

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 7, 2006: The Teachers Saving Children® Ohio Chapter Board of Trustees met in Columbus, Ohio, for their regularly scheduled Fall meeting. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed.

1. The Board of Trustees approved Judy Bruns as its representative to the National Board for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.
2. The Board of Trustees decided to host a dinner in the Southwest Region of the State in the spring.
3. The Board of Trustees amended the Constitution & Bylaws tightening their policy with the Administration of Funds.
4. The Board of Trustees approved the 2005-2006 fiscal report and the following 2006-2007 budget:

Awards & Gifts	50.00
Legal & Accounting	400.00
Office Administration	250.00
Postage	750.00
Public Relations	
Printing	750.00
Promotion	500.00
Telephone	100.00
Travel Expenses	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$3000.00

OHIO 2006-2007 MEMBERSHIPS

The Ohio Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees would like to express their thanks to everyone who has taken the time to renew. As of September 30, 2006 there are 112 paid Ohio Teachers Saving Children® members. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet done so, there is still time to join and receive full membership benefits. Membership cards will be mailed later this month.

TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® - OHIO 2005-2006 FISCAL REPORT

Balance - September 1, 2005 \$1384.27

Receipts:

Contributions:

T-shirts \$(-35.00)
Undesignated 225.00

Memberships:

2005-2006 696.50
2006-2007 1319.50

Interest 3.27 \$2209.27

Disbursements:

Awards & Gifts 0.00
Legal & Accounting 350.00
Office Administration 128.59
Postage 714.78

Public Relations

Advertising 0.00
Printing 332.98

Promotion 250.00

Telephone 100.00

Travel Expenses 168.51 \$2044.86

Balance - August 31, 2006 \$1548.68

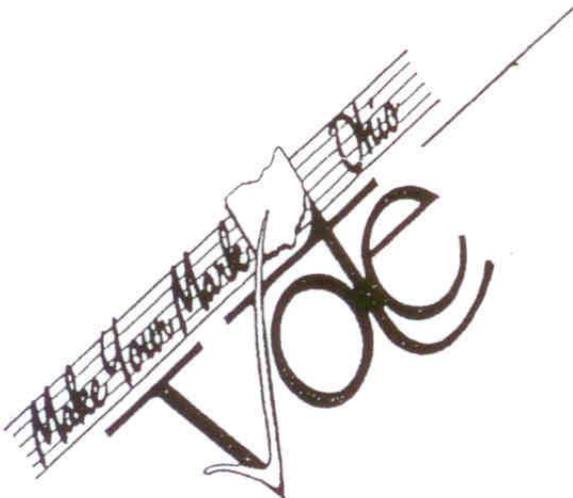
Please note: There were a large number of membership renewals paid prior to September 1, 2006. Thank you for helping the Board to have a better picture of what our finances would be like for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. A reminder that all memberships are now being handled through the National Office. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. of Ohio does not solicit additional contributions beyond memberships, but does appreciate any additional contributions received throughout the year.

ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 7, 2006

As we all know, this year's election in Ohio is vital to both our state and nation. It is important for all registered voters to go to the polls this year and express their freedom of choice through voting. The biggest reason people give for not voting is that they do not know enough about the candidates and the issues. Included in this issue is information regarding the candidates for Ohio governor.

In addition, Ohio Roundtable is a great resource for information on state-wide candidates and issues. To receive information on specific candidates and the five state ballot issues, contact Ohio Roundtable at 1-800-522-VOTE or log onto www.USAvoter.info.

REMEMBER: Responsible citizenship is no accident! Get informed and vote on November 6th.



OHIO GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE PROFILE

Ken Blackwell

Recently, Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, candidate for governor, opened the door to discussion with four public school educators, all of whom are members of Teachers Saving Children®. Here is a brief summary of information shared and the dialogue that occurred on July 27, 2006.



From left to right: John Saxe, Connie Bancroft, Ken Blackwell, Judy Bruns, and Ruth Boyatt.

Life Issue – Blackwell

- An outspoken leader in advancing the culture of life
- Says the first function of government is the protection of human life; that the intentional taking of innocent human life is civilly, as well as morally, wrong
- Opposes abortion of all types; says today’s advanced medical technology is available to save both the life of the mother and the child

Traditional Family – Blackwell

- An advocate of the traditional family
- Believes pre-school for a child needs to remain the parents’ decision and voluntary, and that making pre-school mandatory would undercut the “empowerment” of the family

Public Education in Ohio – Blackwell

- Envisions a “3-legged stool” system of services with 1) limited choice programs; 2) more money directed to the classroom; 3) more money to K-12 from the general fund
- Believes limited choice programs – open enrollment, alternative schools, community/charter schools, private schools – create competition and invite innovation
- Opposes a universal voucher system but sees a restricted system as a child’s way out of a chronically dysfunctional school (referred to a 1992 NEA survey showing that 52% of all public school teachers sent their children to non-public schools at some time or other)
- Advocates that 65 cents rather than 56 cents out of every dollar should go directly to the classroom because student achievement is greatly impacted by resources in the classroom

- Wants to see the covenant the government made with taxpayers 36 years ago, honored – that the income tax would fund public education – breaking the dependency of schools on property taxes
- Wants child-centered funding for K-12 – “We have a Constitutional responsibility to K-12. Our present funding system is broken.”
- Feels it is possible to increase state funding to public schools from the current 43%, to 55% without a tax increase
- Has studied the strengths and weaknesses of “No Child Left Behind” – points out that a positive is disaggregated testing data, which leads to teaching strategies – “Anything worth doing is worth measuring.”

Blackwell concluded his comments by referring to a dialogue he had with a Chinese philosopher about 25 years ago. This philosopher indicated that schools in America have become disconnected from the institutions that traditionally made them work. Those institutions that formerly connected with the schools were family, church, and the workplace. Blackwell explained that we are a society based on limited government because our forefathers believed that we had an inner, moral, spiritual compass that kept things in check. He said it has been since we have taken faith and morality out of the schools that we have had difficulties.

Editor’s Note: Check www.kenblackwell.com for more information.

Ted Strickland

Editor’s Note: The office of Teachers Saving Children® Inc. e-mailed Ted Strickland’s campaign office on Sunday evening, October 8th, requesting answers to the same 5 questions that were asked of Ken Blackwell. Since no response was received, Teachers Saving Children® Inc. sent a follow-up e-mail to Strickland’s campaign office on Tuesday evening, October 10th and made a follow-up phone call to his campaign office on Wednesday morning, October 11th, clearly stating the desire for a response by Wednesday, 4 PM, due to our press deadline. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. has received **no reply** from Mr. Strickland.

Congressional Record shows that Strickland voted multiple times in favor of taxpayer-funded abortions and the taxpayer-funded development of an abortion pill (Vote 136, 5/10/06; Vote 216, 5/25/05; Vote 362, 7/15/03; Vote 115, 5/16/01; Vote 373, 7/10/2000; Vote 292, 7/16/98; Vote 173, 6/8/1999; Vote 260, 6/24/1998). In addition, Strickland voted repeatedly against amendments to require more funding for abstinence education programs (Vote 157, 5/1/03; Vote 379, 10/11/01).

Check www.stricklandforgovernor.com for more information.