

Ross Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Morgan Elementary  
April 9, 2015

The Ross Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting at Morgan Elementary on April 9, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Board president, Mr. Steve Stitsinger, at 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Present: Mr. Edward Bosse, Mr. David Brown, Mrs. Glenda Holt,  
Mr. John McCandless, Mr. Steve Stitsinger

Absent: None

Mr. Greg Young, Superintendent and Ms. Cathy McMonigle, Treasurer were also present at this meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Review of Agenda

IV. Approval and Signing of Minutes  
4-37-15

Mrs. Holt moved and Mr. McCandless seconded the motion for approval and signing of minutes of March 18, 2015.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. McCandless	Aye	Mrs. Holt	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

V. Highlights

A. Presentation on icurio by Morgan Fourth Grade Students

Michelle Miller, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Morgan Elementary, and 22 amazing students gave a presentation on icurio to the Board.

VI. Public Participation

None

## VII. Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

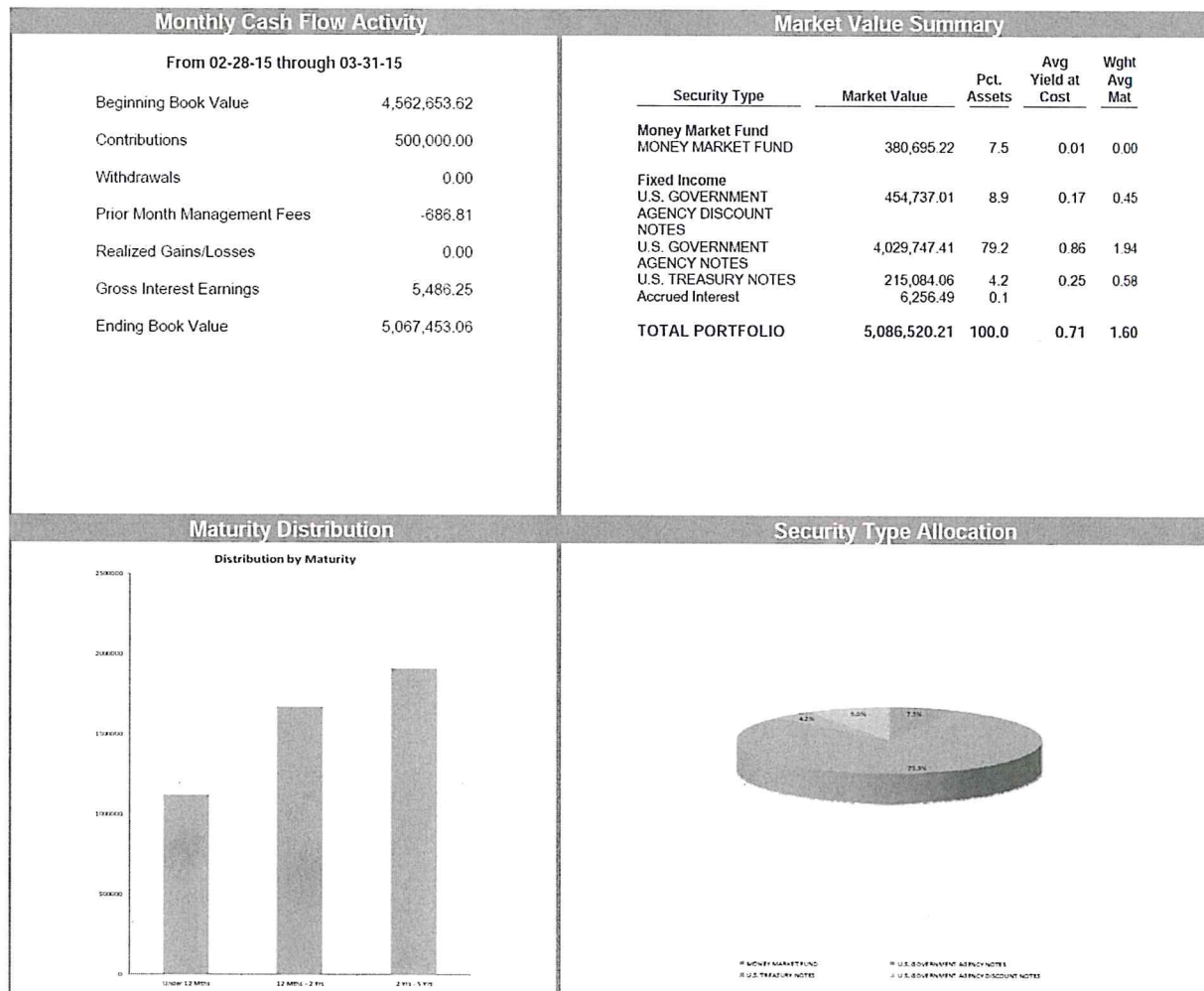
### A. Approval of Financial Report, Investments, and Donations 4-38-15

