

Kirtland Board of Education Regular Meeting January 12, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Kirtland Board of Education was held at the Kirtland Administrative Building on January 12, 2009. Mr. Schenosky called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., with the following members answering the roll: Mr. Balazs, Mr. Bodmer, Mr. Schenosky, Mr. Skeggs and Mrs. Sohngen. Dr. Lipinski attended the meeting.

Also in attendance: Lorraine O'Brien, Edward Bradac, Heidi Grunenberg, Leslie Skinner.

The Board presented a certificate of commendation to Grace Kelemen who was recognized as a 2008-2009 Cleveland Clinic Expressions Winner. Her artwork will be on display at the Clinic.

Dr. Lipinski noted that January is School Board Month and he wanted to recognize and thank the board members for their service to the students and community.

Heidi Grunenberg, advisor to the Middle School Multi-Media Experiences Club requested approval to have 3 students attend the Ohio E-Tech conference in Columbus. She said the students are state finalists in an animation contest where they used Legos blocks to create cheerleaders. Mrs. Sohngen said the students enjoy the animation being used in classroom activities in addition to extra-curricular activities.

Leslie Skinner, Food and Nutrition Services Director, reviewed the new on-line ticketing system for the cafeterias that will be implemented February 19. She said the new system will allow students to purchase 2 lunches at a deficit until parents replenish their account. Mr. Schenosky asked what happens in a power outage, Mrs. Skinner said the cashiers would have to track the sales manually and enter the information in the computer later, Mrs. Sohngen asked if there is a fee for parents sending a check to school and Mrs. Skinner said no, the only charge is if parent makes a payment on-line. Dr. Lipinski said letters are being sent home to parents explaining the process.

Dr. Lipinski said the construction on the new rooms is complete and the elementary gym and new HS band room are complete. He said the new classrooms will be in use as of January 20. He said the new phone system is up and running and the security system will be done at the end of January. Dr. Lipinski said the boilers for the elementary and high schools have been working well and while there have been some problems with the middle school boiler not firing up in the morning, the contractor has been working on it.

Mrs. Sohngen asked if the elementary gym floor was done and Dr. Lipinski said it was. She said some water fountains were not working in the elementary and Dr. Lipinski said he would look into the matter.

Dr. Lipinski said the district has wanted to provide an early learning program for three and four year olds but could not previously due to space constraints. Mr. Bradac said Willoughby-Eastlake Schools has had a program for 20 years. He said ideally Kirtland would have a 3 year old class from 9-11:30 a.m. and 4 year old class from 12:30 – 3 p.m. Each class would have 20-22 students with a teacher and an aide. Mr. Bradac said the district needs approval from the Ohio Department of Education for the program. He said the program would be self-sustaining and would start in the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Bradac said the program would follow ODE curriculum and the program would use a kindergarten room with a bathroom and have one room for instruction and one room for play. He said students would be admitted to the program on a first-come, first-served basis and would be open to non-residents of the district if space is available. Dr. Lipinski said the teacher and aide would be paid an hourly rate and the parent's cost would be the daily rate and snack fee.

Dr. Lipinski said the curriculum would focus on literacy (letters) and math (numbers) recognition and play time. He said the district is hoping many of the items for the "play" room will come from donations. Mr. Schenosky asked if it would be difficult to find substitute staff for that age group and Mr. Bradac said that it would not be a problem. Mr. Schenosky asked if there is open admission would there be early admission for Kirtland School residents, Mr. Bradac said that would make sense. Mrs. Sohngen said she would encourage an early sign up for Kirtland students.

Mrs. Sohngen asked if the pre-kindergarten class is 4 days a week, but we have a kindergarten class three days one week, two days the next week, would there be a greater expectation for everyday kindergarten. She asked for the cost to the district if only all day every day kindergarten was offered. Mr. Schenosky said in the district he lived previously there were all day and half kindergarten programs until the 2 programs were merged.

Dr. Lipinski said that a further report would be given to the board in February. He said pre-kindergarten teachers currently need an associate's degree but the standards are changing and in the second year of the program the teacher will need a bachelor's degree. Mrs. Sohngen said the district needs to be careful with equipment donations due to the Jarod's law regulations. Dr. Lipinski said the district had some things appropriate for the age group but will need to outfit the rooms. Mr. Balazs said he would like numbers from Mrs. Brach as to how many students in grades 1-3 attended full-time vs. part time kindergarten.

It was moved by Ms. Balazs and seconded by Mrs. Sohngen that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution #1C-2009

- A. Recommendation to Approve Minute Transcripts for:
Regular Meeting:
December 15, 2008

Recommendation to Approve Financial Statements for:
December 2008

Mr. Balazs asked what numbers were not reflected in the construction reports. Ms. Herrmann said change orders approved in January, the elementary computer room project and the moving of the modular units have not been encumbered. Dr. Lipinski said additional fencing will be needed for the playground. Mr. Schenosky said there is also discussion about bleachers for the elementary gym.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Balazs, Mr. Bodmer, Mr. Schenosky, Mr. Skeggs, Mrs. Sohngen.

