

**STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 19, 2008
REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Strongsville Board of Education and any other items germane to the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2008, at the **High School Media Center, 20025 Lunn Road, Strongsville, Ohio**, by President, Jennifer A. Sinisgalli.

All members of the Board and media were notified of this meeting in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C., effective November 28, 1975.

Others present were: Mr. James Gray, Superintendent; Mr. Bill Parkinson, Treasurer; Ms. Geri Bennett, Director of Curriculum/Talent Development; Mr. John Krupinski, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Bud Martin, Director of Pupil Services; and Mr. Bob Morton, Director of Business Services.

The following Board Members answered Roll Call: Mrs. Sinisgalli, Mr. Frazee, Mrs. Brickley, and Mr. Maloney. Mr. Gusman arrived at 7:03 p.m.

This meeting was video taped and is part of the official minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION

A. NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2008 FINALISTS

Mrs. Karen Hollo, Principal, Strongsville High School, recognized the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Finalists.

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| □ <i>Vivek Sampathkumar</i> | □ <i>Patrick Vernon</i> |
| □ <i>Robert Sinko</i> | □ <i>Yidong Wang</i> |
| □ <i>Mathura Sridharan</i> | □ <i>Wei Zhou</i> |
| □ <i>Christopher Traner</i> | |

B. NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2008 COMMENDED STUDENTS

Mrs. Karen Hollo, Principal, Strongsville High School, recognized the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students.

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| □ <i>Jordan Gales</i> | □ <i>Aaron Rossborough</i> |
| □ <i>Jonathan Gleason</i> | □ <i>Gregory Shearer</i> |
| □ <i>Laura Grossi</i> | □ <i>Rashmi Singh</i> |
| □ <i>Sergey Krilov</i> | □ <i>Vanessa Vanyo</i> |
| □ <i>Michael McNeeley</i> | □ <i>Chiray Wey</i> |

C. NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM FINALIST

Mrs. Karen Hollo, Principal, Strongsville High School, recognized *Neysa Dominguez* as the National Hispanic Recognition Program Finalist.

RECOGNITION (continued)

D. 2008 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR BY OHIO PTA DISTRICT 12

Ms. Gail Jackman, Vice President, PTA Council, presented **Mr. John J. Krupinski**, Director of Human Resources, with the *2008 Educator of the Year Award*. **Mr. Krupinski** was chosen for this honor by representatives from the ten school districts within Cuyahoga County that comprise the 12th District of the Ohio PTA. This award recognizes **Mr. Krupinski's** long standing commitment and dedication to the students of Strongsville, to the entire school district, and to the PTA. **Mr. Krupinski** will be recognized at the Ohio PTA Spring Conference in April.

EARTH DAY RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION

Mrs. Karen Hollo, Principal, Strongsville High School, recognized the members of the Strongsville High School Environmental Club for their hard work with the recycling program. Their advisor is Mr. Eugene Keen.

- *Ayat Aldoori*
- *Kaleigh Eichel*
- *Laura Grossi*
- *Nicole Lipovits*
- *Areej Usmani*

Nicole Lipovits shared information about the recycling program within Strongsville Schools. Each building has a recycling container, but volunteers are needed to remove the items from each building. Please contact the building principal if interested in helping.

Since January, 2008, the high school has recycled over 900 pounds of plastic and aluminum bottles.

A short recess was had.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the students and employees who have earned impressive accolades.

Mrs. Sinisgalli gave a recap of the March work session. SCS-TV is being reinstated. The District is replacing some of the old buses. These bus purchases will have the District almost back on course with a regular replacement cycle. The Board approved a proposal for the high school band and orchestra to perform in Honolulu, Hawaii in April, 2009.

Appreciation was expressed to the buildings and grounds employees and custodians for clearing the sidewalks and parking lots in time for school on March 11.

Spring break begins March 21. School will resume on March 31.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Superintendent Gray officially presented the District with the "Excellent" banner depicting Strongsville City Schools as an Excellent School District for six years in a row. Congratulations to the entire District and community. Banners have been purchased to be proudly displayed in all eleven school buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Ken McEntee asked what the differences are in the Broadcasting Policy being voted on this evening and the previous version. **Mr. Gusman** responded that the differences are mostly grammatical.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

08-03-07 Moved by Mrs. Brickley to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2008 Regular Board of Education Work Session Meeting and February 21, 2008 Regular Board of Education Meeting. All district video and audio recordings will be a permanent part of the minutes, seconded by Mr. Gusman and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

All Board approved minutes are available at <http://schools.strongnet.org/strongsville/minutes.html>.

