

## **Kirtland Board of Education**

### **Special Meeting**

### **May 18, 2009**

The Special Meeting of the Kirtland Board of Education was held at the Kirtland High School, LGI room on May 18, 2009. Mr. Schenosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Royal & Beth Brettrager, Carleen Shetler, Ray Malone, Carla & Tim Kehres, Jeanette & Tim Blankenship, Mike & Gina Lane, Tom & Paula Christopher, Sandy Kappel, Lee DiFonzo, Gary, Corrie and Aaron Danielson, Jackie Mimm, Ron & Linda Crouse, Lou & Laura Brochetti, Allison Miller, Mary Cubela, Marilyn Rock, Thomas Bailey, Mrs. Schroeder, Ted Roseberry.

Mr. Roseberry said this school year the district had deemed it impractical to transport Kirtland students to 12 private schools, because it was either too far a distance or there were too few riders. He was recommending the district add the following schools to the list for the 2009-2010 school year: Upper and Lower Hawken, Gilmour Academy and Julie Billiart. Mr. Roseberry said 40 students are eligible for that bus run, but the daily average of students on that bus was 7 to 9. He said the district average cost to transport students is \$896.87 per pupil but that bus run costs \$4,970 per pupil. He noted that a recent New-Herald article showed Kirtland as having the least efficient transportation system in Lake County.

Mrs. Sohngen said she thought a van was to be used for that route. Mr. Roseberry said when the district knew there would be only 7 students the van was utilized but parents didn't call regularly to let the district know their child wasn't riding the bus that day. Mrs. Sohngen asked if the district could partner with another district for that run, and Mr. Roseberry said no other Lake county school goes to Julie Billiart. He said if the district does not transport students to these schools the parents are eligible for a payment in lieu of transportation.

Mrs. Sohngen asked if other bus routes can be made more efficient and Mr. Roseberry said before revising bus routes he would need to know if this bus and driver would be available. Mr. Skeggs asked if the poor efficiency rating harms the district. Mr. Roseberry said under one state funding proposal the district could lose 10% of state funding for being inefficient.

Members of the Kirtland Education Council (KEC) gave a presentation to the board regarding what they believe are problems with manner in which Kirtland schools identifies students with special needs, communicates with parents and they believe there are insufficient resources for special needs students. The group also said there is a lack of

accountability adhering to IEP's and 504 Plans, and the dispute resolution process is inadequate.

Paula Christopher presented an overview of a KEC survey of Chagrin Falls, Perry, Solon, Mentor and Willoughby-Eastlake schools, comparing those special education programs to Kirtland.

Karla Kehres presented the RTI process, (response to intervention) used by other schools to identify, and monitor students with special needs. Jeannette Blankenship reviewed a student/parent bill of rights KEC recommends the district adopt. Tom Christopher discussed "Wings of Angels," a partnership program whereby senior citizens become academic coaches and mentors for students in the program that would be funded through community partnerships. Tim Kehres discussed creating a Student Success Center providing intervention, a co-teacher program and hiring a guidance counselor for special needs students. Ron Crouse discussed establishing a scholarship program for students with special needs. Tom Christopher said the district's current method of calculating a grade point average, an annual rolling accumulative average, discourages student performance and he said other districts are not using this calculation.

Mrs. Sohngen said the board wants to make positive improvements and is working to do a survey, conducted by an outside firm, with standard questions to serve as a benchmark and results of the survey will be incorporated into a 5 year plan.

Mr. Christopher said regarding busing the district needs to keep the bus route that serves Julie Billiard as he expects the students attending there could increase to 6 or 8. Ray Malone said he has 2 children attending Julie Billiard and there is more than cost to consider in a bus run. He said continued busing to Julie Billiard is essential and if it is not provided he will exercise his rights under the dispute resolution process if forced to.

Mr. Schenosky said the board will review all the information presented by KEC and the administration is working to improve programs. He said the scholarship program is an excellent idea as is involving senior citizens in the schools. Mr. Schenosky said the board appreciated the efforts of the KEC and anytime parents have problems they should free to call board members.

