

- Getting It Right for Ohio's Future Campaign – Dr. Cline presented a proposed constitutional amendment that is supported by the Ohio education establishment, including OSBA and OASBO.

Treasurer's Report:

- Pay to Participate Fund – Now part of the General Fund since these programs are primarily supported by that fund (fund 001 9999).
- Banking Services Update – New account structure will facilitate interim investments without loss of earnings on checking deposits.
- New FLSA compliance measures for 2008 – New time sheets, some staff to become administrative exempts as they will qualify for such after job descriptions are updated with current duties.
- Life Insurance quotes being prepared by Tom McGilly, Agent. District hopes for substantial savings on cost per \$1,000 of coverage for employees.
- Accounts Payable file revisions – Going to vendor files July 1, 2007 to provide better data for decision-making. Currently, invoices are filed in monthly business folders and contracts are filed separately in non vendor-specific files.
- Liability insurance for related entities – Measures are being taken to ensure that there will be no questions about coverage for these groups under the district's policy in the event of a claim.
- Cupp Report – Discussion about how the district compares to similar districts and state averages in areas such as enrollment, operations, and staffing.
- Next year's budget preparation is underway. A zero-based approach is being used to ensure that the all funds are being optimized for the benefit of programs.
- Second Refunding Bond Sale will be held on March 28, 2007, which should save taxpayers about \$145,000 over the life of the issue.

Mr. Cappel expressed concern that the Permanent Improvement Fund budget for next year might not be able to absorb the additional cost of lease purchase payments that are planned to fund the district's local obligation for the new elementary building project.

Mr. Zimov expressed optimism that once new zero-based budgeting is employed, along with budgetary control measures that are already in place, the current year's carryover, combined with future years' surpluses in that fund should be able to handle the annual cost of repaying the obligation. He pointed out that the PI fund is funded by "inside millage," that grows from year to year along with assessments (unlike millage from voted levies). Estimated annual payments on a \$2 million lease would be \$127,000 over 28 years. The PI fund receives about \$604,000 in funding at current assessment levels.

39-07 MOTION BY MR. DANIEL, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the previous meeting (February 26, March 12) be approved.

VOTE:

AYES: Cappel, Daniel, McGuire, Tinch, Farler

NO: None

President Mr. Farler declared motion carried.

40-07 MOTION BY MR. MCGUIRE, SECONDED BY MR. TINCH, RESOLVED, to approve the Monthly Financial Reports for February 2007 as presented.

VOTE:

AYES: Cappel, Daniel, McGuire, Tinch, Farler

NO: None

President Mr. Farler declared motion carried.

41-07 MOTION BY MR. TINCH, SECONDED BY MR. DANIEL, RESOLVED, to approve Certification of the Amounts & Rates:

WHEREAS, this Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a tax budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1st, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Butler County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to the Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mil tax limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Madison Local School District, Butler County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said school district the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mil limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A				
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES				
FUND	AMOUNT APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION INSIDE 10 MIL LIMIT	AMOUNT TO BE DERIVED FROM LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MIL LIMIT	COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATE OF TAX RATE TO BE LEVIED	
			Inside 10 Mil Limit	Outside 10 Mil Limit
Bond Retirement Fund		861,437.00		5.30
General Fund	507,110.00	3,968,705.00	3.12	27.22
Library Fund				
Permanent Improvement Fund	601,381.00		3.70	
TOTAL	1,108,491.00	4,830,142.00	6.82	32.52

SCHEDULE B		
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MIL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES		
FUND	COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATE OF YIELD OF LEVY (Carry to Schedule A)	MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED TO BE LEVIED
GENERAL FUND:		
Current Expense levy authorized by voters in 1976 not to exceed IND years	2,410,379.00	17.32
Current Expense levy authorized by voters on 5-7-1985 not to exceed IND years	339,310.00	2.40
Current Expense levy authorized by voters on 5-3-2005 not to exceed 5 years	1,219,016.00	7.50
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OUTSIDE 10 MIL LIMIT	3,968,705.00	27.22
SPECIAL LEVY FUNDS:		
Bond Levy authorized by voters on 5-4-1999 not to exceed 27 years	861,437.00	5.30
GRAND TOTAL	4,830,142.00	32.52

VOTE:

AYES: Cappel, Daniel, McGuire, Tinch, Farler

NO: None

President Mr. Farler declared motion carried.

42-07 MOTION BY MR. MCGUIRE, SECONDED BY MR. DANIEL, RESOLVED, to enter into executive session for the purpose of one of the following at 7:02 p.m.

Ohio Revised Code 121.22G –

X Section 1: To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion and/or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.

___ Section 2: To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.

___ Section 3: Conferences with an attorney

X Section 4: Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining session with public employees.

