
Minutes of REGULAR Meeting

January 09, 2008

The Twinsburg City School District Board of Education met in REGULAR session on the above date at the Twinsburg Government Center in Council Chambers at 7:12 p.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Buzulence, Mrs. Cain-Criswell, Mr. Stuver, and Mr. Shebeck. Recordings of the meeting are made and kept in the Superintendent's Office.

Mr. Buzulence moved and Mrs. Cain-Criswell seconded that the Twinsburg Board of Education adopt resolutions 08-020 to 08-023.

08-020 **Minutes**

That the Twinsburg Board of Education approves the Minutes for the following meetings:

Regular Meeting – October 17, 2007

08-021 **Financial Report**

That the Twinsburg Board of Education accepts the following Financial Report for the month of November 2007: Bank Reconciliation, General Fund Financial Summary Report and Financial Report by Fund. See pages 08-12

08-022 **Check Register**

That the Twinsburg Board of Education accepts the Check Registers for the month of November 2007; the total, including payroll is \$3,231,467.14. See pages 13-21

08-023 **Tax Budget:**

The Twinsburg Board of Education reviewed and approved the attached Fiscal Year Tax Budget for the school year commencing July 1, 2008. See pages 22-36.

*Ayes: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Buzulence, Mrs. Cain-Criswell, Mr. Stuver, and Mr. Shebeck.
The Board President declared the motions approved.*

Mr. Stuver moved and Mr. Buzulence seconded that the Twinsburg Board of Education adopt resolutions 08-024 to 08-026.

08-024 **Agreement**

That the Twinsburg Board of Education approves a two-year agreement with Christley, Herington and Pierce for legal services provided to the Twinsburg City School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

08-025 **Agreement**

That the Twinsburg Board of Education approves an agreement with the Summit County ESC Consortium for Legal Counsel, for an amount not to exceed \$12,000 and pending formation of this Consortium, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

08-026 **Agreement**

That the Twinsburg Board of Education authorize the use of the following law firms 1) Squires, Sanders, 2) Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co., L.P.A., and 3) Millisor & Nobil on an "as needed" basis or as deemed necessary by the Superintendent, as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Ayes: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Buzulence, Mrs. Cain-Criswell, Mr. Stuver, and Mr. Shebeck.
The Board President declared the motions approved.*

08-027 **Resolution to Oppose HB 315**

Mr. Shebeck moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, HB 315 as proposed by the General Assembly would increase the State Teachers Retirements System (STRS) contribution rate paid by employers and employees for retiree health care benefits by 5% (to be shared equally between employers and employees, at 2.5% each, phased-in over five years); and

WHEREAS, the Twinsburg City Schools Board of Education opposes HB 315 and any such contribution rate increase; and

WHEREAS, school districts currently pay in excess of \$1.2 billion annually to STRS; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would cost school districts hundreds of millions of dollars per year when fully implemented; and

WHEREAS, the additional cost of his proposal for the Twinsburg City School District would be approximately \$ 450,000; and

WHEREAS, the amount equates to approximately 0.54 mills or 6.5 Teachers; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Twinsburg City Schools Board of Education urges Representative Brian G. Williams to oppose HB 315; and be it further

RESOLVED, that STRS examine its health care benefits carefully and live within its means rather than seek higher levels of funding from school districts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that other retirement systems are looking at fundamental changes like requiring members to work longer or later in life – recognizing demographic trends like life expectancy and people staying in the work force longer; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that STRS explore modifications to its benefit levels, eligibility and deductibles instead of asking school districts, already struggling under many financial constraints, to provide additional funding for retiree health care.

Mr. Stuver seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows - Ayes: Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Cain-Criswell, Mr. Stuver, and Mr. Shebeck. Abstain: Mr. Buzulence. The Board President declared the Resolution approved.

Mr. Buzulence moved and Mrs. Cain-Criswell seconded that the Twinsburg Board of Education adopt resolutions 08-028 to 08-030.

08-028 Records Commission

That the Twinsburg Board of Education approves the Records Commission comprised of the President of the Board of Education, the Treasurer and the Superintendent of Twinsburg City Schools. The commission shall meet at least once a year and establish rules for retention and disposal of records and to review same, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

08-029 News Media

That the Twinsburg Board of Education recommends that the Twinsburg City School District use the Twinsburg Bulletin, as its primary news source, and the Akron Beacon Journal or the Plain Dealer, as secondary and/or optional sources, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

08-030 Donation

That the Twinsburg Board of Education accepts the anonymous donation of \$4,500 for Project Star, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent

*Ayes: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Buzulence, Mrs. Cain-Criswell, Mr. Stuver, and Mr. Shebeck
The Board President declared the motion approved.*

Mrs. Cain-Criswell moved and Mr. Stuver seconded that the Twinsburg Board of Education adopt resolutions 08-031 to 08-032.

