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The Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities met for the Annual Reorganizational Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 11:30 am in the Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center Meeting Room.

Superintendent Laura Zureich opened the meeting with Election of officers for 2010. The Board elected Dan Bensman – President, Mike Schafer – Vice President, and Patty Eilerman – Secretary. The Board meeting date will remain the third Thursday of the month in the Shelby Hills Early Childhood Conference Room at 11:30 a.m. The standing committees are Ethics: Dan Bensman, Nate Counts, and Mike Trabue; Personnel: Mike Schafer, Patty Eilerman, and Kelly Albers; Finance: Mike Trabue, Dan Bensman, and Nate Counts; Strategic Planning: Kelly Albers. The Board then met in regular session at 11:46 a.m.

Superintendent Laura Zureich presented the following information to the Board:

- The Board acknowledged the resignations of Support Specialists, Mike Barhorst and Luke Fullenkamp, and Service and Support Administrators, Nancy Archer and Grace Schoessow. Three of the resignations are planned retirements. The Board thanked them for their years of service and dedication to people with disabilities.
- Service and Support Administration presented a year in review with changes and growth to their department for 2009 along with trainings they have attended and provided for the year. All home mortgages through the residential non-profit were paid in full as well as purchasing a home on Sidney-Freyburg Road. The Essential Needs Grant Program (ENG) noted completion of its first year. A summer Day Camp was sponsored through this grant and will be held again in 2010.
- A year in review for S&H Products showed income from operations fell as a reflection of economy and the decline of manufacturing opportunities. S&H

worked on 38 existing contracts and 31 new contracts for 19 existing and 7 new customers. Digital imaging and shredding services were added during 2009. The majority of employees will benefit from using an exercise room and small group activity area added on the work floor in July. Exercise and other health related activities have become a big part of S&H Products.

- Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center currently serves 289 children. Eight are presently under assessment and 85 are typically developing preschoolers. These numbers include the new Shelby Hills classroom located in Fort Loramie, which currently serves 30 children plus 1 child under assessment. A 2009 Activity Summary was presented including Professional Development, Family and Community Involvement, Community Outreach, Collaboration with School Districts, Special Center Wide Events, and Bringing Everyone at Shelby Hills Together (B.E.S.T.) Activities.
- After applying for unit funding through the Ohio Department of Education, the Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center preschool program was awarded ½ supervisory unit for the current school year. This partial unit funding will aid in providing financial resources for the supervision of preschool programming in Shelby County.
- A collaborative effort between Head Start and the preschool program has resulted in our itinerant teacher team teaching in a Head Start classroom during the afternoon preschool session. Two students under assessment are currently being served in this setting with the availability of four additional spaces for future placements.
- A Year End Summary was given from Wee School including a total of 80 children receiving services during the calendar year 2009. There are currently 34 infants and toddlers enrolled. For children enrolled in the center-based program, Wee School maintains their policy requiring that an adult attend class with their child, allowing families to actively participate as a team member, and staff can train families on additional intervention strategies to be incorporated in daily routines and activities at home. The staff also provided some home-based services on an as-needed basis in 2009. Throughout 2009, the Wee School staff

provided ongoing training to families during class time and through informative newsletters and bulletin board displays. Also provided were Information Network sessions which allow parents to gather and focus on learning new information presented by a staff member on topics that have included: Speech & Language development, behavior, motor development, and transitions.

- The Board reviewed and approved the following updated policies:
 - Core Values, Vision, Mission
 - #1-84 Policy and Procedure Manual
 - #2-84 Communications
 - #9-84 Professional Leave and Mileage Reimbursement
 - #61-07 Outside Employment
- The Board reviewed and rescinded the Supported Living Policy.
- Two contracts were approved by the Board:
 - An hourly billing structure with the County Commissioners when HVAC assistance is requested from the County's Facility Manager.
 - An agreement with S&H Products regarding the responsibilities of adult services to persons with developmental disabilities who reside in Shelby County.
- During calendar year 2009, the Board received 103% of their estimated receipts and spent 93% of their budget. This is within 2% of the calendar year 2008 figures. The Board finished the year with income over expense of \$636,326.