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Crowne Plaza Hotel, Columbus, Ohio  
November 10, 2014

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Berea City School District held on Monday, November 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Columbus Hotel, 33 East Nationwide Blvd., Columbus, OH 43215

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. with the following members:

Present: Chapman , Postel, Szabo, Tressel, Thurau  
Absent:

Roll Call  
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President Postel called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of  
Allegiance  
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### **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **a. District Facilities**

The Assistant Superintendent provided an update to the Board of Education regarding capital projects. These capital projects included the boiler replacement at Brook Park Memorial Elementary School and some problems that are not able to be addressed at this time. Those issues that cannot be addressed include:

- Pavement issues at various buildings
- Continuation of window replacement

The Assistant Superintendent also discussed some of the safety & security initiatives that are being addressed through improvements at the buildings and the safety & security procedures that are planned in partnership with the area police department.

The Superintendent discussed where the district is at with Roehm Sport Complex and the remaining portions of the project that still have to be completed. The Superintendent also discussed possible uses of the facility and surrounding grounds by district and community sport teams.

Looking to the  
Future  
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#### **b. District Finances**

The Treasurer presented to the Board a financial update. Included in the financial update was an overview of the Meritorious Budget that was recently published. During the conversation, the Treasurer identified areas of the budget, including the Goals & Objectives in the Organizational Section, the student enrollment data, expenditure per pupil data and staffing data in the Informational Section as well as the Bond Retirement & Debt Amortization Data contained in both the Financial and Informational Section.

The discussion also included a conversation about the current financial forecast and the impact of the reduction in property taxes, due to a large amount of tax refunds, reduced benefit expense projections and the impact those have on the short term and long term fiscal outlook for the district.

c. District Initiatives

Looking to the  
Future  
(continued)

The Superintendent discussed proposed changes to the Food Service policy and the intended purpose of the previous changes, as well as the proposed changes. The Board and Superintendent talked about different aspects from the parents and staff regarding the changes in the policy.

The Board, Superintendent and Treasurer also talked about changing the format of one of the board meetings a month to a work session that would have prescheduled presentations. The Board will continue to discuss the topic at the December Board meeting. The Board also discussed different ways to communicate with the members of the community.

Szabo moved and Thurau seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Adjournment

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman , Szabo , Thurau , Tressel , Postel   
Nays: None Motion carried Time meeting ended: 9:22 p.m.

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Date of Approval: 12-8-14

APPROVED: 

ATTEST: 