Mr. Stitsinger moved and Mrs. Holt seconded the motion for approval of financial report, investments, and donations as follows:

#### Investments



RedTree Investment Group  
Monthly Investment Report  
Ross Local Schools  
US Bank Acct #001050970781  
Attn: Cathy McMonigle  
March 31, 2015



Disclosures: RedTree's internal accounting system is used as the source of the market value of the information reported above. Although obtained from a source believed to be reliable, we cannot guarantee its accuracy. You should review all account statements provided by the custodian and compare with the statements provided by RedTree.

RedTree Investment Group  
Portfolio Holdings Report  
Ross Local Schools  
US Bank Acct #001050970781  
March 31, 2015



Quantity	Cusip	Security Description	Moody's	S&P	Cost Basis	Market Value	Yield at Cost	Wtd Maturity
<b>U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY NOTES</b>								
450,000	3135G0VA8	Federal Natl Mtg Assoc 0.500% Due 03-30-16	Aaa	AA+	447,614.55	450,799.20	0.71	1.00
245,000	3137EADQ9	Federal Home Ln Mtg 0.500% Due 05-13-16	Aaa	AA+	244,894.65	245,310.90	0.52	1.11
350,000	3133834R9	Federal Home Ln Bank 0.375% Due 06-24-16	Aaa	AA+	349,432.49	349,807.15	0.46	1.23
125,000	3135G0XP3	Federal Natl Mtg Assoc 0.375% Due 07-05-16	Aaa	AA+	123,804.75	124,924.12	0.70	1.26
575,000	3136G05H0	Federal Natl Mtg Assoc 0.700% Due 11-21-16	Aaa	AA+	575,000.00	575,417.45	0.70	1.63
167,857	3130A0Z45	Federal Home Ln Bank 0.750% Due 11-28-16	Aaa	AA+	167,857.14	168,020.46	0.75	1.64
205,000	3136G1FG9	Federal Natl Mtg Assoc 0.800% Due 02-27-17	Aaa	AA+	205,000.00	205,209.10	0.80	1.89
300,000	3135G0MZ3	Federal Natl Mtg Assoc 0.875% Due 08-28-17	Aaa	AA+	298,243.50	300,374.70	1.06	2.38
355,000	3134G6NG4	Federal Home Ln Mtg 1.000% Due 09-29-17	Aaa	AA+	355,000.00	355,047.92	1.00	2.46
450,000	3137EADL0	Federal Home Ln Mtg 1.000% Due 09-29-17	Aaa	AA+	448,537.50	451,396.35	1.11	2.46
325,000	3134G5MP7	Federal Home Ln Mtg 1.125% Due 11-03-17	Aaa	AA+	325,000.00	325,227.17	1.12	2.54
255,000	3135G0TG8	Federal Natl Mtg Assoc 0.875% Due 02-08-18	Aaa	AA+	252,376.05	254,833.99	1.20	2.81
225,000	3135G0WN9	Federal Natl Mtg Assoc 1.000% Due 04-30-18	Aaa	AA+	224,775.00	223,378.87	1.02	3.01
	Accrued Interest					6,030.80		
					4,017,535.63	4,035,778.22	0.86	1.94
<b>U.S. TREASURY NOTES</b>								
215,000	912828WB2	US Treasury Note 0.250% Due 10-31-15	Aaa	AA+	215,000.00	215,084.06	0.25	0.58
	Accrued Interest					225.69		
					215,000.00	215,309.76	0.25	0.58
<b>U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY DISCOUNT NOTES</b>								
455,000	313384LL1	Federal Home Ln Bank Discount Note 0.000% Due 09-08-15	P-1	A-1+	454,222.21	454,737.01	0.17	0.45
<b>MONEY MARKET FUND</b>								
	USBMMF	First American Treasury Obligations Fund			380,695.22	380,695.22	0.01	
<b>TOTAL PORTFOLIO</b>					<b>5,067,453.06</b>	<b>5,086,520.21</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>1.60</b>

### Donations

1. Donation of \$25.00 from Kevin Maloney for Rambotics tournament fees.
2. Donation of \$100.00 from Teri Wallace for Rambotics tournament fees.
3. Donation of \$83.44 from Target for Elda Take Charge of Education program.
4. Donations of items estimated at \$75.00 from Barnes & Noble for RHS poetry contest.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. McCandless	Aye	Mrs. Holt	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

### VIII. Approval of Property, Fleet and Liability Insurance 4-39-15

Mrs. Holt moved and Mr. McCandless seconded the motion for approval of property, fleet and liability insurance as presented. (Copy on File in Treasurer's Office)

