

Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting/Work Session
Held September 10, 2015
North Royalton High School Community Room

SUMMARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION 2015-286: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VI. CVCC UPDATE
- VII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- VIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
- IX. RESOLUTION 2015-287: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- XI. RESOLUTION 2015-288: 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, September 10, 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 and Treasurer Biagio Sidoti.
- IV. RESOLUTION 2015-286: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA.** Resolve the Board of Education to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Clark

Seconded by Arendt

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

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 unable to attend the last CVCC board meeting, however, he reported to the board the following: Superintendent, Celena Roebuck, gave him information on enrollment, CVCC facts and the *Board Flash* publication to share with the board. He also reported that the CVCC treasurer is in the process of putting together a five year plan. There was a new position called Special Project Coordinator up for consideration, but it has been put on hold while the CVCC board obtains additional information. The North Royalton board requested more information on CVCC programs from Mr. Wells in his future reports.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Update:

Quality Profile: A draft copy of the 2014-15 Quality Profile was handed out. The state-wide release is on September 14, 2015.

Valley Vista Theft: Superintendent Greg Gurka updated the board on the theft at the Valley Vista garage. The district posted several pictures on social media of images caught from our cameras. There were over 100,000 views within the first day. Someone saw the post, recognized the vehicle and reported it to the authorities. The authorities were able to locate the vehicle and this situation is now under investigation.

Elementary Gifted Program: The Pupil Services Gifted Program put together an advisory committee for the possible implementation of a consolidated Gifted Program at the elementary level. If they choose to consolidate the elementary gifted program, the plan will be presented at the March 2016 board meeting.

District License Plate Program: Mr. Gurka informed the board of an email he received from Representative Anielski to inquire if he would be interested in a license plate program she is sponsoring. Representative Anielski introduced separate bills for this program for her districts. The North Royalton bill was co-sponsored by Representative Dovilla. There is a statewide bill that she also introduced. The license plate would be a North Royalton City Schools vanity plate at the cost of forty dollars above the original cost of the plate. Ten dollars from each plate would go for administrative costs and thirty dollars from each plate would go to the district and will be earmarked for student wellness programs. A press release was put out earlier by Representative Anielski regarding this project. Another nice feature of this project is students will have the opportunity to design the license plate.

Educational Visioning: A group of teachers, parents, students, classified staff and administrators will get together this Friday, September 11, 2015, to discuss educational visioning as part of our Community Engagement Task Force. The group will be discussing things like, "What does school look like and what does North Royalton want it to look like." The information will be given to the Community Engagement Task Force and to the Board of Education so they have an idea of what the community feels North Royalton's educational vision is. The goal is to have the community drive the process of gathering information on our schools.

Mrs. Zindroski inquired about the process of determining who would be involved in the Educational Visioning session. The following groups of people will be representing the district: building PTA presidents or a chosen representative in their place, two students from both the middle school and high school, Vince Weimer and other members of the Community Engagement Task Force, an administrator from the elementary, HS and MS level, as well as several Central Office administrators and members of the teaching staff and classified staff.

Mrs. Zindroski questioned Mr. Gurka about why board members were not asked to be part of this session. He explained that they didn't want the community to feel that this was a "board driven" session. It is important for the process to be "community driven." Mrs. Zindroski felt that there should be participants from all tables in attendance and asked if Mr. Gurka would object if she would just come and listen. Mr. Gurka gave her the information and welcomed her to come and observe.

Board of Education Google Site: One of the goals for the board this year is to use Google as a means of organizing monthly information. Mr. Gurka presented a Google site that was created for the board. This site organizes all of the monthly information in one convenient location and eliminates the need for most of the paper copies currently being used each month. Board members will have professional development in the upcoming weeks to learn to utilize the Google site.

Upcoming Meeting Agenda Review:

The board reviewed the September 14, 2015, regular meeting agenda and made changes where needed.

The high school principal will recognize one of our students for their performance on the ACT exam at the September 14, 2015 meeting. The transportation department will give a presentation.

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 August 30, 2015 and the South Suburban Health Consortium information. Mr. Gurka and Mr. Sidoti had an extensive discussion with the board on 2015-16 staffing and the cost savings associated from the previous year.

Discussion on August 10, 2015 Minutes: Mrs. Zindroski requested to have the minutes of August 10th reflect the conversation centered on board members introducing topics at board meetings and giving other board members a 72 hour notice of the topic. She stated she has sent emails to place items under "additional business" and the topics have not been included on the agenda. She expressed her concern about the 72 hour notice. It is also her understanding, notice needs to be given to add a topic to the agenda and there was no notice. She suggested listening to the audio concerning the board president posing the question if anyone wanted to make a motion under additional business opening the door to how future topics will be introduced.

Dr. Clark stated she recalled an email from Mrs. Reinkober that she was going to be talking about that topic.

Mrs. Reinkober said that after reading her comments she welcomed further discussion at the end of the meeting if someone wanted to make a motion. She said someone would have to make the motion and it would have to be seconded and approved by a 2/3 majority for it to be discussed. It was not opening the door.

It was suggested that everyone take the opportunity to listen to the August 10th audio.

VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

1. Tax Incentive Review Summary
2. HB 70 Resolution

Discussion on Tax Incentive Review Summary: Last month, Mrs. Reinkober and Mrs. Zindroski attended the Tax Incentive Review Committee at the county. Mrs. Reinkober handed out information about the Tax Incentive Review Committee to the other board members so they have a better understanding of what it is about. The city offers tax abatements to companies based on their promise to increase staffing. The abatement is for a series of up to twenty years. Each year, companies have to submit a report to the state. The committee then has to meet before September 1st to decide if the company has complied with what they said they would do and then decide if they will continue the abatement. There are two companies, Lazeray and Induction Tooling, that are still under the abatement. All parties involved have representation. The city has two representatives, the school board has one representative, CVCC has one representative and the county has departments that can vote. The decision goes back to city council for their approval. Mrs. Reinkober stated that the intent is after the abatement period, the value of the property will be there, and we will be able to participate in the foregone taxes that we have gone through.

Mrs. Zindroski reported that this was an eye-opening, learning experience.

HB 70 Discussion: The board discussed HB 70 to consider adding this item to Monday's agenda. It was decided to take one paragraph out of the sample resolution previously received and then add it to the September 14, 2015 board meeting agenda.

VIII. RESOLUTION 2015-287: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion to go into executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law and to discuss the employment of personnel.

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

Seconded by Zindroski

Motion Carried

Meeting called back to order at 9:01 PM.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Board Meeting	Sept. 14, 2015	7:00 PM NRHS Community Rm.
PHNR Meeting	Sept. 16, 2015	9:00 AM NRHS Community Rm.
Special Board Meeting	Sept. 17, 2015	6:30 PM BOE Conf. Room
Community Engagement Task Force Mtg.	Sept. 22, 2015	7:00 PM NRMS
Rec Board Meeting	Sept. 29, 2015	6:00 PM NRHS City Hall
Regular Board Meeting/Work Session	Oct. 8, 2015	6:30 PM NRHS Community Rm.
Regular Board Meeting	Oct. 12, 2015	7:00 PM NRHS Community Rm.

X. RESOLUTION 2015-288: Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:02 PM.

Moved by Kelly

Seconded by Zindroski

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

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

Birger Sidot
TREASURER

Am pin
BOARD PRESIDENT

October 12, 2015
DATE

10/12/2015
DATE