Mrs. Brickley, yes; Mr. Gusman, yes; Mr. Maloney, yes;
Mr. Frazee, yes; Mrs. Sinisgalli, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

TREASURER’S REPORT

*A. Financial Report for Month Ending February 29, 2008

Resolution 08-03-08

(Exhibit A)

*B. County Auditor Official Certificate of Estimated Resources

Resolution 08-03-09

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources be approved.

(Exhibit B)

*C. Amended Permanent Appropriations

Resolution 08-03-10

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the Amended Permanent Appropriations be approved.

(Exhibit C)

*D. Cobra Coverage

Resolution 08-03-11

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the contract with Ceridian for our Cobra coverage be renewed. The fee is approximately \$352.41 per month or \$4,228.92 per year based upon the number of employees that have medical coverage. This is a 3.5% increase, effective April 1, 2008. The monthly fee for 2007 was \$340.50 which had increased 3.6% from 2006.

*E. Invoice Order Approval

Resolution 08-03-12

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that in accordance with the O.R.C. for after-the-fact invoices, the Board approve the following invoice for payment, and the Treasurer be authorized to sign the Fiscal Certificate:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purchase Order</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purchased</u>
Abraxus Salt, LLC Bulk salt	2082797	03/06/2008	\$3359.40	03/05/2008

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. TIMELY INFORMATION

*1. Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County (ESCCC) – City/County Funds

Resolution 08-03-13

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Strongsville Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County (ESCCC) to implement the following county services as per O.R.C. 3313.843 in the 2008-2009 school year beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

- Supervision
 - Special Education
 - General Education
- Professional Development
- Research and Development
- Placement of Children with Disabilities
- Nursing Services
- School Resource Officer
- ELL – English Language Learners

Note: Specific personnel and projects to be approved by the Strongsville Board of Education.

(Exhibit D)

2. Elimination of the Position of Director of Communications and Information

08-03-14 Moved by Mr. Gusman to approve the elimination of the position of Director of Communications and Information effective July 31, 2008., seconded by Mr. Maloney and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Gusman, yes; Mr. Maloney, yes; Mrs. Brickley, yes;
Mr. Frazee, yes; Mrs. Sinisgalli, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

B. COMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION

No Report.

C. CURRICULUM AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

*1. Student Teacher Placement

Resolution 08-03-15

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following student teacher shall be placed:

Jennefer Olderman -- Muraski Elementary School, assigned to Judy Felton, August -December 2008. A student at Toledo University.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

C. CURRICULUM AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT (continued)

*2. Student Textbook for Forensics

Resolution 08-03-16

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following high school student textbook be approved for Forensics:

Forensic Science: Fundamentals and Investigations, 1st Edition
by Anthony J. Bertino - \$68.00

One class set of 32 copies will be ordered.

*3. Out of State Trip – Strongsville DECA

Resolution 08-03-17

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that permission be granted to qualifying Strongsville DECA (Distributive Educational Clubs of America) students to participate in the International DECA Career Development Conference. The conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on April 25 - May 1, 2008. Fundraisers are available to provide the students with financial assistance in funding the trip.

(Exhibit E)

*4. Out of State Trip – Strongsville High School Boys' Soccer Teams

Resolution 08-03-18

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that permission be granted to the Strongsville High School Boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer Teams to travel to Baltimore, Maryland to participate in the Inaugural Loyola Bakefield High School Soccer Tournament. The tournament will take place August 29-31, 2008 and will be funded by the Strongsville High School Boys' Soccer Fundraising Account.

(Exhibit F)

D. PUPIL SERVICES

No Report.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

*1. Resignations – Non-Certificated

Resolution 08-03-19

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following non-certificated resignations be accepted:

Jimmie Avery, 6 hour Custodian assigned to Center and Surrarer Elementary School, effective February 22, 2008, reason, to accept another position in the district.

Laurie Beetler, 3 hour per day Special Education Aide/Attendant assigned to Muraski, effective February 29, 2008, reason, to accept another position in the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

E. HUMAN RESOURCES (continued)

*1. Resignation – Certificated

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following certificated resignation be accepted:

Timothy McNulty, Supplemental Contract for High School Newspaper, effective the end of the 2007-2008 contract year, reason, personal.

*2. Appointments – Non-Certificated

Resolution 08-03-20

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following non-certificated personnel be hired:

Ryan Bly, Custodian, 260 day position, 6 hours per day, \$17.07 per hour, effective March 10, 2008. Replacement for LaDon Perkins.

