

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

<u>Regular</u> Kind of Meeting	<u>District Office</u> Place	<u>December 19, 2011, 7:00 P.M.</u> Time and Date
MEMBERS		
<u>Present</u>		<u>Absent</u>
Jack Caldwell		
Presiding Officer		
Eric Long		
Dave Knox		
Sandy Walden		
Matt Seman		
Teresa Benner		
David Root		
Superintendent of Schools		
Doug Furlow, Doug Furlow, Clay Shoufler		
Carolyn Assalley, Janis Lindsey		
Building Principals		
Scott Stuewe		
Board of Education Secretary		

The meeting was called to order by President Caldwell. Roll call was taken by the recording secretary.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Sandy Walden and seconded by Matt Seman that the agenda be approved as read.

Discussion: None

Motion carried.

Recognition of Employees and Public: Adam Ibbotson, Stacie Henderson, Josh Meyers, Chris Wherley, David Scheffler, Monsanto Seed Production Plant Manager, Illiopolis, IL

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Scott Stuewe and seconded by Sandy Walden to approve the Consent Agenda containing items a, b, c, d, e, f and g, namely, approval of the following minutes as written and distributed, Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2011, Approval of the Policy Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2011, Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of November 21, 2011, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$1,611,244.85 including reimbursement of the revolving fund in the amount of \$1,873.43, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the Lunch Report, and Acknowledgment of Receipt of Resignations - Wanda Davis, Cafeteria

Discussion: None

On roll call the following members answered aye:

Jack Caldwell	Sandy Walden
Eric Long	Dave Knox
Scott Stuewe	Matt Seman
Teresa Benner	

Motion carried

Monsanto Grant Presentation to School District:

Mr. David Scheffler, Monsanto Seed Production Plant Manager, Illiopolis, Illinois, presented a \$10,000 check to our school district for a grant to provide an iPad for every classroom at Sherman Elementary. Mr. Scheffler stated that Monsanto was pleased to provide this grant and to support communities where they do business and their employees who live in the Williamsville/Sherman area. Mr. Root stated that our science teachers in grades 6-12 will also be receiving iPads as a part of our technology goal of one on one computing. The entire project will be funded through the Monsanto grant, PTO and the Williamsville School District.

Faculty Spotlight - Stacie Henderson, NEO Presentation

Stacie Henderson, Junior High English Teacher, gave a presentation on the NEO and how it is being used in the junior high. She stated that the NEO is a simple computer, used by every student in the junior high. Students are currently using four programs, Alphaword (similar to Word), Responder, Math Facts in a Flash, and Accelerated Reader. She said that students can give their responses to the teacher electronically and the teacher can assess immediately whether a concept has been mastered or if more review is needed. She gave many examples of benefits

the NEO provides to the classroom setting and student learning. In addition to the four NEO programs, she said many teachers use them as 'bellringers' at the beginning of the hour, to post a question or subject to get students thinking about what will be covered in the daily lesson, or as review at the end of the hour, such as 'What are 3 things you learned today?' All of this is working toward a paperless environment. All students are set up with a Google Docs account and they can save their work at school on the NEO and work on it at home on their own computer. Stacie was very enthusiastic about the NEO and its potential for our students.

Information Items

a. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Update - Mr. Root presented a 2005-2010 cash flow analysis and reiterated where we are at the end of November with a balance in all funds of \$6,697,706 and a balance in the Operating Funds of \$5,432,849. By comparison, at the end of November, 2010, our balance in all funds was \$6,028,101 and in the Operating Funds was \$4,818,948.

