

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Special Meeting – Work Session**  
**March 11, 2008**

The Shelby City Schools, Board of Education met in Special Work Session on Tuesday March 11, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Field House at the High School, Shelby Ohio.

The following board members were present; Bruce Briggs, JoAnn Nelson, Randy Terman, Doug DeVito and Lorie White. Administrative personnel present included Bryan Neff, Interim Superintendent, Diane Ervin, Interim Assistant Superintendent, John Gies, High School Principal, Wanda Dean, Dowds Principal; Scott Harvey, Maintenance Coordinator, John Kinton, Central Principal; Richard Hostettler, Food Service Coordinator; Keith Rittenhouse, Technology Coordinator; Kelly Kuhn, Auburn Principal; Mark Harvey, Transportation Coordinator; Kevin Calver, Assistant High School Principal; Sheri Mitchell, Special Education Coordinator and Elizabeth Anatra, Treasurer.

1. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and affirmation of the district's vision statement.

The Shelby City Schools will be a place:

- where all students are proud to attend
- where the staff is proud to work
- where parents are proud to send their children
- that the community is proud to support

2. Mr. Terman advised those present that anyone wishing to address the Shelby City Board of Education on school matters may do so by being recognized by the chairperson. Persons are requested to identify themselves and give their address before speaking. A maximum of thirty minutes is established for public input. If there are several speakers, each one should be concise and limit remarks to three minutes.

No Visitors were present. A request was made that anyone wishing to comment on any agenda item notify the president so that an opportunity to speak on the item during discussion could be given.

No one requested an opportunity to comment

A request was also made that anyone wishing to comment or make suggestions on items not on the agenda notify the president so that a time now or later in the agenda could be assigned for discussion. No one requested an opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda.

In response to a request for any additions or corrections to the agenda, Mr. Neff suggested that the order of items 3.1 and 3.b be reversed and that a brief discussion of Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) activity be added between the two items. There were no objections to this and the changes to the agenda were accepted.

### **3. Leadership Team Work Session**

#### **3.a The Essentials of School Finance**

**Joel Roscoe**

Mr. Terman and Mr. Neff introduced Joel Roscoe, Superintendent of Hillsdale Local Schools and Adjunct Professor at Ashland University. Mr. Roscoe spoke to the leadership team on the topic of 'The Essentials of School Finance'. He covered the history of school finance in Ohio and reviewed the interaction between state funding and local real estate tax based funding for public school districts. Mr. Roscoe also discussed the effect of changes in taxation of Tangible Personal Property on funding for Shelby and other area school districts. The presentation concluded with a discussion of possibilities for addressing the challenges presented by the current system of funding public education including legislative initiatives, possible consolidation of support services and communication of the realities of flat revenue to the public.

#### **OSFC Update**

Mr. Neff reviewed recent contacts with OSFC and explained that it has become apparent that the district needs to designate an architectural firm to represent its' interests as the process unfolds. It was suggested that a committee be formed of Mr. Neff, Mrs. Ervin, Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Anatra and two board members to be chosen by Mr. Neff. The committee would be responsible for holding interviews with at least two architectural firms, MKC and Fanning & Howey, and reporting back to the full Board with a recommendation as to which firm to contract with.

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**3.b Discussion of Board/Staff Evaluation, Joel Roscoe Facilitator**

Compilations of the responses to the Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures were distributed to everyone present. Mr. Roscoe opened the discussion with a brief review of each of the categories and the process used to compile the responses.

In the category of Board Community Relations the difficulty of gathering valid community input was noted. Board members discussed their efforts to represent the community's wishes and best interests in voting on agenda items. The value of regular communication through Board Updates and regular contacts between board members and administrative staff and members of the community was emphasized. There was some discussion of the difficulty of gathering accurate information on the thoughts and concerns of the community on various issues. Mr. Roscoe pointed out the value of opportunities for positive dialogue and suggested that the OSFC Facilities Review process might provide a positive opportunity for community input in a planning process.

After a general review of the comments it was suggested that the board chose a few items as priorities for the coming year. Mr. Terman pointed out that a second retreat for the Board, including the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer would be scheduled to further evaluate the survey and set goals for the coming year.

Trust was discussed in the context of the experience of the senior administrative staff in dealing with the events leading up to and in the aftermath of the district's Fiscal Emergency designation. It was noted that only by working as a team was the district able to address the necessary issues to resolve the crisis of the past several years. Examples of the experiences of Board members and parents/community members during the process were also discussed in terms of the need for trust in the commitment of all parties to the best interests of children and the district. .

Mr. Roscoe complimented the Board and staff on the content and level of openness in the discussion. He closed the discussion by noting the value of investment in stable, well managed districts to the children and families that they serve and to their communities.

Mr. Hostetler announced that funeral services were scheduled for long time former board member Henry Frankel and mentioned some of Mr. Frankel's accomplishments as a board member.

The next regular board meeting was re-scheduled from March 25, 2008 to Thursday March 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Professional Development and Technology Center on Gamble Street.

**4. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. DeVito and seconded by Mrs. Nelson at 9:04 p.m.  
 Vote Yes; Mr. Briggs, Mr. DeVito, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. White and Mr. Terman

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Randy Terman, Board President

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Elizabeth Anatra, Treasurer

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