Lori Deertz, Bus Driver, 188 day position, \$16.50 per hour, 4.92 hours per day, effective February 12, 2008.

Richard Figush, Bus Driver, 188 day position, \$16.50 per hour, 4.67 hours per day, effective February 12, 2008.

Constance Guist, Bus Driver, 188 day position, \$16.50 per hour, 4.58 hours per day, effective February 12, 2008.

Appointment – Certificated Substitute

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following certificated personnel be hired as a substitute for the 2007-2008 school year. Salary per the substitute salary schedule.

Matthew Newshutz Integrated Mathematics Effective February 25, 2008

Appointment – Certificated Supplemental Contract

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that a supplemental contract be awarded to the following employee for the 2007-2008 school year. Salary to be paid upon completion.

Jason Frederick Assistant Baseball Coach – HS

Appointment – Home Tutor

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following personnel be hired as a tutor for the 2007-2008 school year. Hourly rate to be \$20.83:

Danielle Shea Reading 4-9, Language Arts 4-9, Mathematics 4-9, Middle Childhood
Generalist Science, Middle Childhood Generalist Social Studies 4-6

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

E. HUMAN RESOURCES (continued)

*3. Family Medical Leaves – Certificated

Resolution 08-03-21

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following certificated family medical leaves be approved:

Cindy Giuliano, effective February 8, 2008

Melissa Harper, effective January 23, 2008 until February 22, 2008 and then February 27, 2008 and continuing

Lois Martin, effective February 13, 2008

Cathy Petrus, effective February 27, 2008

Family Medical Leave - Leadership

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following leadership family medical leave be approved:

Monica Pimpo, effective March 13, 2008

*4. Changes in Status – Non-Certificated

Resolution 08-03-22

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following changes in status be approved:

Jimmie Avery, Custodian, change from 6 to 8 hours per day, effective February 25, 2008. Replacement for Gerard Lawrence.

Laurie Beetler, Special Education Aide/Attendant, change from 3 to 6 hours per day, effective March 3, 2008. This is a new position.

Christina Nguyen, Bus Driver, 4.42 hours per day, effective March 3, 2008. Returning from leave.

Mary Wanda, Cook, change from 5 to 7 hours per day, effective March 3, 2008. Replacement for Melissa Schafer.

*5. Disability Retirement – Non-Certificated

Resolution 08-03-23

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following non-certificated disability retirement be accepted:

Vicki Lynn Dudzinski Grounds/Maintenance Worker Effective March 1, 2008

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

E. HUMAN RESOURCES (continued)

*6. Continuing Contracts – Non-Certificated

Resolution 08-03-24

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following non-certificated employees be granted continuing contracts:

Helga Anthony	Special Education Aide/Attendant
Alan Evangelista	Monitor
Richard Figush	Monitor
Kimberly Mansell	Cafeteria Hourly
Karen McManamon	Cafeteria Hourly
Jennifer Zacharyasz	Monitor

*7. Substitute Teacher Pay Rate for Gifted Testing

Resolution 08-03-25

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the rate of pay for substitute teachers, who test students for gifted identification, be approved at \$12.00 per hour. This rate has stayed constant for the past four years. Funds for these employees come from the annual state gifted identification grant.

*8. Volunteers

Resolution 08-03-26

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following volunteers be approved:

STRONGSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – year one of five

Jeanne Binggeli	William Binggeli
Leisha Vaughn	

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – year two of five

Grace Anderson	Amy Carruthers
Susan Cifranic	Nicki Gambitta
Kim Hahn	Tracy Humbach
Eugenia Korlatowych	Nancy Lewandowski
Naomi Lynn	Renee Manson
Shilpa Mehta	David Pech
Melanie Petras	Christine Pinzone
Dianne Remington	Sujatha Srinivasan
Eddie Sweeterman	Todd Turk
JulieWalcher	CindyWolf

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – year three of five

Lisa Dalessandro	Janet Delventhal
Tami Doyle	Diane Dye
Corinna Fogwell	Robert Intihar
Kimberly Kreller	Robert Kreller
Cindy Kwiecien	Reiner Mueller
Elizabeth Phelps	Ken Piechowski
Michael Price	Dayna Reimer
Leslie Restifo	Debra Tulloch
Susan Underwood	Dan Wisniewski