- **Levy Review**- Mr. Root noted that the Board will vote to approve the levy as presented at the Levy Hearing. The total property taxes extended for 2010 were \$6,255,826. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2011 are \$7,184,323. This represents a 14.8% increase over the previous year. At an estimated 5% growth, our tax rate would be 4.4852 and would produce an extension of \$6,524 million, slightly less than our 5.2% growth last year produced.
- **Bus Radio System**-Mr. Root presented a bid from Wireless USA for a new bus radio system. Our current radio system will be non-compliant in 2012 and must be upgraded to a narrowband system. He noted that the system will cost approximately \$20,000 and will be purchased next fiscal year.

c. Principal Reports (Written reports were submitted to the Board)

Mr. Galusha congratulated Robert Konzelman on his selection as November Student of the Month. He noted that high school students donated over 1100 pairs of shoes to Kumler Methodist Church and that this year's food and gift drive delivered 7000 pounds and \$5900 to Contact Ministries. He congratulated the Madrigal performers and Boppin Bee Bees, parents and sponsors on a successful Madrigal Tea and Dinner; IMEA All State Musicians: Brandon Thompson, Elizabeth Chaot, Tanner Smith and Kathryn Spenn; Illinois State Scholars: Angela Barrett, Emily Chesser, Abby Clark, Kate Fowler, Robert Haworth, Andrew Kluemke, Melissa McCormick, Sam Pensabene, Paul Priestler, Savannah Sanner, Tim Turnbull, and Reece Whitley. He stated that WHS hosted Youth and Government Pre-leg II with 225 students from 9 schools in attendance. Three WHS students were nominated for state office: Sam Pensabene - Governor, Paul Priestler - Speaker of the House, and Kathryn Spenn - Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. Galusha addressed the Board about course offering proposals for the high school English and Science departments. They are proposing a junior level AP English Language & Composition course to be piloted in the 2013-14 school year. Adam Ibbotson, High School Science Teacher, spoke on behalf of the science department regarding two new proposed science courses: AP Biology and Chemistry II. AP Biology would be piloted in 2012-13 and Chemistry II in 2013-14, with the hope that after two years, Chemistry II will become AP Chemistry. Mr. Ibbotson directed Board members to a flow chart that indicated that Chemistry, Physics and Biology are being offered in sequence, no matter what track students are in, in the first 3 years before the ACT test is taken. He also noted that currently, science is the only department that does not offer an AP course.

Mr Shoufler reported that Katie Ibbotson, JH/Elementary SASED Teacher, has taken a position as youth minister and will be leaving at the semester. He noted that Angel Tree donations were 'fantastic' at the junior high. He reported that volleyball practice is underway and Boys' Basketball County Tournament is coming up after the holiday break. The 8th grade is seeded #1 and the 7th grade team is seeded #2 in the tournament.

Mrs. Lindsey reported that the Friend in Deed Book Drive yielded 1754 new books, which surpassed their goal of 1000 books. She thanked Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Dowling for organizing this project. She reported that Sherman Elementary also assisted the FFA coat drive by collecting coats, hats, scarves and mittens during the week of December 5-9. She reported that Mrs. Dragoo's Character Education focus this month is Caring, which includes bullying and respect for others.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Sandy Walden and seconded by Scott Stuewe to approve the resolution to levy for local property tax as assessed in 2011 to be paid in 2012 in the amount of \$5,984,860 without bonds and \$7,184,323 including bonds.

Discussion: None

On roll call the following members answered aye:

Jack Caldwell	Sandy Walden
Eric Long	Dave Knox
Scott Stuewe	Matt Seman
Teresa Benner	

Motion carried

A motion was made by Matt Seman and seconded by Eric Long to approve Policy updates as presented and listed: 2:250, 3:60, 4:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:240, 6:60, 6:150, and 7:305.

Discussion: None

On roll call the following members answered aye:
Jack Caldwell Sandy Walden
Eric Long Dave Knox
Scott Stuewe Matt Seman
Teresa Benner

Motion carried

A motion was made by Eric Long and seconded by Matt Seman to approve Travis Combs as HS Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach.

Discussion: None

Motion carried

In other business, Chris Wherley showed a short video of Stacie Henderson's presentation. Also, Sandy Walden gave Board members a handout of expenditures to date of the Safe Routes to School grant as well as future expenditures and results of a survey of students and how they get to and from school.


