
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2018 6:00 PM
BERKSHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONTVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

* The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

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. Boyd, Mr. Manfredi, Mrs. Raikes, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Wadsworth-present

Motion to approve the current agenda.

Discussion: None

First: Mr. Wadsworth, Seconded: Mr. Manfredi

Roll Call: Mr. Boyd-aye, Mr. Manfredi-aye, Mrs. Raikes-aye, Ms. Stanley-aye, Mr. Wadsworth-aye

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2018 regular meeting.

First: Mr. Manfredi, Seconded: Mr. Boyd

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Manfredi-aye, Mrs. Raikes-aye, Ms. Stanley-aye, Mr. Wadsworth-aye, Mr. Boyd-aye

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures and Interest Earned:

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 **March, 2018** submitted subject to audit and include: Financial Summary, Appropriations and Revenue Summary, Check Register Recap, and Bank Reconciliation per *ORC 3313.29*.

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Appropriation Modifications:

Motion to approve the following appropriation modifications:

Fund 300	Athletics	-	2,905.37
Fund 024	Insurance	+	178,258.65

First: Mr. Wadsworth, Seconded: Mr. Manfredi

Discussion: Mr. Manfredi asked Mrs. McCaffrey to explain the insurance. Mrs. McCaffrey stated this was to appropriate additional cash to cover our insurance claims. Mr. Manfredi questioned if this was enough to get us through the rest of the year. Mrs. McCaffrey stated she hoped it was but we never know what claims are coming through.

Roll Call: Mrs. Raikes-aye, Ms. Stanley-aye, Mr. Wadsworth-aye, Mr. Boyd-aye, Mr. Manfredi-aye
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Transfers/Advances:

Motion to approve the following transfers/advances:

General to Cafeteria	Advance	\$	597.38
General to Insurance	Transfer	\$	75,000.00

First: Mr. Wadsworth, Seconded: Mr. Manfredi

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Ms. Stanley-aye Mr. Wadsworth-aye, Mr. Boyd-aye, Mr. Manfredi-aye, Mrs. Raikes-aye
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Vocational Report

Roger Miller stated Auburn Career Center will be spending \$300,000 on a roof that should be replaced but funds do not allow at this time. He also mentioned that everything in this particular wing needs attention but it is not in the budget. Roger also noted that Auburn Career Center is digging deeper into career paths with the middle and elementary aged students.

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Committee Reports

Amy Hochchild and Gina Kriz gave the Board an update on the Graduate Profile.

Mr. Stoddard gave an update on PRIME.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Personnel:

Classified:

Motion to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2017/2018 school year:

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| • Ian Patterson | Jr. High Track & Field Coach | \$2,792 |
| • Brad Wadsworth | Volunteer – Jr. High Track & Field Coach | |

First: Mrs. Raikes, Seconded: Mr. Boyd

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Wadsworth-abstained, Mr. Boyd-aye, Mr. Manfredi-aye, Mrs. Raikes-aye, Ms. Stanley-aye

4 Ayes, 1 Abstained

Motion Carried.

Business:

Motion to approve the following Resolution:

Acknowledging and approving the community reinvestment area agreement between Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Great Lakes Cheese Co. Inc./JHK Company

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners created the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in Troy Township in order to provide appropriate development incentives to support economic development projects, and

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners proposes to provide a fifteen (15) year 100% tax abatement to Great Lakes Cheese Co. Inc./JHK Company for the planned construction, and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that Berkshire Board of Education, County of Geauga, State of Ohio acknowledges and approves this project by resolution and furthermore hereby waives any and all notification periods required by the Ohio Revised Code in regards to this project.

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THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves to adopt the resolution.

First: Mr. Wadsworth, Seconded: Mr. Manfredi

Discussion: Ms. Stanley asked for the history and how this came about. Mr. Stoddard explained Great Lakes Cheese is looking to expand their headquarters and they are looking for the most attractive place. Great Lakes Cheese is currently in four states but would like to expand the Troy location. Mr. Boyd questioned if Troy Township has voted on this resolution yet. Mrs. McCaffrey stated Troy would have taken action when the CRA was created, forming the industrial park. Mrs. McCaffrey stated this expansion will create 265 more jobs adding about 16.5 million to their payroll.

Roll Call: Mr. Boyd-aye, Mr. Manfredi-aye, Mrs. Raikes-aye, Ms. Stanley-aye, Mr. Wadsworth-aye
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the Berkshire Jr./Sr. High School Course Fees for the 2018/2019 school year.

First: Mr. Wadsworth, Seconded: Mr. Boyd

Discussion: Mr. Boyd asked if the fees are the same as the current school year. Mr. Stoddard stated they were all the same with the exception of the new classes that were added and that the parking fee has increased slightly to be more comparable to surrounding schools.

Roll Call: Mr. Manfredi-aye, Mrs. Raikes-aye, Ms. Stanley-aye, Mr. Wadsworth-aye, Mr. Boyd –aye
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the agreement with the Geauga County Educational Service Center for 2018/2019 school year.

