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

C. Business:

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve Open Enrollment for grades 7 – 12 for the 2011/2012 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Old Business
None

New Business
Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Honkala to recognize the pursuit of the 2012 trip to Costa Rica by Tracy Rae.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Open Public Participation
Mr. Weber questioned the Board about SB5. Mr. Miller informed Mr. Weber that they were watching the bill closely.

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to enter into Executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion made at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Entered Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

Exited Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Mr. Roger Miller President

Mrs. Beth McCaffrey Recorder of Proceedings