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

Resolution #19-2009

- A. Recommendation to Approve Minute Transcripts for:  
Regular Meeting of April 27, 2009
- B. Recommendation to Approve Financial Statements for:  
April 2009

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

Mrs. Sohngen said she distributed to board members information from survey firms and asked what time frame board members wanted to follow for the survey and suggested board members have a conference call with the survey firms before choosing one. Mr. Schenosky said he preferred to have a face to face meeting with the firms.

Dr. Lipinski said he would serve on the committee to choose the survey firm. Mr. Schenosky asked the other board members to let him know if they wished to serve on the committee. Mrs. Sohngen said the board needs to choose a firm, select the survey questions and publicize the process. Mr. Schenosky said that he has an outline for a five year plan for the district he will distribute to board members.

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

Resolution #20-2009

- A. Recommendation to Approve an After-the-Fact Purchase to Maxx Football, \$3,950, from the HS Athletic and Football Fund Raiser Funds
- B. Recommendation to Approve an After-the-Fact Purchase to Jostens, \$3,762.03, from the HS Yearbook Fund
- C. Recommendation to Approve an Amended Appropriation (attached)
- D. Recommendation to Approve the Five-Year Forecast (attached)

Mr. Schenosky said the treasurer and superintendent have done a tremendous job instituting financial controls that have kept the district in a stable financial position.

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.

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Board President

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Superintendent

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Treasurer  
Kirtland Board of Education  
Lake County, Ohio

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

Resolution #21-2009

A. Recommendation to Approve Lake County Educational Service Center Employees for 2009-2010:

Frank Grunenberg	Technology Assistant	\$22,963.85
Jane Hayman	Special Education Director	\$56,000.00
(160 days – funded with Federal monies)		
Christine McCrory	Psychologist	\$34,371.34
Denine Mormino	Aide	\$19,492.96
Terry Pennza	Aide	\$20,482.07
Marie Stupica	Aide	\$16,004.69
Patty VanDellen	Aide	\$20,885.31

B. Recommendation to Approve Lake Geauga Computer Association Employee, John Renwick, Network Computer Coordinator for 2009-2010, \$40,992.00

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

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

Resolution #22-2009

- A. Recommendation to Approve Building Technicians Corp. (Geneva) for Roof Repairs - \$671,027.00
- B. Recommendation to Approve the Following Change Orders to RJ Martin Electrical contract:
  - 1. Credit for unused allowance for Fire Alarm/Exit Devices  
Total: (\$5,000.00)
  - 2. Credit for unused Power Company allowance  
Total: (\$15,000.00)  
Total Credit: (\$20,000.00)
- C. Recommendation to Declare Impractical Transportation Routes for 2009-2010 for the same schools as the 2008-2009 school year:
  - Villa Angela/St. Joseph HS Cleveland
  - Holy Cross – Euclid
  - St. Paschal – Highland Hts.
  - St. Frances of Assisi – Gates Mills
  - St. Felicitas – Richmond Hts.
  - St. Mary Magdelene/St. Justin – Eastlake
  - St. Gabriel – Concord
  - Hershey Montessori – Painesville
  - Cornerstone Christian – Willoughby Hills
  - Willo-Hill Christian – Kirtland
  - University Upper School – Hunting Valley
- D. Recommendation to Authorize Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2009-2010 School Year
- E. Recommendation to Approve an Agreement with the Lake County Educational Service Center for Lake Academy for 2009-2010, \$12,000.00
- f. Recommendation to Approve 2009 KHS Graduates

Jessica	Marie	Adams
Bridgett	Melissa	Allen
Alyssa	Nicole	Anderson
Josephine	Louise	Baker
Elizabeth	Jordan	Balazs
Danielle	Theresa Marie	Borowske
Kevin	Ryan	Breskvar
Colin	P	Cantrell
David	Zachary	Carter