First: Mr. Manfredi, Seconded: Mr. Wadsworth

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mrs. Raikes-aye, Ms. Stanley-aye, Mr. Wadsworth-aye, Mr. Boyd-aye, Mr. Manfredi-aye
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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Motion to approve an agreement with the Lake County Educational Service Center for the Provision of Naviance Consortium beginning March 1, 2018 and remain in effect until February 28, 2022.

First: Mr. Wadsworth, Seconded: Mr. Manfredi

Discussion: Mr. Boyd asked this be explained. Mr. Stoddard explained that this allows the district to take advantage of the numbers for professional development. By joining this consortium, schools are able to combine making the costs cheaper for each district. Ms. Stanley questioned if this was combined with Geauga County. Mr. Stoddard stated Education Service Centers are going more towards a regional center rather than a county center.

Roll Call: Ms. Stanley-aye, Mr. Wadsworth-aye, Mr. Boyd-aye, Mr. Manfredi-aye, Mrs. Raikes-aye
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Boyd read the following statement:

We have been approached by representatives from Newbury Schools asking us if Berkshire Schools would be interested in merger talks. We indicated we would be interested in having a discussion, particularly as it relates to a territory transfer, but we would like to complete a feasibility study for both districts before considering such opportunities and before any decisions are made.

Building Updates:

High School

- AIR Schedule posted and all necessary technology is ready to begin on 4/12
- Berkshire Thespians will be presenting The Addams Family on April 27th, 28th, and 29th see website for details.
- Life Act will working in conjunction with our Geauga County partners to interact and support students on their social/emotional health next week.
- Burton PD met with BHS about restoring the SRO position for the 2018-2019 school year and beyond (more information to come).
- Burton PD will be conducting another ALICE training with our staff on 4/9 to continue our vigilance on safety protocol.

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- Spanish Honor Society will hold their inductions on 4/23 at 10:45 at BHS in the library.
- The HS staff is hard at work at developing a strong road map of what the Graduate Profile looks like at the JH and HS levels. Kent State will also be joining us as a partner in this effort. We will be holding a public meeting at 4/23 at 6:00 PM for anyone interested.
- This year three BHS students were accepted to Buckeye Boys State, they are; Joseph Hughes, Nathan Schimmels, and Josiah Cheung.
- Curriculum Mapping and new course development was aided by Bob Glaven who worked with both our Math and Science teachers over the past couple weeks.
- Josiah Cheung took 2nd place in the Burton-Middlefield Rotary 4-way speech Competition.
- Congratulations to Katrina Ostrander on her 1st place finish in Kent State Geauga "College Writing Contest 2017"! Eligibility requirements were as follows: Students enrolled in Introduction to College Writing, College Writing I, or College Writing II at any Kent State University Geauga Campus could submit an essay of their choice, as long as it had been an assignment for the course during the 2017 fall semester.

Burton Elementary

- Conferences went well and were highly attended
- Kindergarten and 1st Grade completed their Curriculum Mapping
- 6th Grade completed their Algebra Readiness Assessment
- PBIS Practice Walkthrough for our Silver Status...we are ready to apply for the Silver Award
- Lockdown Drill went well with the Burton PD
- Telecommunications UH data being collected
- Preparing for our BE testing Meeting with the staff to prepare and review testing protocol
- Science Fair was a success
- Chardon Polka Band Assembly
- Roster Verification began
- Graduate Profile Meeting planned
- Latchkey program beginning stages started

Ledgemont Elementary

- United Way fundraiser jeans week before spring break
- Dr. Seuss's cat in the hat visited LE to wrap up read across America
- Trophies displayed in library and atrium
- April 5 Third Quarter Awards ceremony
- April 6th Straight A breakfast.
- Certificates for Not2th tech training out

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Open Public Participation

Roger Miller stated he appreciated the board approving the Great Lakes Cheese Abatement and that Berkshire needs to stay focused with the Kent project.

Linda Seco, a Montville resident, questioned if the levy was for additional millage. Mr. Stoddard answered the levy millage was in addition to what is currently being collected.

Board Discussion

Mrs. Raikes asked if any other donations have come in for the athletic facility. Mr. Stoddard stated he is unaware of any at this time.

Ms. Stanley asked Mrs. McCaffrey to explain the millage that is set aside for operations of the new building. Mrs. McCaffrey stated that OFCC now requires Districts to set aside .5 mills to be used to operate the buildings. This rule change is due to history of schools constructing buildings larger than needed. The current PI levy is currently collecting at 1 mill.

Executive Session

Motion to move into Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. No action will be made.

First: Mr. Wadsworth, Seconded: Mrs. Raikes

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Boyd-aye, Mr. Manfredi-aye, Mrs. Raikes-aye, Ms. Stanley-aye, Mr. Wadsworth-aye
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Time Motion Made: 7:09 pm

Time Entered into Executive Session: 7:15 pm

Time Exited from Executive Session: 8:26 pm

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Adjournment

A motion made by Mr. Wadsworth, seconded Mr. Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Boyd-aye, Mr. Manfredi-aye, Mrs. Raikes-aye, Ms. Stanley-aye, Mr. Wadsworth-aye



Mr. Jim Boyd

President



Mrs. Beth McCaffrey

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