

**Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting/Work Session
Held March 3, 2016
North Royalton High School Community Room**

SUMMARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION 2016-76: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VI. CVCC UPDATE
- VII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- VIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- X. RESOLUTION 2016-77: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- XI. RESOLUTION 2016-78: 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 PM, March 3, 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- 76: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA. Resolve the Board of Education to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Clark

Seconded by Kelly

Voting Aye: Clark, Kelly, 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. Comments should be limited to five minutes.

VI. CVCC UPDATE. Mr. Russ Wells gave the following report:

- The CVCC 2016-17 calendar was approved and copies were emailed to the board.
- WKYC visited CVCC on February 10, 2016 as part of a series they are running on the employment forecast in northeast Ohio. Instructors and students were interviewed for the story and spoke about the technology that is incorporated in CVCC's programs and how this provides skills to compete in today's workforce. The story aired on February 17, 2016.
- CVCC board had a discussion about a renewal levy or a continuing levy for this November.
- CVCC entered into a contract with Richard A. Berdine as Treasurer of CVCC, effective April 1, 2016 through July 31, 2018, and entered into a Joint Employment Agreement with the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District for the shared services of Richard A. Berdine.
- Representatives from Board Pac gave a demonstration to the CVCC board about Board Pac Software that CVCC is planning on implementing to record board meetings. This is an online service that streamlines the board agenda and packet preparation process.
- There was a discussion with the CVCC board about the possibility of a club called Drug Free America.
- Mr. Wells discussed the opportunities for an 8th grade Robotics program.

VII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Gifted Update - Director of Pupil Services Julie Bogden and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Melissa Vojta gave the following report:

A Gifted Advisory Committee comprised of parents, staff members and administrators, was formed to help North Royalton City Schools provide the most effective programming for our identified gifted students at the elementary level who are at the most intensive academic level (identified in reading and/or math with the superior cognitive score).

Research on the history of the elementary gifted program found that the program has changed ten times since 1983. These changes were often dependent on State guidelines and numbers and has led to an inconsistent delivery model.

The committee spent the better part of the year reviewing the following potential gifted services options for the elementary level:

- EELA only (**most current model**, available at all 3 buildings)
- Math only (available at all 3 buildings)
- EELA and Math (would be centralized at one building)
- Accelerated Math
- Enriched Math

The following factors were taken into consideration:

- Number of students who qualify fluctuates
- Classroom space in elementary buildings (Increase class sizes in the building where the program is housed)
- Staffing available
- Current and past data in both EELA and Math
- Transitions between elementary and MS, both in content and in movement of students
- Future of the elementary structure - one building would resolve many of the barriers
- Siblings - can they attend "other school"
- Parents have to make a decision about whether or not to move their child

The conclusion as it stands now, is to return to the current model of EELA only and wait to see what results from the Community Engagement Task Force recommendations. The Gifted Advisory Committee requested to move forward with professional development for elementary teachers in English and Math so that they can continue to enrich for those students that are identified in math while we wait to see what happens with the recommendations of the Community Engagement Task Force.

b. Report Card Update - Director of Curriculum and Instruction Melissa Vojta and Director of Pupil Services Julie Bogden gave the following report:

- Even though we did not see the individual progress (growth) of students, we are proud of our achievement on the indicators and the Performance Index (7th highest in the county, 34th highest in the state).
- From the beginning of the year, the District Leadership Team has been working through the Ohio Improvement Process to review data and begin work at the TBT level to address areas in need, such as those of our subgroups of students.
- Teams are in the process of rewriting common assessments to ensure they are addressing the updated standards.
- RtI committee is working to establish a new universal assessment tool to be used district-wide that will measure the strength of our core instruction as well as identify intervention needs.

c. Superintendent's Update

Mr. Gurka gave the board a copy of a service model that was created for our district as a customer service model. There were two days of professional development in which over 70 employees were trained with this model. The model ties directly to our mission and focuses on making connections with parents, community members, staff and students. This will now be part of the evaluation process and new employee training.

A group is going to the Ohio Facilities Construction Committee (OFCC) for a visioning session on Tuesday, March 8th. Mr. Gurka will bring back information to the board.

Mr. Gurka handed out information that will be going home to parents within the next two weeks on district safety plans.

Summer School: The district is looking into changing our summer school program. The elementary/middle school level will be discontinued due to low attendance. Research is being done on ways to replace the elementary/middle level program with online programming which could offer additional enrichment for students that would be checked by a teacher. At the high school level, they are investigating student interest if they were to provide an intervention program for the end of course exams..

Mr. Presot discussed the district's supplemental committee and a few proposed changes. These proposed changes include title changes, reimbursements of training if done online versus in school, and name changes in clubs. There was also a discussion about interest in a high school bowling club with a possibility of turning it into a varsity sport several years from now.

Food Services: Last year the food services department suffered a small loss. They did a lot of restructuring for this school year and at this point of the year, they are financially stable. The goal is to provide a quality program that is able to sustain itself financially.

Mr. Sidoti distributed the financial report from month ending February 29, 2016, and the Suburban Health Consortium report. He also discussed several items on the financial report.

There was a discussion about email that was sent to Mr. Gurka and the board members concerning high school dress code.

d. Community Engagement Discussion

Mr. Gurka gave the board a list of the most frequently asked questions from the discussions that took place at the February 1st Special Board Meeting where the Community Engagement Task Force presented their recommendations. The board discussed the next steps to continue gathering feedback from the community about the recommendations of the Community Engagement Task Force. The board also received a list of community meeting dates and staff meeting dates.

e. Upcoming Agenda Review. The board reviewed the March 7, 2016 regular meeting agenda and made changes where needed.

VIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

a. Follow Up From Board Professional Development

The board discussed finalizing the board goals and governing rules. This will be done at the April regular meeting/work session.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHNR Meeting	March 23, 2016	11:00 AM	NR Library
Recreation Board Meeting	March 29, 2016	6:00 PM	City Hall
Regular Meeting/Work Session	April 7, 2016	6:30 PM	NRHS Community Rm.
Regular Meeting	April 11, 2016	7:00 PM	NRHS Community Rm.
Financial Advisory & Audit Mtg.	April 20, 2016	7:00 PM	BOE Admin. Conference Rm.

X. RESOLUTION 2016-77: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. Adjourn to executive session at 9:00 PM to consider the employment of a public official.

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

Seconded by Kelly

Meeting called back to order at 9:11 PM

XI. RESOLUTION 2016-78: MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:11 PM.

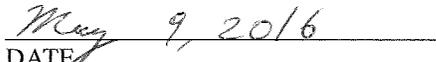
Moved by Kelly
Voting Aye: Kelly, Clark, Dolezal, Reinkober, Arendt
Motion Carried

Seconded by Clark

ATTEST:


TREASURER


BOARD PRESIDENT


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