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James	Raywat	Carter
Schylar	William	Chappell
Spensir		Chappell
Ashley	Jee-Hae	Choe
Jennifer	Lynn	Clark
Katharine	Elaine	Clark
Sarah	Elizabeth	Combs
Luka		Cubela
Kyle	James	Davidson
Peter	Lee	Davidson
Clayton	Allen	Davis
Jessica	Kathleen	Dickard
Brittany	Meghan	Diven
Iya		Dombrovskaya
Chelsea	E	Dunlap
Debra	Ann	Durst
Benjamin	T	Erdani
Julia	A	Ezzo
Sarah	G	Floro
Kimberly	K	Fulton
Tara	Marie	Gagnon
Adam	Edward	Harkey
Heather	Y	Hausrath
Lindsay	Marie	Hayes
Lauren	Marie	Heckman
Brandon	Robert	Hill
Cassandra	Elizabeth	Hoose
Magdalena		Hrgic
Caitlyn	Anne	Iammarino
Jerrold	Michael	Jernejcic
Brandon	Michael	Keck
Jaclyn	Marie	Keresman
Cassandra	Gail	Kiplinger
Daniel	John	Kish
Kevin	Joseph	Kolb
Kenneth	Robert	Kosovich
Laura	Lynne	Kravos
Stacey	L	Kuehn
Christopher	Scott	Kvasty
Gina	Marie	Licursi
Christopher	Anton	Loncaric
Ethan	David	Lyon
Dustin	A	Macy
Benjamin	John	Madden
Teresa	Marie	Mance
Vincenzo	William	Markovic
Kristen	L	Matthews
Catherine	Elizabeth	Miller
Josh	A	Murphy
Jordan	Ashley	Neubert

Michael	Lawrence	O'Brien
Katherine	Jean	O'Conner
Daniel	Lee	Osborn
Joseph	P	Packer
Eric	Daniel	Pavlisko
Neil	William	Perko
Julius		Pilijevs
Andrew	Branimir	Pisorn
Zvonimir		Raguz
Hannah	C	Reilly
Thomas	G	Ribelli
Curtis	Rodney	Rice
Richard	J	Salcer Jr.
Dominic	Michael	Samf
Rossi	V	Santo
Kelsey	Joan	Saywell
Emily	Anne	Schwaller
Hannah	Allison	Scotese
André	A	Shirk
Jared	Louis	Simcox
Lindsay	Lauren	Simpson
Michael	Edward	Skapin
Katherine	Ann	Skapin
Kyle	Gordon	Smith
Veronica	Rose	Smitley
Ora	Nadine	Solinsky
Katerina	Kristina	Stungys
Ryan	L	Suhy
Hannah	Diane	Timperio
Mary	Faith E.P.	Traxler
Samuel	Martin	Trela
Michael	Anthony	Valentino
James	Joseph	Wallace
Gary	H	Warner II
Brittany	Ann	Zavada

Dr. Lipinski said bond issue money is being used to redo two roof areas, the gyms over the middle and high schools. He said there is bond issue money left and with the bid awarded to Building Technicians all roofs in the district will be under a 20 year warranty. Dr. Lipinski said this is a tremendous accomplishment and the bid was \$300,000 under the estimate. He said there will be 2 crews working on the roofs this summer and they will be done before school starts. Dr. Lipinski said the contract with Lake Academy is for a slot for one student next year.

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

Carline Shetler said she thought the board would hear a report from the block scheduling committee this month. Mr. Schenosky said due to the presentation from the Kirtland Education Council that was moved to the June meeting.

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It was moved by Mr. Bodmer and seconded by Mr. Schenosky at 8:37 p.m. that board enters executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel. Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Balazs, Mr. Bodmer, Mr. Schenosky, Mr. Skeggs, and Mrs. Sohngen.

The Board recessed from executive session at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened executive session at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2009 in the Board Administrative Building. Mr. Skeggs and Mr. Schenosky were not in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Balazs and seconded by Mr. Bodmer that the board return from executive session at 10:59 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Balazs, Mr. Bodmer, Mrs. Sohngen.

There being no further business before the board it was moved by Mr. Bodmer and seconded by Mrs. Sohngen that the meeting be adjourned at 11 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Balazs, Mr. Bodmer, Mrs. Sohngen.

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.

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President

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Treasurer