NOTE: Underline denotes precise reason for Executive Session

VOTE:

AYES: Cappel, Daniel, McGuire, Tinch, Farler

NO: None

President Mr. Farler declared motion carried.

43-07 MOTION BY MR. DANIEL, SECONDED BY MR. TINCH, RESOLVED, that the following personnel matters be approved, subject to each candidate's acceptance of requirements for compliance to the Fair Labor Standards Act:

Certificated Personnel:

1. Accept the resignation of Eugenia Palmer for purposes of retirement effective the end of the workday May 31, 2007, and payment of severance upon receipt of her first retirement check from STRS.
2. Accept the resignation of Ryan McLane from the supplemental contract of Varsity Wrestling effective the conclusion of the 2006-2007 season.
3. Employ Tony Huff on a supplemental contract for JV Baseball for the 2006-07 school year (\$2,532.04).
4. The addition of Crystal Hollon to the Teacher Substitute List for the 2006-07 school year on an as-needed basis.

Classified Personnel:

1. Additions of Cyndi Williams to the Substitute List as Aide, Cafeteria, Custodial on an as-needed basis.
2. Accept the following as unpaid volunteer coaches for Varsity Baseball for the 2007 season pending the results of fingerprint background check and TB test:

Robbie Evick

Tom Hembree

Bill Manley

Matt Morrison

VOTE:
AYES: Daniel, McGuire, Tinch, Farler
NO: None
ABSTAIN: Cappel
President Mr. Farler declared motion carried.

44-07 MOTION BY MR. TINCH, SECONDED BY MR. DANIEL, RESOLVED, to approve the Madison High School Boys Baseball Team trip to Florida during the 2007 spring break as a school-sponsored event, solely for the purpose of complying with the rules and regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association requiring that such trips by a high school athletic team must be school-sponsored in order to be sanctioned by OHSA. The Board of Education is not responsible for any portion of the cost of the trip for students or parents; is not responsible for securing or paying for food and lodging for any of the students who make the trip; and that the Board of Education and any of its employees who go on the trip are not responsible for supervising any student who goes on the trip except during such time as the students are participating with the other students in organized baseball practices and baseball games. It is understood that the Board of Education, its members and employees, are held harmless as to any claim of any nature whatsoever which may arise out of or resulting from this trip.

VOTE:
AYES: Cappel, Daniel, McGuire, Tinch, Farler
NO: None
President Mr. Farler declared motion carried.

45-07 MOTION BY MR. MCGUIRE, SECONDED BY MR. CAPPEL, RESOLVED, to direct the Superintendent, Administration, and staff to implement any and all necessary changes to move to a Semester plan in place of the Trimester plan beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

VOTE:
AYES: Cappel, Daniel, McGuire, Tinch, Farler
NO: None
President Mr. Farler declared motion carried.

46-07 MOTION BY MR. TINCH, SECONDED BY MR. CAPPEL, RESOLVED, to establish a 4-Year Old Prekindergarten program and direct the Superintendent, Administration, and staff to implement any and all necessary changes to establish this beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

VOTE:
AYES: Cappel, Daniel, McGuire, Tinch, Farler
NO: None
President Mr. Farler declared motion carried.

Board of Education Reports/Communications:

- Butler Tech. Report – Mr. Daniel: Butler Tech held their board retreat on Saturday.
 - Decided on Carver Governance Policy
 - Board evaluations will be pursued
 - Renovations are complete
 - Facilities vision discussed
 - Meeting moved to Wednesday
- Legislative Report – Mr. Tinch: Mr. Strickland’s budget discussed. It remains to be seen what will come out of the legislature
 - \$10M for prekindergarten
 - Does not define adequate education
 - Charter schools to be revised
- Student Achievement Report – Mr. Cappel: Ohio’s global standing in math achievement is very poor; will impact the United State’s economic standing. Cultural differences put us at a competitive disadvantage.
- Communications – Dr. Cline
- Board Member Comments
 - Mr. McGuire: -Building not moving fast enough.
-Congratulations to the student athletes. Madison is moving beyond expectations.

 - Mr. Farler: -Stressed the importance of athletics to a well rounded education.

 - Mr. Daniel: -Board of Education evaluation is important to board development and student success. The board should endorse professional development for new members in their first 12 months of service.

 - Mr. Farler: Board review tool is available from several sources.

47 –07 MOTION BY MR. TINCH, SECONDED BY MR CAPPEL, RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES: Cappel, Daniel, McGuire, Tinch, Farler

NO: None

President Mr. Farler declared motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

SIGNED: _____, President, Madison Board of Education

SIGNED: _____, Treasurer/Chief Fiscal Officer
Madison Board of Education