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

E. HUMAN RESOURCES (continued)

***8. Volunteers** (continued)

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – year four of five

Abbie Adams	Ginnie Arslanian
Kim Arthur	Jane Bittinger
Mary Bogden	Kathy Bowen
Debbie Brighter	Deborah Brink
Barb Budzik	Kathy Burkart
Margi Byrne	Ed Callahan
Jennifer Cogan	Moira Cohen
Lisa Collins	Valerie Congdon
Tracy Cowley	Jennifer DiMassa
Lynne Donathan	Cheryl Ehrnfelt
Kelly Esarove	Pam Eyerman
Collette Fine	Deborah Franklin
Mary Frazier	Sharon Gavala
Jean Giberson	Lisa Grady
Danette Gunkelman	Linda Halladay
Tristan Harker	Scott Hartman
Lisa Hendrickson	Kathy Hill
Janice Hocevar	Debbie Hugo
Cindy Hovanec	Paula Jacomin
Deb Janda	Linda Jenny
Lydia Johnson	Theresa Jones
Evangelia Kaftanaris	Donna Kay
Sharon Knauss	Kathy Komanecy
Liz Kopanski	Mark Kotlarz
Dolores Kulon	Monica Lange
Jane Ludwig	Maria Marshall
Christen Martin	Kelly Martin
Christine Masteller	Jennifer McManus
Kathy McManus	Nikki Metzger
Rosella Miranda	Monika Mueller
Susan Mundy	Kathryn O'Brien
Catherine Pagel	Bridget Painter
Jane Painter	Lia Pech
Barb Peters	Lawrence Petrick
Monica Pivato	Michael Quay
Debbie Ramsey	Stacy Robertson
Carolyn Roman	Aline Shick
Tracie Sidloski	Sherie Skaldany
Michelle Smith	Dawn Spicer
Lori Standen	Kathy Starek
James Starek	Bruce Stone
Kim Stout	Sherri Swan

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

E. HUMAN RESOURCES (continued)

*8. Volunteers (continued)

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – year four of five (continued)

Lisa Thacker	Ann Thompson
Faye Trepke-Yee	Tina Tymoszczuk
Cynthia Vaccariello	Shelley Valentin
Julia Wallace	Denise Wauschek
Jeffrey Wiese	Lisa Winget
Laura Winrod	Melanie Zablotney

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – year five of five

Teresa Ryan

*9. Reduction in Force - Leadership

Resolution 08-03-27

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the administrative contract of Scott Ross be non-renewed due to the elimination of the position effective July 31, 2008.

*10. Administrative Contracts

Resolution 08-03-28

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following Leadership Team personnel be awarded the following contracts:

Two-Year Contracts (August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010)

Elvina Bukowski	205 days	Asst. Principal, Strongsville High School
Susan Chuey	205 days	Principal, Zellers Elementary School
R. Todd Clifford	205 days	Principal, Allen Elementary School
Paul Consiglio	260 days	Network Manager
Tricia Culotta	205 days	Principal, Whitney Elementary School
Cynthia Durkalski	260 days	Coordinator/Testing & Student Data
Dawn Evangelista	260 days	Executive Secretary to the Treasurer
Ruthann Franczak	260 days	Specialist, Benefits
William Miller	205 days	Asst. Principal, Strongsville High School
Robert Morton	260 days	Director of Business Services
Shelly Petrie	260 days	Executive Secretary to Director of Curriculum and Talent Development
Kelly Quinn	260 days	Coordinator of Health, Safety, and Custodians
Judy Sack	212 days	Coordinator of Community Education
Sharon Susi	260 days	Executive Secretary/Receptionist
Andy Trujillo	205 days	Principal, Chapman Elementary School
Sandra Vore	260 days	Coordinator of EMIS

Three-Year Contract (August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2011)

Gerianne Bennett	205 days	Director of Curriculum and Talent Development
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Additional Two-Year Contracts (August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2011)

John J. Krupinski	260 days	Director of Human Resources
Linda Nemeec	260 days	Assistant to the Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

F. BUSINESS SERVICES

- *1. Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Bidding and Purchasing of School Bus Program (2008-09 Fiscal Year)

Resolution 08-03-29

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve participation in the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Bidding and Purchasing of School Bus Program, at a cost not to exceed \$650.00 and authorize the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and accept bids on said Board's behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of up to seven (7) sixty-five passenger conventional school bus chassis and bodies.

2. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment - Information Item

A sale of obsolete equipment will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at the Support Service Center, 15650 Pearl Road. The sale is in accordance with the Board of Education Policy DN. At the regular meeting of the Board of Education on April 17, 2008, a list of sold items will be presented.