A motion was made by Scott Stuewe and seconded by Dave Knox to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

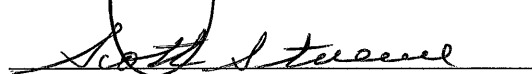
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2011



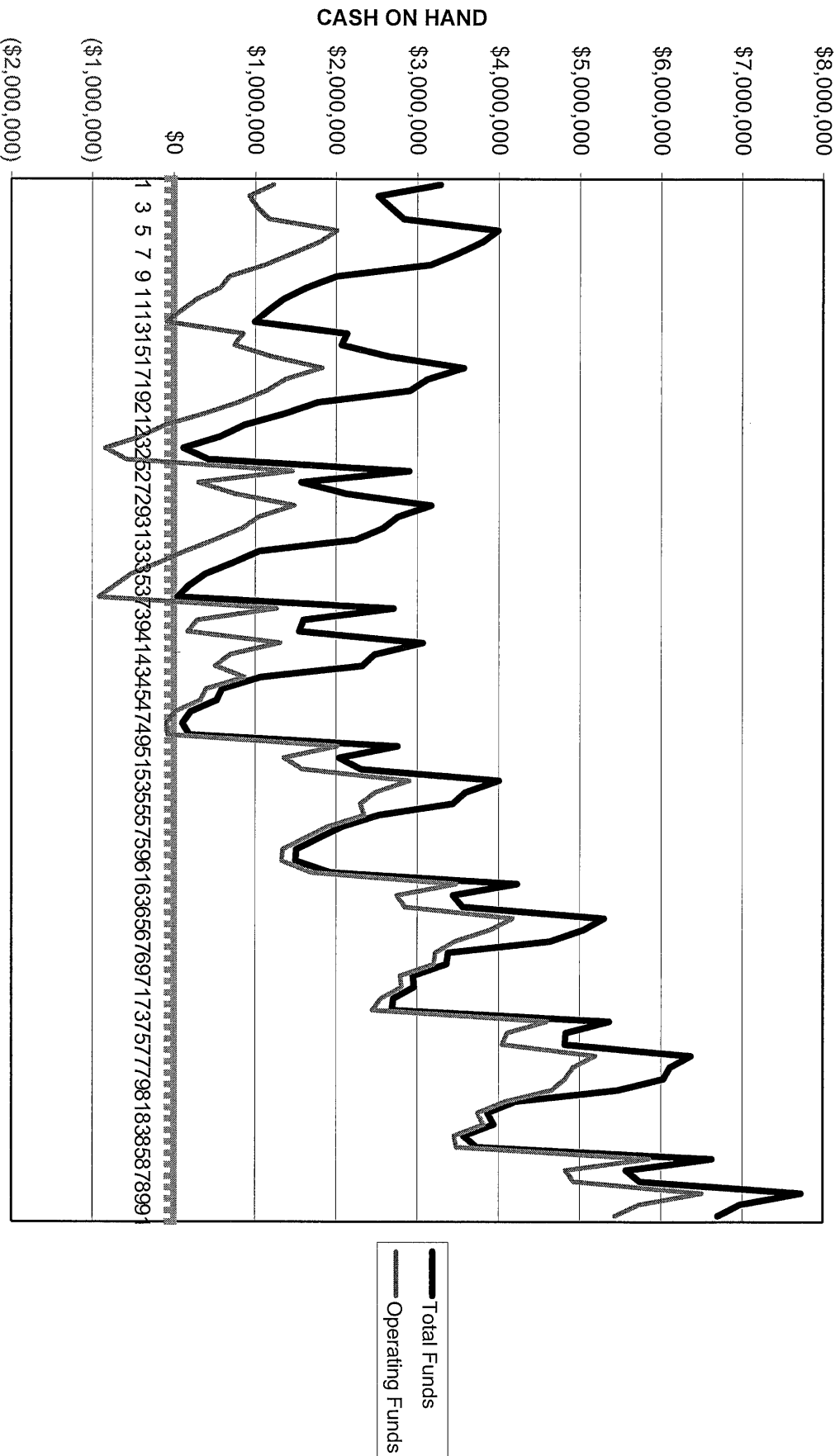
Board President



Board Secretary

Submitted by Kay Carter, Recording Secretary

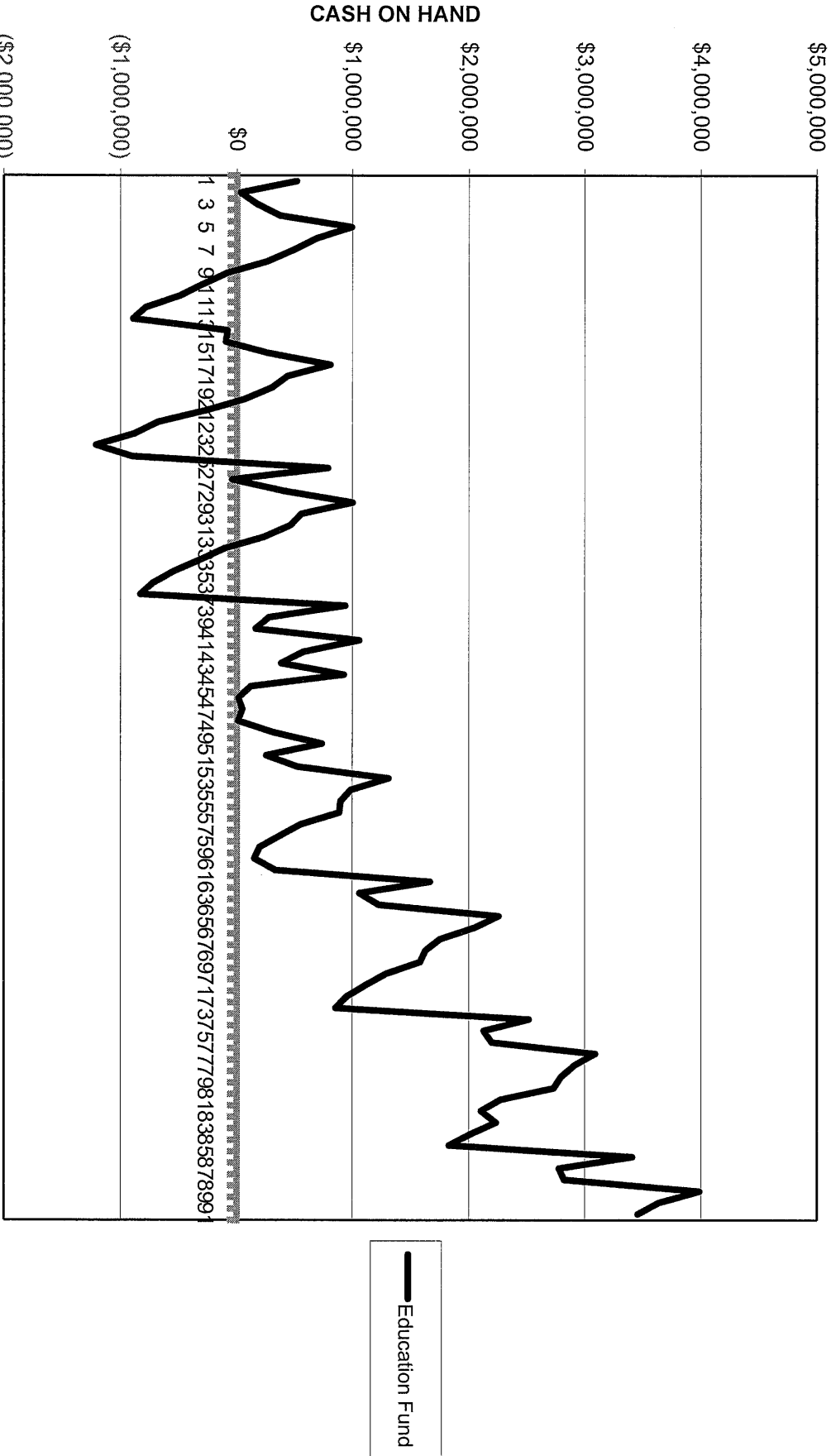
MONTHLY BALANCE (TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS)



