

**Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting/Work Session
Held January 7, 2016 Immediately Following Organizational Meeting
North Royalton High School Community Room**

SUMMARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION 2016-23: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- IX. RESOLUTION 2016-24: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RESOLUTION 2016-25: MOTION TO ADJOURN

I. CALL TO ORDER. President Jacquelyn Arendt called the regular meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 7:05 PM, January 7, 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 2016-23: 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. No speakers addressed the board.

VI. CVCC UPDATE. Mr. Russ Wells was at a meeting and therefore not present.

VII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Superintendent's Update

Chrome Books: Mr. Gurka discussed the chrome books that the board members will be using to collaborate on board meeting information. It was decided that work sessions would be the best time to use the chrome books to collaborate on information for board meetings. This will be an ongoing learning process with more training scheduled in the upcoming months.

Special Board Meeting Scheduled: There will be a Special Board of Education Meeting on February 1, 2016, at 7:00 PM in the North Royalton Performing Arts Center. The Community Engagement Taskforce will have a community presentation during the meeting. The meeting will adjourn to the cafeteria and there will be tables set up for discussions.

Board Presentations: One of the board goals of 2015 was to have district departments present at board meetings so that the board and the community can become more knowledgeable about the district. This will continue in 2016.

School Calendar: A draft of the 2016-17 school calendar was handed out at the meeting. This calendar will be approved at the February board meeting.

Superintendent Gurka, High School Principal, Sean Osborne, and Curriculum & Instruction Director Melissa Vojta, will be traveling to Brunswick Schools at the end of the month to observe a program that Brunswick has to assist students who are not coping well in the traditional school setting. Our district purchased seats for this program through Brunswick earlier this year. They are assessing what the advantages would be of having this program within our district if we have enough students that would benefit. More information will follow the meeting later this month.

Elementary Classroom Sizes: Director of Personnel Mr. Farrell, is researching the possibility of hiring additional classroom aides due to increased enrollment at the elementary level.

Professional Development: A group of administrators, department coordinators and secretaries are participating in professional development on customer service this week. The People's Advantage is working with our district to develop a customer service model. Once this is developed, there will be an inservice training. The board expressed interest in participating in the training once the model has been established.

Walking Path at Valley Vista: Assistant Superintendent Mr. Presot, discussed a potential project of a walking exercise path at Valley Vista Elementary that is still in the preliminary stages. Nathan Costello, physical

education teacher at Valley Vista, spoke to Lowes and they are offering a grant of \$3,500 to assist with this project. Details will come out in the form a of press release once plans are finalized.

Cell Phone Towers: Mr. Presot informed the board that the current owner of the Albion Road cell phone tower is interested in amending the existing contract with our district to include ground lease rights. It was decided that Mr. Presot should bring more information to the next board work session.

Financial Report: Mr. Sidoti distributed the financial report from month ending December 31, 2016, and the Suburban Health Consortium report. He also discussed several financial items. The Tax Budget, which will be approved at the Monday, January 11, 2016 meeting, was handed out to the board. Mr. Sidoti went over some details of the Tax Budget.

b. Upcoming Agenda Review: The board reviewed the January 11, 2016, regular meeting agenda and made changes where needed.

VIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

a. Board Development Sessions to Establish 2016 Board Goals

Discussion: The board discussed the possibility of hiring a facilitator to assist in establishing the 2016 board goals.

b. Committee Assignments

- Building & Grounds: Heidi Dolezal, Alternate: Dr. John Kelly
- Curriculum & Pupil Services: Dr. John Kelly, Alternate: Jacquelyn Arendt
- Legislation: Jacqueline Arendt
- PHNR: Anne Reinkober & Jacquelyn Arendt
- Recreation Board: Dr. John Kelly
- Student Achievement: Dr. Susan Clark
- Transportation: Anne Reinkober, Alternate: Jacquelyn Arendt

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Engagement Taskforce Mtg.	January 19, 2016	6:30 PM	NR BOE Conference Room
PHNR Meeting	January 20, 2016	9:00 AM	NRHS Community Room
Financial Advisory & Audit Committee Mtg.	January 21, 2016	7:00 PM	NR BOE Conference Room
NR Recreation Board Meeting	January 26, 2016	6:00 PM	NR City Hall
Community Engagement Taskforce Meeting	February 1, 2016	7:00 PM	NR PAC
Regular Meeting/Work Session	February 4, 2016	6:30 PM	NRHS Community Room
Regular Meeting	February 8, 2016	7:00 PM	NRHS Community Room

X. RESOLUTION 2016-24: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. Adjourn to executive session at 9:04 PM to consider the matters required to be kept confidential by federal law and to discuss the employment of a public employee.

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

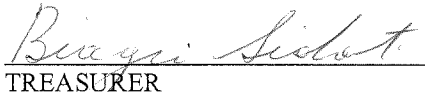
Meeting called back to order at 9:53 PM

XI. RESOLUTION 2016-25: MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:53 PM.

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

ATTEST:



TREASURER



BOARD PRESIDENT

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