

**OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION REGARDING
SCHOOL FUNDING BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

A special meeting of the Okemos Board of Education (the "Board") was held in the board room at the Okemos Public Schools' Administration Building, in the district, on the 21st day of June, 2010, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening. The meeting was called to order by Ronald J. Styka, President. Members present were: Amy Crites, Mary Graham, Andrew Saultz, Ronald Styka, Jeffrey Theuer, and Peter Trezise. Member absent was Bob McDonough.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Trezise and supported by member Graham:

WHEREAS:

- It is recognized that school districts across the state are facing an unprecedented funding crisis; and
- It has been necessary for school districts to reduce their budgets as a result of Michigan's economic decline; and
- It is recognized that public education is a priority for the citizens of Michigan and the cornerstone to economic development; and
- It is recognized that any resources available in the current economy that have been set aside for public education need to be maintained in order to eliminate additional educational funding cuts and possibly restore some of the recent funding cuts; and
- The most recent Revenue Estimating Conference in May 2010 portrayed a better revenue picture for the State School Aid Fund than projected earlier in the year; and
- It is understood that this added funding will not resolve the state's school funding crisis but does improve the overall school funding picture in Michigan; and
- These funds are needed to offset some of the revenue loss school districts have experienced in recent years; and
- Okemos Public Schools lost an estimated \$662,000 in state aid revenue in 2009-2010 due to a \$165 per pupil foundation allowance reduction and, as forecasted by the January 2010 Revenue Consensus Conference, an additional \$1.05 million loss to the district in State Aid revenue was anticipated for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. (An additional \$1.15 million reduction in State Aid would have occurred in 2009-2010 if not replaced by ARRA funds.);

- The new revenue projections could restore a portion of these funding losses; and
- This restoration can only occur if funds dedicated to the State School Aid Fund remain in the State School Aid Fund; and
- It is recognized that the Senate School Aid Bill and the House School Aid Bill do not divert any School Aid funds for other purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Okemos Public Schools requests that all funds dedicated to the State School Aid Fund remain there to support K-12 education, and that other current State General Fund expenditures not be moved to the State K-12 School Aid Fund.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Passed

Mary J. Graham

Mary J. Graham, Secretary;
Okemos Board of Education

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting secretary of the board of education of Okemos Public Schools, Ingham County, Michigan, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting held on June 21, 2010, the original of which is part of the board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).

Mary J. Graham

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