It was moved by Mrs. Sohngen and seconded by Mr. Schenosky that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution #2-2009

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF KIRTLAND LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL
OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS
5705.194 THROUGH 5705.197 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2008, this Board adopted a resolution declaring it necessary to submit to the electors of the District the question of the renewal of an existing tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation, as described below, a copy of which resolution was certified to the Lake County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, that County Auditor has certified to this Board that the total tax (assessed) valuation of the District is \$357,351,056 and that the estimated annual tax levy required throughout the life of the proposed levy to produce the annual amount of \$1,450,000 as set forth in that resolution, calculated in the manner provided by Section 5705.195 of the Revised Code, is 4.06 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 40.6 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Kirtland Local School District, Counties Lake and Geauga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby determines to proceed with the submission to the electors at an election to be held on May 5, 2009, of the question of the renewal of an existing tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation (commencing with a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the year 2009 to be first distributed to the Board in calendar year 2010) in order to raise the amount of \$1,450,000 each year for five years for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of this District, at the annual tax rate as is necessary to raise that amount, which rate is currently estimated by the Lake County Auditor to be 4.06 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 40.6 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation.

Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to certify to the Lake County Board of Elections copies of this resolution and the resolution of this Board and certificate of the County Auditor referred to in the preambles hereto, on or before February 19, 2009. This Board hereby requests that the Board of Elections give timely notice, prepare the ballots, and make other necessary arrangements for the submission of this question to the electors of this District, all in accordance with law.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees 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 of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Ms. Herrmann passed out a fact sheet on the levy and said this it is a renewal of an existing tax levy and will not cost residents any additional money. Mr. Schenosky said the district needs to get a group from the community to help support the levy and Dr. Lipinski said he is working on it.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Balazs, Mr. Bodmer, Mr. Schenosky, Mr. Skeggs, Mrs. Sohngen.

It was moved by Mr. Balazs and seconded by Mr. Bodmer that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution #3-2009

- A. Public Hearing for Comments on the 2009-2010 Tax Budget
- B. Recommendation to Approve 2009-2010 Tax Budget

- C. Recommendation to Approve Membership Dues for Ohio School Boards Association for 2009, and Membership in the Legal Assistance Fund
- D. Recommendation to Approve 2009-2010 Amended Appropriation
- E. Recommendation to Approve an Increase in Substitute Pay, Effective January 1, 2009, to Conform to State Law:
Cafeteria Staff - \$7.30/hour
Cafeteria Cashier - \$7.41/hour
- F. Recommendation to Accept Tax Rates as Prepared by the Lake County Auditor
- G. Recommendation to Authorize a Convenience Fee of \$1.75 for On-Line Payments for Student Lunches

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Balazs, Mr. Bodmer, Mr. Schenosky, Mr. Skeggs, Mrs. Sohngen.

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE
(O.R.C. 5705-412)

RE: Appropriation

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the KIRTLAND LOCAL School District has sufficient funds to meet the contract, obligation, payment, or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to maintain all personnel, programs, and services essential to the provision of an adequate educational program on all the days in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year, except that if the above expenditure is for a contract, this certification shall cover the term of the contract or the current fiscal year plus the two immediately succeeding fiscal years, whichever period of years is greater.

Board President

Superintendent

Treasurer
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It was moved by Mr. Bodmer and seconded by Mrs. Sohngen that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution #4-2009

- A. Recommendation to Approve Retirement Resignation of Mark Robertson effective June 9, 2009

Mr. Balazs asked what the deadline was for teachers to submit a retirement resignation. Dr. Lipinski said in order to take advantage of the retirement incentive a teacher has to submit their resignation by March 1.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Balazs, Mr. Bodmer, Mr. Schenosky, Mr. Skeggs, Mrs. Sohngen.

It was moved by Mr. Schenosky and seconded by Ms. Skeggs that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution #5-2009

- A. Recommendation to Reappoint Patricia Ballo to the Kirtland Public Library Board of Trustees, effective now – December 31, 2015
- B. Recommendation to Approve KMS Overnight Trip for Members of the Multi-Media Experiences Club to Attend the eTech Conference in Columbus

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Balazs, Mr. Bodmer, Mr. Schenosky, Mr. Skeggs, Mrs. Sohngen.

Mr. Schenosky asked board members to let him know which committees they wish to serve on for the coming year. Mr. Bodmer said he would like to serve again as the Board's liaison to the high school.

There being no further business before the board it was moved by Mr. Balazs and seconded by Mr. Skeggs that the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Balazs, Mr. Bodmer, Mr. Schenosky, Mr. Skeggs, Mrs. Sohngen.

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We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and exact copy of the proceedings that were held on the above aforementioned date.

Signed this _____ Day of _____, 2009.

President

Treasurer