SUMMARY OF HOWLAND LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Regular Meeting – September 26, 2011

Briefings/Discussion Items:

- ***Mr. Sheets, Superintendent***
  - Recognition of the 2012 Howland High School Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition: ***Victoria McNees, Matthew Smylie, Nathaniel Sutton***

Approved the following miscellaneous Treasurer resolution items:

- Approved the minutes of the August 01 and August 17 special and the August 22, 2011 regular meetings and the financial reports for August.
- Approved the student activity budgets for the 2011-2012 school year as presented.
- Approved the Annual Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2012 as presented.
- Accepted the following donations:
  - $88.64 from OhioPyle Prints, Inc. to HS 018 Fund
  - $1,500 defibrillator from an anonymous donor to the Athletic Department
  - $1,117.03 from Chipotle to Destination Imagination to help defray competition cost
  - $500 from Target to Howland Springs to purchase library books
  - (2) white boards from Toni Marsco to North Road School for classroom instruction
  - 40 backpacks from United Way of Trumbull County to elementary school students in need

Approved the following personnel resolution items:

- Approved ***Joanne Wagner***, elementary teacher, to terminate her Dependent Care Leave and return to work, effective August 24, 2011, per her request and that she be assigned to the half-time Kindergarten position at Howland Glen Primary School.
- Approved ***Brian O'Dell*** for the position of Computer Applications teacher at Howland High School, effective upon release from his contract with the Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center, salary per established schedule.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of ***Barbara Adams***, Mathematics teacher at Howland Middle School, effective at the end of the work day October 31, 2011, per her request.
- Approved the following certified persons as substitutes for the Saturday Morning Alternative Responsibility Training (SMART) program for the 2011-2012 school year:
  Lisa Allison ***Brian Hubert*** ***Karlis Larson*** ***Jason Lee***
  Danny Libert ***Scott Thompson*** ***Michael O'Hara***
- Accepted the resignations of persons for various supplemental positions for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Issued various Supplemental and One-year Limited contracts (non-teaching) to persons for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Issued a One-year Limited contract to ***Terra DiGiovanni***, Bus Driver, for two hours per day as Kindergarten Bus Driver, effective August 24, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Approved ***Brian DeCiancio*** for the classified position of Temporary Technology Assistant, effective September 06, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year, salary per established schedule.
- Amended the contracts of the following classified persons as indicated for the 2011-2012 school year:
  - ***Cathy Bowser,*** Bus Driver, One-year Limited, from Two Hour Kindergarten Driver to Two Hour A-tech Driver, effective August 24, 2011.
  - ***Louann Amico,*** Janitor, Continuing, from Four Hour Janitor to Eight Hour Janitor, effective September 12, 2011.
  - ***April Bartlett***, Monitor, Continuing, from Monitor (Temporary) to Monitor, effective September 06, 2011.

- Accepted the resignation of ***Charlotte Bronson*** for her classified position of Monitor, per her request, effective August 24, 2011.
- Approved ***Sally Murcko***, Cook/Cashier, for an unpaid leave of absence, per her request, effective August 31, 2011 through the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.
- Approved ***Marie Drapcho*** and ***Jerome Gentile*** to provide Title I services to students of JFK Lower Campus, and that they be paid $20.00 per hour from Auxiliary Services funds, as needed. This will remain in effect for the 2011-2012 school year as long as funding is available.
- Approved the following persons as substitutes in the classified positions indicated for the 2011-2012 school year:

Lisa McClearn	Secretary, Ed. Asst, Library Asst., Cook/Cashier
Linda Wolfe	Cook/Cashier

Approved the following miscellaneous items for Board action:

- Entered into transportation contracts with several parents of special needs students to transport their children; said transportation contracts to be effective for the 2011-2012 school year at a reimbursement rate of $10.00 per day (to and from).

- Entered into a professional service agreement with ***Wendy Chen*** to provide Limited English Tutor services at a cost of $15.00 per hour for up to six (6) hours per week for a designated student in the Howland Local School District for the 2011-2012 school year.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Regular Meeting – October 24, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. – H.C. Mines Intermediate School

Upcoming November 8th Levy Information:

- **Why the need?**
  - We are facing $3.6 million total loss in state and federal funding over the next two years.
  - Our last additional operating tax levy passed in 2003; eight years ago.
  - To preserve our tradition of providing an *Excellent* education.
  - To maintain *Excellent* programs and services for students.

- **What is the cost?**
  - We are asking for a five-year 4.9 mill additional operating tax levy on November 8th.
  - $13 a month or $150 a year per $100,000 of home's value.
  - 4.9 mills is necessary to cover continued reductions in state and federal funding and increases in day-to-day operating costs for the next five years.

- **And if the tax levy fails?**
  - The Howland way of educating our children will change.
  - We will be one step closer to state minimum operating standards, fiscal emergency and state control.
  - You will see another levy on the ballot, there is no alternative. Cuts alone will not balance our budget.

- For more information, visit our website at www.howlandlevy.com.