- *3. Gifts

Resolution 08-03-30

Mr. and Mrs. Terry McGreal donated a set of World Book Encyclopedias – 2007 edition valued at approximately \$900.00 to Center Middle School's Media Center.

Nutro, Inc. donated twelve 17" monitors in very good condition, with an estimated value of \$70.00 each, to the District.

Strongsville Chamber of Commerce donated \$207.50 to Albion Middle School and \$207.50 to Center Middle School for a total of \$415.00 to help finance student trips to Washington, D.C.

Rotary Club of Strongsville donated \$207.50 to Albion Middle School and \$207.50 to Center Middle School for a total of \$415.00 to help finance student trips to Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Anne Stephan donated two new books to the Muraski Elementary School Media Center.

Mr. Doug Turnbull donated a Dell Computer Monitor valued at approximately \$150.00 to the Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) Program.

- *4. Sale/Disposal of Items Valued at More than \$1,000.00

Resolution 08-03-31

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board authorizes the Director of Business Services to offer for sale/disposal of the following items that have an individual value of more than \$1,000.

1. 1995 Carpenter 65 Passenger School Bus VIN 1HVBACN3SH626737
2. 1995 Carpenter 65 Passenger School Bus VIN 1HVBBHCN5SH626738
3. 1995 Carpenter 65 Passenger School Bus VIN 1HVBACN7SH626739
4. 1995 Carpenter 65 Passenger School Bus VIN 1HVBBAAN4SH699246
5. 1995 Carpenter 65 Passenger School Bus VIN 1HVBBAAN6SH699247

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

F. BUSINESS SERVICES (continued)

*4. Sale/Disposal of Items Valued at More than \$1,000.00 (continued)

6. 1995 Wayne 65 Passenger School Bus VIN 1HTBBAAN5SH223337
7. 1995 Wayne 65 Passenger School Bus VIN 1HTBBAAN5SH223340
8. 1995 Wayne 65 Passenger School Bus VIN 1HVBBAAN9SH223339
9. 1984 GMC 7000 Box Truck/ Lift Gate VIN 1GDJ7D1EV532581
10. 1995 Chevrolet 2500 4WD Pickup / Boss "V" Plow 7'-6"
VIN 1GCGK29N8SE113462

If we are unable to sell the above items at a minimum price of \$100.00 above the salvage value, we will sell these items to the salvage yard at the \$210.00/ton salvage price.

REPORT ON POLARIS CAREER CENTER – David R. Frazee

Polaris instructor, Chef Chris Olszewski was honored with the American Culinary Federation Cleveland Chapter's 2008 Educator of the Year Award. Chef O has been with Polaris for seven years. Previous to that, he served as Executive Chef at Don's Pomeroy House.

Polaris, in collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Commissioners, is hosting a job fair on Wednesday, March 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Over 150 companies looking to hire will be in attendance. Polaris staff will be available at that time to assist with resumes. The public is welcome.

Polaris hosted "Skills USA" which is a regional skills competition which highlights all types of skills such as carpentry, welding, CPR, marketing, electrical, etc. There were over 1000 participants.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION – David M. Gusman

Mr. Gusman shared information on HB264.

Mr. Gusman shared details on the *Seniors to Sophomore Program*. This program allows high school seniors who meet academic standards to take college level courses that will be transferable to public colleges and universities in Ohio. Students who elect to take a full load of college courses in their senior year will be able to enter college on a 2nd year level. The tuition for the year will be free. A total of \$4 million is available under this special grant program. The maximum grant that can be awarded to a school system is \$100,000. This needs to be investigated to see if Strongsville qualifies for this grant and to see if we can start a *Seniors to Sophomore Program*.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

A. City Council – Ruth A. Brickley and David R. Frazee

The Charter Review Committee met on March 10, 2008. Articles 5 and 6, dealing with finances, were discussed. They will meet again on March 24 to discuss Article 4.7 which deals with Civil Service.

Mayor Perciak presented the State of the City Address at the Chamber Meeting on March 18. The information will also be shared on March 25 at the Historical Society Meeting and on Channel 21.

The 10th Anniversary of the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center is being celebrated throughout March. Contact the Recreation Center for information.