May 31, 2004 - November 30, 2011

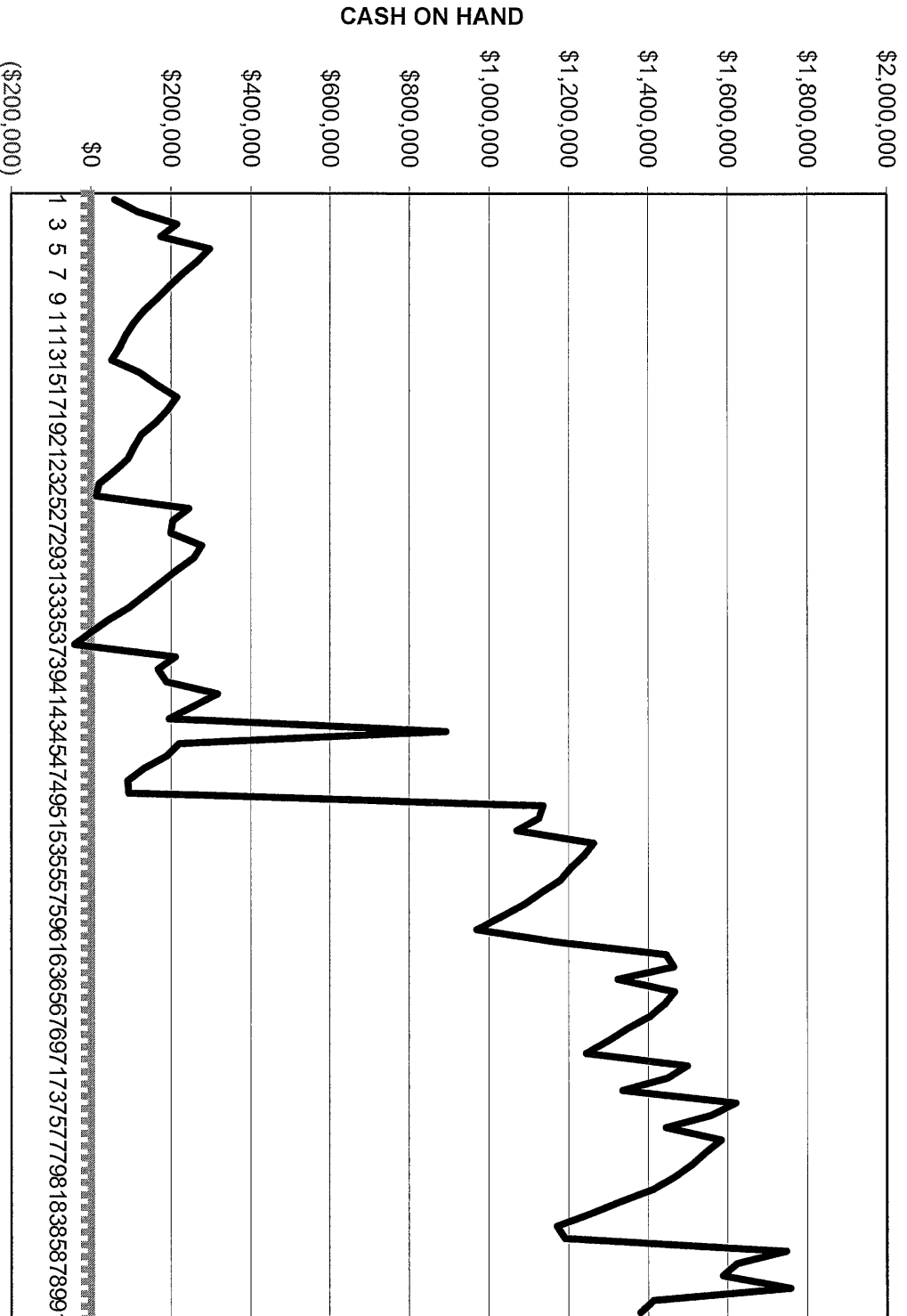
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MONTHLY BALANCE (Education)



