

**Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting/Work Session**  
**Held August 6, 2015**  
**North Royalton High School Community Room**

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**SUMMARY**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION 2015-254: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA  
RESOLUTION 2015-255: MOTION TO DISCUSS A MATTER UNDER THE SUNSHINE LAW
- V. RESOLUTION 2015-256: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- VIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- X. RESOLUTION 2015-257: Motion to Adjourn

**I. CALL TO ORDER.** President Anne Reinkober called the Regular Meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 6:30 PM, August 6, 2015, at the North Royalton High School Community Room.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** President Anne Reinkober requested all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**III. ROLL CALL.** Present: President Anne Reinkober, Vice-President Jacquelyn Arendt, Dr. John Kelly, Dr. Susan Clark and Barbara Zindroski. Also present were Superintendent Gregory Gurka, Treasurer Biagio Sidoti and Assistant Superintendent Jim Presot.

**IV. RESOLUTION 2015-254: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA.** Resolve the Board of Education to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Kelly

Seconded by Clark

**RESOLUTION 2015-255:** Motion to add an item to the additional business portion of the agenda to discuss text messages from last Friday.

Moved by Reinkober

Seconded by Kelly

Voting Aye: Reinkober, Kelly, Clark, Arendt, Zindroski

Motion Carried

Discussion: Mrs. Zindroski made a motion to add a discussion of the Ohio Sunshine Law. The motion failed due to lack of a second motion.

Voting on original motion for Finalization of Agenda:

Voting Aye: Kelly, Clark, Arendt, Reinkober

Voting Nay: Zindroski

Motion Carried

**V. RESOLUTION 2015-256: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Motion to go into executive session at 6:34 PM for the purpose of discussing details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Board of Education.

Moved by Kelly

Seconded by Arendt

Voting Aye: Kelly, Arendt, Clark, Kelly, Zindroski

Motion Carried

Meeting called back to order at 7:34 PM

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The public is invited to speak to any of the agenda items and other school topics at this time. Comments should be limited to five minutes. No speakers addressed the Board.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Superintendent's Update:**

Mr. Gurka reported to the Board on the two day Administrative Retreat that took place on August 5-6, 2015. He shared the *Ted Talk* video that the administrators watched at their retreat. The vision of leadership from this video fits into the leadership philosophy of North Royalton administrators. The administrative team does a book talk each year. This year their discussion book is *Shifting the Monkey* by Todd Whitaker. Mr. Gurka presented a copy of this book to each of the Board Members.

Board Member building assignments for the 2015-16 school year: Mrs. Reinkober - Middle School; Mrs. Arendt - Royal View; Dr. Kelly - Albion; Mrs. Zindroski - Valley Vista; Dr. Clark - High School.

Mr. Gurka and Vince Weimer, head of the Community Engagement Task Force, discussed the upcoming coffees that will be utilized to gather information from our community about their thoughts of our schools. Mrs. Zindroski asked if they should wait until after November for these coffees since there may be newly elected Board Members at that time. Mr. Weimer explained that the coffees are to gather information and thoughts about the District and the trust issues with the current Board. Mr. Wiemer also clarified what role the Board Members can play with these coffees. He would like them to host at least one coffee each.

**Upcoming Meeting Agenda Review:**

The Board reviewed the August 10, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda and made changes where needed.

There will be a presentation on Monday to recognize one of our students for their performance on the AP tests.

Discussion of CVCC Update Process: Board Members had a discussion on how Mr. Russ Wells should go forward with his reports of the CVCC.

**Treasurer Biagio Sidoti discussed the following:**

Treasurer Biagio Sidoti presented his agenda items to the Board and presented them with the financial packet from the month ending July 31, 2015 and the South Suburban Health Consortium information.

**Additional Discussion Points:**

Board Members received a copy of the House Bill 70 sample resolution for consideration on the August 10, 2015 agenda. After discussing the sample resolution, it was agreed upon amongst the Board not to add this item to the agenda.

Legal Counsel Representation: The Board discussed to continue with the current legal counsel until the Organizational Meeting of 2016 to give ample time to review RFP candidates and conduct interviews. Dr. Clark has recused herself from any deliberation in the decision making process.

OSBA Capital Conference in November Discussion: Mrs. Zindroski asked if the Board should submit individual receipts for reimbursement as opposed to having the District pay directly. There was conversation about the efficiency of paying for meals on one check versus individual reimbursement checks. It was noted that there is a policy for a per diem amount for meal reimbursements.

**VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

*Discussion of Text Messages:* Mrs. Reinkober reported that last Friday she, along with Dr. Kelly and Mrs. Arendt, attended an OSBA workshop entitled “Beyond Surveys and Focus Groups: Engagement as a Partnership.” The three of them, as well as the media, received a series of text messages from Mrs. Zindroski questioning their attendance at the OSBA workshop. The text messages claimed that all Board members should have been informed of the workshop by the Board President and that the members in attendance may be in violation of the Sunshine Law.

Mrs. Reinkober gave the following response to the comment on violating the Sunshine Law, workshops do not meet the standards of an open meeting, which is a pre-arranged time to discuss public business with the majority of members in attendance and therefore there was no violation of the Sunshine Law. As for the Board President informing other Board members of upcoming workshops, this has never been a Board practice in the past. All Board members receive the same information through emails, OSBA publications and the OSBA website. They have all received the information on that meeting at least six times. Board members have the responsibility to decide which professional development workshops fit into their schedule and which ones they will attend.

Mrs. Zindroski believes that Board members should make public which meetings they will be attending. She called other Board members from other districts to see what their process was for attending professional meetings. She feels that there is already a trust issue and that she should have been informed that they were going. She would like to change the process on the procedures for professional development.

There was a conversation on the interpretation of the Sunshine Law and what is meant by a public meeting. Mrs. Zindroski stated that she felt uncomfortable that three Board members were at the workshop and she didn’t know what they were discussing. It was brought up that there have been many times in the past where two, three or four members have attended workshops.

There was much discussion about the process of Board professional development. The majority of the Board Members had the opinion that they should be able to pick and choose their own professional development for the purposes of educating themselves without having to report it beforehand to other Board Members.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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| Special Board Meeting | August 12, 2015 | 6:30 PM at NR Board Office |
| Special Board Meeting | August 13, 2015 | 6:30 PM at NR Board Office |
| Special Board Meeting | August 18, 2015 | 6:30 PM at NR Board Office |

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| Regular Board Meeting/Work Session | September 10, 2015 | 6:30 PM at NRHS Community Room   |
| Regular Board Meeting              | September 14, 2015 | 7:00 PM at NRHS Community Room   |
| Rec Board Meeting                  | September 29, 2015 | 6:00 PM North Royalton City Hall |

**IX. RESOLUTION 2015-257:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:15 PM.

Moved by Kelly

Seconded by Clark

Voting Aye: Kelly, Clark, Arendt, Zindroski, Reinkober

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

Biagio Sidot  
TREASURER

Amber  
BOARD PRESIDENT

September 14, 2015  
DATE

9/17/2015  
DATE