08-031 Leave

That the Twinsburg Board of Education approves the following sick day transfers, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

To: Loretta Narducci:

From: Jennifer McHugh = 3 days

David Ciborek = 3 days

Scott Peterson = 3 days

Tom Dreiling = 3 days

Julie Thompson = 1 day

David Weirich = 3 days

Dave Rowbotham = 3 days

Mary Armstrong = 2 days

Judy Howser = 3 days

John Matune = 3 days

Jeff Funk = 3 days

Julie Van Diest = 3 days

William Cinadr = 3 days

Judith Sellman = 14.5 hrs.

Marcy Richards = 3 days

Lisa Fontana = 2 days

Lynnette Maly = 3 days

Belinda Scott = 3 days

Susan Schostak = 3 days

Debra Marlow = 3 days

To: Sharon Barry

Matt Hoffmann = 3 days

To: Lisa Hill

Chris Sakian = 25 hrs.

Catherine Latza = 30 hours

Minutes of REGULAR Meeting

January 09, 2008

08-032 **Employment**

That the Twinsburg Board of Education approves the following employment, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Ronald Dalzell, Perm Sub Bus Driver, Step 1, effective December 20, 2007.

*Ayes: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Buzulence, Mrs. Cain-Criswell, Mr. Stuver, and Mr. Shebeck
The Board President declared the motion approved.*

08-033 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Buzulence moved and Mr. Stuver seconded that the Twinsburg Board of Education meet in Executive Session at approximately 8:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees and real property.

*Ayes: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Buzulence, Mrs. Cain-Criswell, Mr. Stuver, and Mr. Shebeck.
The Board President declared the motion approved.*

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 8:47 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Andrews, Mr. Buzulence, Mrs. Cain-Criswell, Mr. Stuver, and Mr. Shebeck.

08-034 **Adjournment**

Mr. Andrews moved and Mr. Buzulence seconded that the Twinsburg Board of Education adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

*Ayes: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Buzulence, Mrs. Cain-Criswell, Mr. Stuver, and Mr. Shebeck.
The Board President declared the meeting adjourned.*

Board President

Treasurer

INTRODUCTION

The Tax Budget is a document required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.28 so that the County Budget Commission may set millage rates for taxing entities.

A school district is required to approve a tax budget for the succeeding year, before January 15 each year and submit it to the County Tax Commission. The Tax Commission will review this document and use it to set millage for the coming year.

Subsequently, the Board of Education passes a resolution authorizing the county to collect the necessary tax levies as determined by the Budget Commission. Then the School District is to certify the levies to the county auditor by April 1st unless a later date is approved by the county.

The Tax Budget is the first step in the budgetary process and is designed only for setting millage by the county budget commission. As part of this process the county will send the school district a Schedule A & B and an Official Certificate of Estimated Resources. The main purpose of these documents is to list the existing levies, the effective millage and assessed property values in each class. In June the Board will be presented with a Temporary Appropriations Measure and generally in September the Board adopts the Permanent Appropriations Measure.

The General Fund budget presented here takes into consideration the most current Five-Year forecast. Differences result in fund groupings. The Bond Retirement Fund numbers are based on the principal and interest due plus any associated fees. The Permanent Improvement Fund is based on the available tax dollars voted for this fund.

The last column on Schedule 1 labeled *Tax Year 2008/ Collection Year 2009 Estimated Gross \$ Amount from Levy* is reduced by the amount equal to the tangible personal property reimbursements to be made by the State. The State of Ohio enacted legislation, HB66, that will eliminate the tax businesses pay on tangible personal property. This effectively eliminates a source of approximately thirty percent of Twinsburg School District's revenues.

All other funds are based on historical numbers only. There are no guarantees that any fund including grant funds will continue at the same dollars into the future. Past results are no indication of future performance. These funds could experience reductions or increases in allocations. Also, the number of grants could decrease or increase depending on the state and federal budgets.

In summary - the millage is set by the County Tax Commission and we make a concerted effort mixed with a little optimism to estimate the amount of tax revenue the school district will receive. This document should not be viewed as a stand-alone document but must be viewed as an integral part of the entire budgetary process.

Martin Aho
Treasurer
30-Dec-07