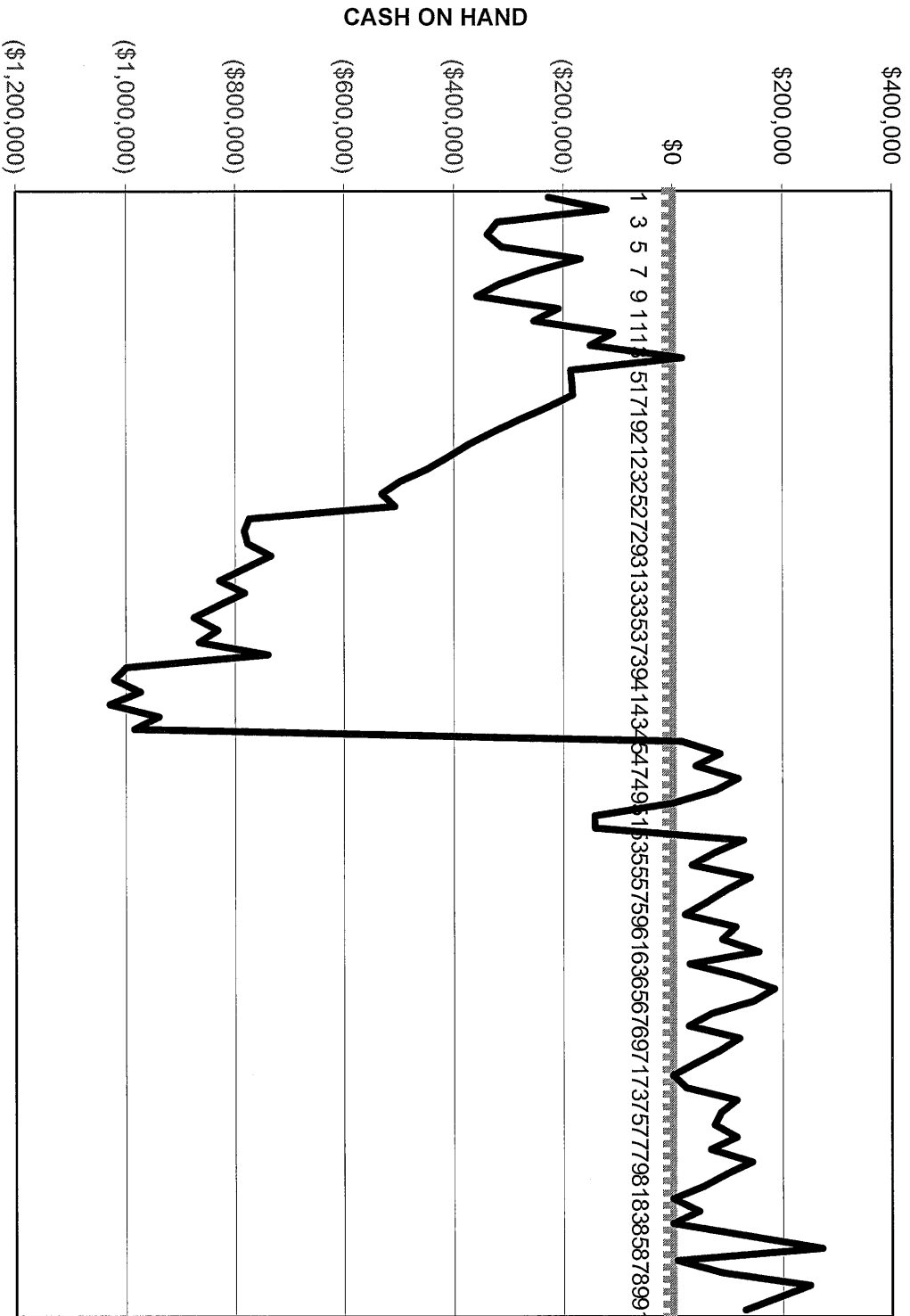
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MONTHLY BALANCE (Building)