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. McCandless	Aye	Mrs. Holt	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

### IX. Approval of Revised 2015-2016 Amounts and Rates 4-40-15

Mr. Stitsinger moved and Mrs. Holt seconded the motion for approval of revised 2015-2016 amounts and rates as follows:

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

(City, Village, or Rural Board of Education)

Rev. Code, Secs. 5705.34, 5705.35

The Board of Education of the ROSS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Butler

County, Ohio, met in Regular session on the 9 day of April, 2015 at the  
(Regular or Special)

office of Morgan Elementary with the following members present:

Mr. Edward Bosse

Mr. David Brown

Mrs. Glenda Holt

Mr. John McCandless

Mr. Steve Stitsinger

Mr. Steve Stitsinger

moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

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 July 1st, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Butler County, Ohio has certified its action thereon of the  
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 tax  
limitation; therefore be it

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:

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION,  
AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

FUND	AMOUNT APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION INSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION	AMOUNT TO BE DERIVED FROM LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION	COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATE OF TAX RATE TO BE LEVIED	
			INSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT	OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT
GENERAL FUND	\$1,800,000	\$7,160,000	4.66	40.37
BOND RETIREMENT FUND		\$1,170,000		3.00
LIBRARY FUND				
FOR PERMANENT IMPROVE	\$270,000		0.70	
STATE				
TOTAL	\$2,070,000	\$8,330,000	5.36	43.37



SCHEDULE B

LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

FUND		COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATE OF YIELD OF LEVY (Carry to Schedule A)	MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED TO BE LEVIED
GENERAL FUND:			
Current expense levy authorized by voters on ,1976 not to exceed IND. years.		2,680,000	19.52
Current expense levy authorized by voters on 5-5 ,1981 not to exceed IND. years.		1,200,000	6.90
Current expense levy authorized by voters on 11-30 ,1987 not to exceed IND. years.		820,000	3.90
Current expense levy authorized by voters on 05/08 ,1990 not to exceed IND. years.		700,000	3.30
Current expense levy authorized by voters on 05/02 ,1995 not to exceed IND. years.		480,000	2.00
Current expense levy authorized by voters on 05/04 ,1999 not to exceed IND. years.		1,280,000	4.75
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION		7,160,000	40.37
SPECIAL LEVY FUNDS:			
Levy authorized by voters on 11/5, 2002 not to exceed 26 years. (\$24,900,000.00) BOND		1,520,000	3.00
Levy authorized by voters on not to exceed years.			
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and be it further

CERTIFICATE OF COPY

ORIGINAL ON FILE

The State of Ohio, Butler County, ss.

I, Cathy McMonigle, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Ross Local

School District, in said County, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Board are

required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken

and copied from the original Board of Education Minutes

now on file, with said Board that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original document,

and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this 9 day of April, 2015

Cathy McMonigle

Treasurer of the Board of Education of the

Ross Local

School District

Butler County, Ohio

NOTE: A copy of this Resolution must be certified to the County Auditor before the first day of  
APRIL in each year, or at such later date as may be approved by the Board of Tax Appeals.

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. (CITY, VILLAGE, OR RURAL BOARD  
OF EDUCATION)

ADOPTED April 9, 2015

FILED \_\_\_\_\_

Cathy McMonigle

TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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COUNTY AUDITOR

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DEPUTY AUDITOR

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. McCandless	Aye	Mrs. Holt	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.



X. Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

A. Personnel

4-41-15

Mr. Stitsinger moved and Mr. McCandless seconded the motion for approval of the following personnel actions:

1. Non-Certificated

- a. Employment, 2014-2015 Contract Year, Non-Teaching, As Needed, To Be Assigned, Pending Verification of Training, Experience, BCI and FBI Reports

1. Rebekah Butz, Part-Time (a.m.) Substitute Secretary for Stefanie Snider - RHS, FTE 0.5, Effective 4/6/15-5/29/15
2. Joyce Purdy, Substitute Secretary
3. Sheila Shadoan, Substitute Van Driver
4. Barbara Rhoten, Substitute Cafeteria Worker

2. Certificated

- a. Resignations

1. David Burk, Teacher, Effective 5/29/15

- b. Employment, 2014-2015 Contract Year, As Needed, To Be Assigned, Pending Verification of Training, Experience, BCI and FBI Reports

1. Aaron Gilkison, L.T. Substitute Teacher for Jing Xiao - Chinese P-12, FTE 1.0, MA+15 Step 0, Effective 5/19/15

3. Supplementals

- a. Resignations

1. Laura Mills, RMS & RHS Color Guard, Effective end of 2014-2015 Contract

4. Approval for Adjustment to 2013-2014 Salary Paid to Mary Beth Francis

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. McCandless	Aye	Mrs. Holt	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