B. Recreation Committee – Scott Maloney

The Recreation Center is celebrating their 10th anniversary this year, and they have many activities planned throughout the month of March. The community is invited to stop by and help celebrate.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS (continued)

C. West Shore Boards of Education – David M. Gusman and Scott Maloney
Met a week ago at Lakewood's new middle school. A presentation was had on a Promethean Board which is a smart board technology which allows teachers to build in links to the internet, and to audio and visual recordings, etc. **Mr. Gusman** shared information on the Lakewood Academic Growth Unit. The next meeting will be in two months in North Olmsted.

D. Strongsville Education Foundation – Ruth A. Brickley
Due to inclement weather, the March Trivia Event has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 20. There is still time to get a team together to participate. Call 440-238-5778 for details.

The Foundation is looking at a couple new fundraisers to help provide funds for scholarships and grants.

E. Strongsville PTA Council – Jennifer A. Sinisgalli
No Report.

F. OSBA Student Achievement – Ruth A. Brickley
No Report.

G. Wellness Committee – Ruth A. Brickley
The committee met on February 25, 2008. Kelly Quinn shared information on the District's Crisis Management Program. The program has been in place for two years. Each building has a Management Crisis Team who meet monthly or quarterly. They continually review procedures and correspond with the Police and Fire Departments.

At the next meeting, April 21, 2008, health and wellness benefits and options available to the District's employees will be discussed.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Business Advisory Council – David M. Gusman
No Report.

B. Special Education Advisory Council – Jennifer A. Sinisgalli
No Report.

C. Talent Development Advisory Council – Scott Maloney
No Report.

D. Finance Committee – David M. Gusman and Scott Maloney
No Report.

E. Policy Committee – Ruth A. Brickley and Jennifer Sinisgalli
The committee met on March 3, 2008. Policies BDDG and GBEA were discussed. More information is needed before further work can be done. They will be on the April Policy agenda. Policies EEACE and BDDJ/KBCD and KBCD/BDDJ are on this evening's agenda for 3rd reading and a vote.

F. Facilities Committee – Scott Maloney and Jennifer A. Sinisgalli
No Report.

G. Transportation Committee – David R. Frazee and Jennifer A. Sinisgalli
No Report.

H. Insurance Committee – David M. Gusman
The committee will be meeting on April 9. The underwriters from Anthem will present an overview of the utilization of services to date.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

I. Safety and Security Committee – David R. Frazee and David M. Gusman
No Report.

Mr. Gusman spoke with Mike Daymut, City Council, regarding what can be done in terms of broadcasting the City and School’s information on WOW and the impact of being under a state franchise instead of a city franchise. The City would like to work in conjuncture with the school district to minimize the impact there will be if fees are charged for internet access.

CONSENT CALENDAR

08-03-32 Moved by Mr. Frazee to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mrs. Brickley and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Frazee, yes; Mrs. Brickley, yes; Mr. Gusman, yes;
Mr. Maloney, yes; Mrs. Sinisgalli, yes;
Motion carried 5-0

BOARD POLICY

A. Policy Code EEACE – School Bus Idling (3rd Reading)

(Exhibit G)

B. Policy Code BDDJ/KBCD & KBCD/BDDJ – Broadcasting and Taping of Board Meetings (3rd Reading)

(Exhibit H)

08-03-33 Moved by Mrs. Brickley to adopt Board Policy Code EEACE – School Bus Idling and Board Policy Code BDDJ/KBCD & KBCD/BDDJ – Broadcasting and Taping of Board Meetings, seconded by Mr. Maloney and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Brickley, yes; Mr. Maloney, yes; Mr. Frazee, yes;
Mr. Gusman, yes; Mrs. Sinisgalli, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

OTHER

None

MEETING NOTIFICATION

A Regular Board of Education Meeting – Work Session will be held Thursday, April 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m. in Room 104 of the Administration Building, 13200 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio.

A Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held Thursday, April 17, 2008, 7:00 p.m. in the Strongsville High School Media Center, 20025 Lunn Road, Strongsville, Ohio.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

08-03-34 Moved by Mr. Frazee to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, employee discipline, personnel employment, and matters required by law to be kept confidential, seconded by Mr. Gusman and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Frazee, yes; Mr. Gusman, yes; Mrs. Brickley, yes;
Mr. Maloney, yes; Mrs. Sinisgalli, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

Entered into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Resumed public session at 9:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

08-03-35 Moved by Mrs. Brickley to adjourn the Strongsville Board of Education Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Frazee and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Brickley, yes; Mr. Frazee, yes; Mr. Gusman, yes;
Mr. Maloney, yes; Mrs. Sinisgalli, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Jennifer A. Sinisgalli, President

William P. Parkinson, Treasurer