

**Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting/Work Session  
Held February 4, 2016  
North Royalton High School Community Room**

**SUMMARY**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION 2016- 49: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- IX. RESOLUTION 2016-50: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RESOLUTION 2016-51: MOTION TO ADJOURN

**I. CALL TO ORDER.** President Jacquelyn Arendt called the regular meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 6:35 PM, February 4, 2016, at the North Royalton High School Community Room.

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

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

**IV. RESOLUTION 2016- 49: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA.** Resolve the Board of Education to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Kelly

Seconded by Clark

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

Motion Carried

**V. 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.

Mr. Joel Young of 11976 Firefly Lane, North Royalton, spoke to the board about a concern with high school midterms. He wanted the board to be aware that some classes have two part exams with the written part being what he believes is too long to finish in a 55 minute period. He has spoken to both Superintendent Gurka and High School Principal Mr. Osborne. He stated that he could not find anything supporting classes having two part midterms in the course handbook, parent handbook or student handbook. Mr. Gurka explained that the students are informed of these two part midterms. Mr. Osborne did speak to Mr. Young and received his emails and is in the process of discussing this with his staff.

**VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**a. Superintendent's Update**

Mr. Gurka gave the following report:

*Straight A Grant* - we did apply for a Straight A Grant, but we found out through email that we were not chosen.

*College Credit Plus* - The high school has been having ongoing discussions on how College Credit Plus has an impact on students being in the top ten of their class. Instead of saying "Magna Cum Laude" is the top ten percent, it is now going to be based on GPA.

*State of the Schools* - Mr. Gurka will be presenting the State of the Schools on February 17th at 12:00 PM at Carrie Cerinos.

*Educational Visioning & Transformation Workshop* - On March 8, 2016 the Ohio Facilities Construction Committee (OFCC) is conducting a visioning meeting. There will be a small group of administrators, board members and teachers attending from our district.

*Report Card*: The district report card will be issued within the next two weeks.

Mr. William O'Callaghan, consultant for The Community Engagement Task Force, met with the board to review the special board meeting that was held this past Monday and shared a tentative Community Engagement timeline with the board members. A special meeting was set for February 23, 2016, at 7:00 PM, in the Board of Education Administrative Conference Room to discuss future timelines.

Mr. Presot gave an update on the outcome of the trial for the theft earlier this year at Valley Vista. The investigation did lead to the arrest of one person who received five years of probation, one year of house arrest and was ordered to pay a restitution to North Royalton City Schools in the amount of \$2,635. They are hopeful that there will be additional arrests in the case.

Mr. Presot shared with the board his findings of other cell tower agreements that neighboring school districts have in place. After discussion about differences between ground leases and co-locater fee agreements, the board

requested that Mr. Presot have our legal counsel review the amended agreement with Tower Development Incorporation. If legal counsel reviews and approves the amended agreement, it will appear on the Monday, February 8, 2016 board agenda as a resolution item. Copies of the amended agreement were shared with board members for their review.

**b. Upcoming Agenda Review:** The board reviewed the February 8, 2016 regular meeting agenda and made changes where needed.

Mr. Sidoti distributed the financial report from month ending January 31, 2016, and the Suburban Health Consortium report. He also went over his financial information portion of the Board of Education Google Site with board members.

**VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

a. Discussion of Committee Reports on February 8, 2016.

The board decided to waive the reading of the committee reports on February 8, 2016 since the meeting will be a little longer due to a reception planned for Ryan Chester, winner of the Breakthrough Junior Challenge. The committee reports will be posted within the minutes of this meeting.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special Board Meeting	February 13, 2016	9:00 AM	BOE Conference Room
NR Recreation Board Meeting	February 23, 2016	6:00 PM	NR City Hall
Regular Meeting/Work Session	March 3, 2016	6:30 PM	NRHS Community Room
Regular Meeting	March 7, 2016	7:00 PM	NRHS Community Room

**IX. RESOLUTION 2016-50: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Adjourn to executive session at 8:21 PM to consider the employment of a public official.

Moved by Kelly Seconded by Clark  
Voting Aye: Kelly, Clark, Dolezal, Reinkober, Arendt  
Motion Carried

Meeting called back to order at 8:27 PM

**X. RESOLUTION 2016-51: MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:27 PM.

Moved by Kelly Seconded by Clark  
Voting Aye: Kelly, Clark, Dolezal, Reinkober, Arendt  
Motion Carried

ATTEST:

Brian Sidoti  
TREASURER

Joseph H. Att  
BOARD PRESIDENT

March 7, 2016  
DATE

3.7.16  
DATE