B. Approval of Sign Language Interpreter Contract for Remainder of 2014-2015 School Year, Through Hearing Speech & Deaf Center of Greater Cincinnati for RMS Student, Effective 1/5/15  
4-42-15

Mr. Brown moved and Mr. Stitsinger seconded the motion for approval of approval of sign language interpreter contract for remainder of 2014-2015 school year, through Hearing Speech & Deaf Center of Greater Cincinnati for RMS student, effective 1/5/15 as presented. (Copy on File in Treasurer's Office)

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. McCandless	Aye	Mrs. Holt	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

XI. Building Project Update

With regard to Morgan, we are close to project close out. The walk through is scheduled for June. The sanitary lines will be done in the summer and the money has been set aside. Mr. Bosse asked if we really need to incur the cost on the sanitary lines since there have been no additional problems. Mr. Young explained that Roto Rooter, an expert in the field, has said it will continue to be problem because of the design and age of the pipes. All agree that the District should have been told in advance by SHP, OFCC and Turner Construction of potential issues with the sewer line.

With respect to RMS and Elda, all are aware of the HVAC system issues at these schools. The forensic investigator has been on sight, performed his inspection and confirmed the pipe fittings were not installed according to manufacturer recommendations. That report was forwarded to Triton last week. Triton is disputing the findings and a representative of OFCC will be meeting with them to come to an agreement. If not, the next step is mediation; and if necessary, court. The ductwork is finished for the most part. We recently received the report from Four Seasons, but have not had a chance to review with all parties. We do have one duct leaking so Mr. Young won't approve payment until Triton has the leak fixed. Mr. Bosse would like confirmation this won't happen again. Mr. Young explained it is a different material that was used to fix the problematic areas. However, it doesn't guarantee there won't be problems to the other metal areas in the future.

XII. Straight A Fund Grant Update

Things have been going very well. It was a plus to have the chromebooks available for state testing. Additionally, since all students 5-12 have a chromebook, the carts from RMS and RHS have been moved down to Elda and Morgan. Subsequently, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade are almost 1:1. We have some funds left which will be used for a Schoology conference in Chicago. We will use the remainder to pay teachers for work on lessons in the summer.

XIII. Committee Reports

A. Butler Tech Report as provided by Board Member Glenda Holt

The meeting is next Tuesday.

B. Legislative Report

Mr. Bosse shared that the Governor's budget is designed to direct funds based on a capacity of a local district to contribute its share to public education. OSBA agrees with this philosophy. Mr. Bosse views it as a "cut and give" concept. Many more Districts are receiving additional funds than are being cut. This will most likely generate support for the Governor's budget. Subsequently, Mr. Bosse developed and presented a proposal which speaks to "performance earns increased funding". This proposal has been shared by Mr. Bosse with the following: Representative Wes Rutherford, Representative Tim Derrickson, The House Finance Sub Committee on Primary and Secondary Education, Representative Bill Hayes (who is the Chairman of the House Education Committee) and Senator Bill Coley. Mr. Bosse explains the reason the Legislature believes Ross has more to contribute to public education is because of our recent increase in CAUV (Current Agricultural Use Value).

XIV. Items From the Public

None

XV. Items From the Board

Mr. Bosse - Renee Bell is receiving a Teacher of Excellence Award. Mr. Bosse wants to know if there's interest to participate in the Student Achievement Fair at Capital Conference. Also, he would like to know if we want to submit something to be recognized by SW Ohio recognition program.

Mr. Brown – None

Mrs. Holt – None

Mr. McCandless – None

Mr. Stitsinger – None

XVII. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel With No Action to Follow  
4-43-15

Mr. Stitsinger moved and Mr. Brown seconded the motion for the Board to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel with no action to follow.

The Board went into executive session at 8:20 p.m. Mr. McCandless left at 9:25 p.m.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. McCandless	Aye	Mrs. Holt	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

XVIII. Approval to Leave Executive Session  
4-44-15

Mr. Bosse moved and Mrs. Holt seconded the motion to leave executive session at 9:35 p.m.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. McCandless	Aye	Mrs. Holt	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the motion carried.

XIX. Adjournment  
4-45-15

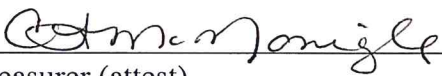
Mr. Stitsinger moved and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:35 p.m.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Stitsinger	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. McCandless	Aye	Mrs. Holt	Aye
Mr. Bosse	Aye		

Mr. Stitsinger declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

  
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President of the Board

  
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Treasurer (attest)