— Building Fund

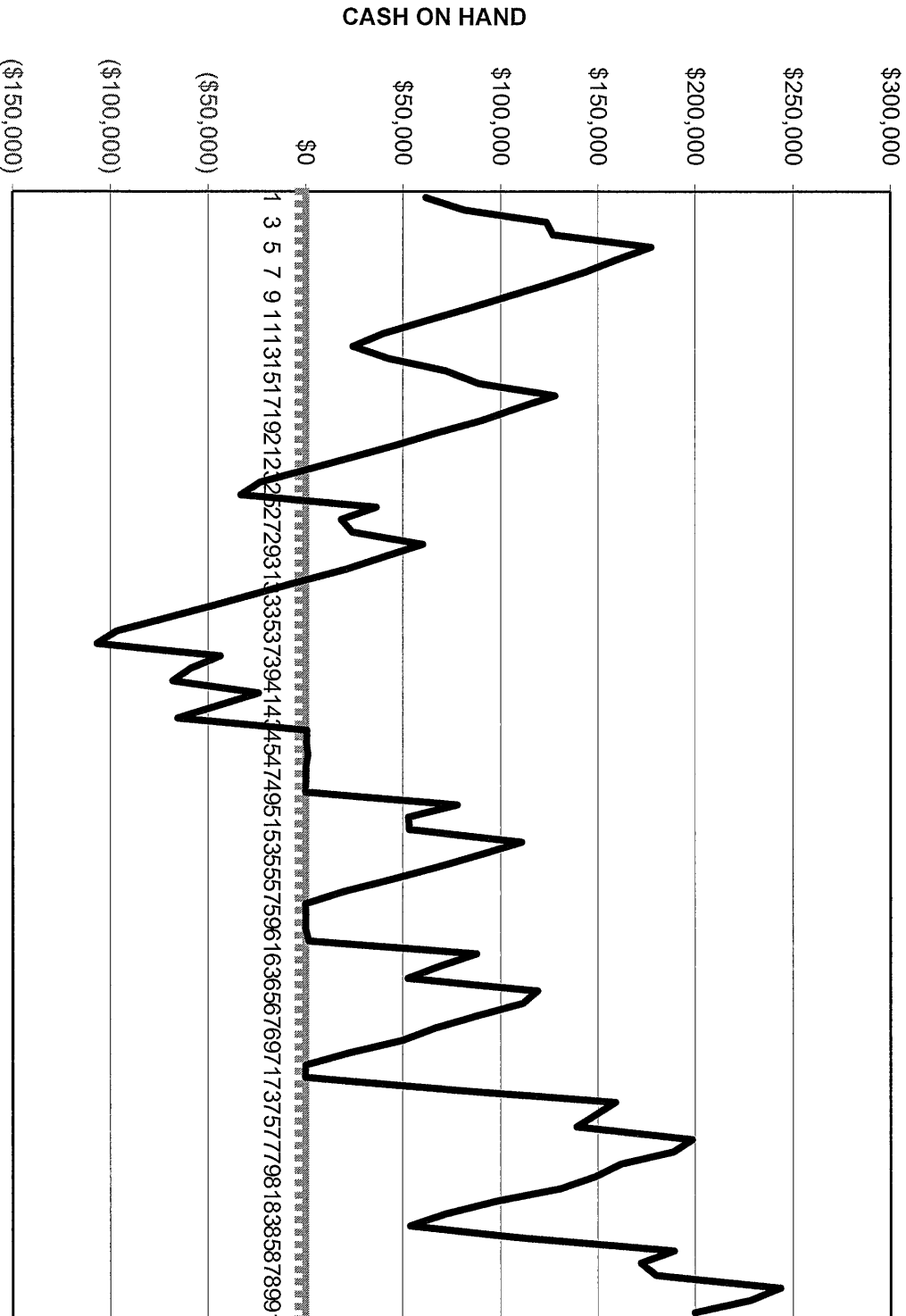
MONTHLY BALANCE (Transportation)



