

**Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting/Work Session
Held December 8, 2016
North Royalton High School Community Room**

SUMMARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION 2016-367: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- IX. RESOLUTION 2016-368: MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RESOLUTION 2016-369: MOTION TO ADJOURN

I. CALL TO ORDER. President Jacquelyn Arendt called the regular meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m., December 8, 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 2016-367: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA. Resolve the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Kelly

Seconded by Clark

Voting Aye: Kelly, Clark, Reinkober, Dolezal, 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. Mr. Russ Donda of 7373 Tilby Road, North Royalton, addressed the Board. He proposed that the Board look into the idea of a non-profit entity in which people can donate money to North Royalton City Schools as a way to assist with expenses due to the bond issue not passing. He is willing to be on a committee to discuss this further.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Superintendent's Update

Draft 2017-2018 School Calendar: The Board received a draft of the 2017-2018 school calendar. Various drafts were discussed with the labor management committee, PTA Council as well as the District Administrative Team. There will be a public hearing on the calendar at the January board meeting so the public has a chance to view it. It will then be adopted at the February board meeting.

Safety Town Fee: There is a resolution on the December 12, 2016, agenda to raise the Safety Town fee from \$45 to \$50 in order to keep it cost neutral (cover the cost of personnel and materials), based on previous enrollment. The price has not been increased since 2009.

Online Registration: The pupil services department is considering changing our student registration program from Infosnap to Registration Gateway. While Infosnap has been great, we need a program that works well with our student records program, DASL. Registration Gateway, works well with DASL and it will save valuable time with not having to do manual input. Infosnap does not currently work well with DASL. The costs of both programs are comparable. The process will take about four to six months to make this change. They are looking to start this in May or June.

Personnel Changes: There are two administrative assistants retiring at the end of December, and a maintenance worker has resigned effective next week. We study every position when these things happen.

One of the administrative assistant positions is being restructured into the payroll department. There will now be two people in payroll that will work with benefits and payroll instead of a separate benefits only position. The personnel secretary will also absorb some of the benefit duties in the beginning stages when explaining to new employees about our employee benefits program.

With the recent failure of the bond issue, we cannot assume that we will not have to use operating funds at some time to keep up the needs of the buildings. Therefore, in order to start those cost savings measures, it has been determined not to fill the other administrative assistant position in the pupil services department that deals with student registration. The remaining two clerical positions in the pupil services department are going to absorb these duties at this time. We will reassess this decision at the end of the year.

The maintenance worker position is not going to be filled at this time.

Bond Issue: The Board of Elections will release their results by December 9, 2016. To assist us in determining our next steps: a community survey will go out, two focus groups are being held, and Mr. Gurka suggests that we have a community meeting to gather input from our community. If a bond issue is not going

to pass, decisions need to be made to finance the repairs needed in our facilities. He wants to hear from the community which programs they value and which they would be willing to reduce, if we cannot pass a bond issue. It was determined that there will be two special board meetings scheduled: January 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in High School Cafeteria 1 and January 23, 2017, at 7:00 a.m. in the Board Office Conference Room.

Mr. Presot discussed the roofs of our facilities in regards to the plan moving forward after the failure of the bond issue. Due to the timing of getting the roof bids publically announced and meeting legal guidelines, it was discussed that we would move forward with doing necessary priority work at the middle school this summer. We are looking at several roof sections that have budgetary numbers of approximately \$310,000. He also discussed the need for some priority tuck pointing work on the masonry walls at the middle school. We have preliminary budget numbers of approximately \$128,000. This would include not only the tuck pointing but the sealing of the masonry walls.

Mr. Sidoti added that roof expenses were not appropriated back in September. He may need to ask the Board to approve an increase to the Permanent Improvement (PI) Budget in order to pay for the additional expenses. The expenses were not anticipated due to the fact that they were going to be paid for with the passage of the bond issue, which did not happen.

Mr. Sidoti went over the financial report for month ending 11-30-16 as well as the Suburban Health Consortium Report. The Board received information on the 2017-2018 Tax Budget, which will need to be approved at the January meeting.

b. Upcoming Agenda Review.

The Board reviewed the December 12, 2016, regular meeting agenda and made changes where needed.

VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

a. Board Timeline - The Board timeline was reviewed and several recommendations were made.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Policy Committee Meeting	December 12, 2016	5:15 PM	BOE Conference Room
Regular Meeting	December 12, 2016	7:00 PM	NRHS Community Room
Special Meeting/Work Session	January 5, 2017	6:30 PM	NR Community Room
Organizational Meeting	January 9, 2017	7:00 PM	NR Community Room
Regular Meeting - Immediately Following Organizational Meeting			NR Community Room
Financial Advisory & Audit Mtg.	January 19, 2017	7:00 PM	BOE Conference Room

IX. RESOLUTION 2016-368: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion to go into executive session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss the employment of a public official.

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

Seconded by Reinkober

X. RESOLUTION 2016-369: MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:51 PM.

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

Seconded by Reinkober

ATTEST:

Beagan Sidoti
TREASURER

John H. Kelly
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

January 23, 2017
DATE

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