May 31, 2004 - November 30, 2011

— Transportation Fund

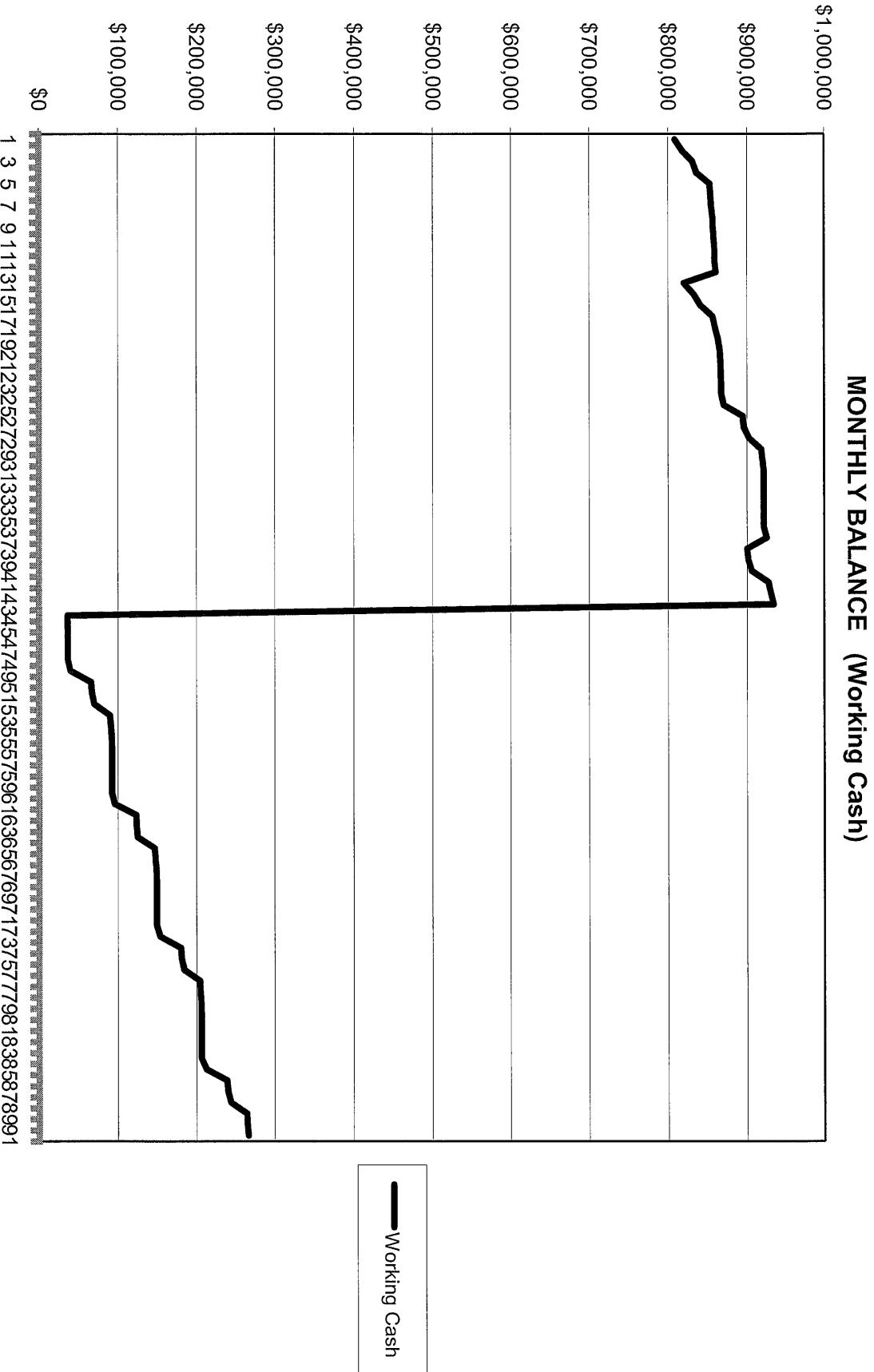
MONTHLY BALANCE (IMRF)



May 31, 2004 - November 30, 2011

— IMRF

CASH ON HAND



May 31, 2004 - November 30, 2011