

# NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL

DECEMBER 4

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## SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER
  2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  3. ROLL CALL
  4. WORK SESSION
  5. ADJOURN
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1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Heidi Dolezal called the Special Meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 6:07 p.m., December 4, 2008, at the North Royalton Board Office.
  2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** President Dolezal requested all present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
  3. **ROLL CALL.** Present: President Heidi Dolezal, Vice President Cheryl Hannan, Leonard Reinhard, Anne Reinkober, and Barbara Zindroski. Also in attendance were Superintendent Randy Boroff, Assistant Superintendent James Presot, Treasurer Richard McIntosh, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Richard Evans, Director of Pupil Services Susan Welch, and Personnel Director Gregory Gurka.
  4. **WORK SESSION**

### **Superintendent Items:**

- BASA Finance Committee Meeting: Mr. Boroff handed out a number of notes from BASA Finance Committee meeting relating to school funding and the state of Ohio.
- The School Administrator Article: an article describing three myths of administrator contracts was reviewed.
- Governor's Conversation About Education: Mr. Boroff has received an invitation to be one of five superintendents in Northeast Ohio to participate in the Governor's Conversation About Education Forum to be held in Cleveland.
- School/Business Partnerships: we will begin soliciting business partnerships after the holidays.

### **Buildings and Grounds, Jim Presot**

- Calendar/Closing of Buildings: a meeting was held with the PTA Council to discuss the scheduling of events.
- Pay to Participate Information: a committee of coaches and administrators are meeting in order to form a recommendation regarding a pay to participate program. The goal of committee is to have a recommendation for the board in January.
- Cell Tower Agreement/Albion Elementary School: contract terms/language has been finalized by both our attorney and the AT & T representative. The contract is being reviewed by AT & T corporate lawyers. Upon their approval, the agreement will be presented to the board for their approval. A site visit by AT & T engineers to be scheduled.
  - Contract highlights:
    - 1) Initial option to lease (up to 2 years) \$500 per year.
    - 2) One site is under construction – we will receive \$18,000 per year for first 5 years.
    - 3) Four 5-year extension agreements where we would get an additional 15% increase per each contract extension.
  - A board resolution may be ready in January 2009.
- Valley Vista – Gas/Oil Well Update
  - The first revenue sharing check was received in amount of \$13,979.37. The well is currently producing 50 barrels/day, the current price per barrel is \$41.00, this past July oil was at \$143.00/barrel.
  - Discussions with Columbia Gas continue on the hook up to building.
- Abbey Road Property -Gas/Oil Well Agreement: our legal counsel has reviewed all terms/language and we are awaiting word from the legal counsel for GonzOil. Highlights of the agreement are:
  - 10 acres/non-drilling lease – still have 23.43 to put into a second agreement in future
  - 13.5% royalties gas & oil
  - Delayed rental payment of \$500 per year until well is drilled
  - Signing bonus (legal fees) \$1,000.00
  - \$4,000.00 spud fee

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- Elimination of High School Bussing: district administrators have met with city officials in order to devise a plan to effectively handle traffic with the elimination of high school bussing which is to begin on January 5, 2009. Mr. Presot reviewed a diagram of the proposed traffic flow pattern. This information will be shared with students and the community via the district website, cable TV, the Alert Now system and through the local newspapers.
- Facilities Committee/Master Planning: members of the facilities committee participated in a tour of the High School, Middle School, transportation facility, football stadium, Valley Vista Elementary School and the Early Childhood Center. The next meeting of the facilities committee will be scheduled sometime in January 2009. A first draft of the updated enrollment projections has been completed by DeJong & Healy and is being reviewed. Resource International has completed a first draft of the facility assessment report. A meeting is being scheduled with Resource International and MKC/Regency to review the report.
- Bus Purchases: Mr. Presot reviewed the bus replacement cycle including those buses scheduled for replacement this year. The consensus of the board was that the replacement of a handicap bus should proceed and the replacement of three other buses postponed pending the outcome of the May operating levy.
- Roof Replacements: Mr. Presot reviewed the roof replacement projects scheduled for this year. The priority projects are the 200 section at the high school, the Albion Elementary School media center and the roof of the Performing Arts Center at the high school. These projects will be advertised in January.

#### **Personnel and Policy, Greg Gurka**

- Tenure Meetings, HQT, Seniority Lists: seniority list have been distributed to the buildings for the certificated staff to verify employment dates and areas of certification. Highly Qualified Teacher in status is also being verified at this time. Mr. Gurka is meeting with building principles to review continuing contract status and tenure applications.
- Meeting at Shaker Heights: Mr. Gurka, Mr. Evans and Mrs. Karen Davies attended a meeting of the Local Professional Development Committee of the Shaker Heights schools to share our experience with the software developed by LNOCA for use by district LPDC committees.
- Minimum Wage: Mr. Gurka reviewed his analysis of the impact of increasing substitute pay to the new minimum wage level or levels slightly higher than minimum wage.

#### **Finance, Rich McIntosh**

- Finance Update: the next meeting of the Financial Advisory Committee will be held on December 16. The committee will have a recommendation for the board by the end of January regarding the operating levy for the May 2009 ballot.

#### **Pupil Services, Sue Welch**

- Special Education
  - Van #2- Parents of 14 students received letters this week that their SWD would begin riding the NR van beginning Jan. 5. This van was added to reduce contracted transportation costs. Of the 14 Total students: 8 students will be riding both ways and 6 students are riding 1 way. Thanks to Greg and Jim for helping make this work.
  - State Performance Plan-20 indicators set by the state to meet the federal regulations of IDEA 2004. Districts are rated every year on the indicators. Some indicators require compliance (100%) and some are results indicators in which the district needs to meet the state goals. The 20 indicators are being phased in over time. For this school year NR was evaluated on 9 of the 20 indicators. Examples included: Performance on State Assessments by SWD district wide for Reading and Math (AYP), % of students who are removed from general education less than 21 % of the time, disproportionably in identification, IEP's in place for Part C referrals by third birthday, transition plans for students age 16 and above. On these indicators we met all of the standards except 1. Our 1 area of weakness was as follows: 77 initial evaluations in 2007-08 and we completed 75 w/in the timeline for a 97% rating. On the 2 we missed we missed 1 by 1 day and 1 by 2 days. This resulted in a corrective action plan which was submitted on Monday. We also have to complete a corrective action worksheet which will be completed and submitted in February 2009.

This is one example of the regulations imposed on Districts as a result of IDEA 2004 and the rigor by which the special education rules must be followed.

- ADA Amendments of 2008
  - Effective January 1, 2009
  - Broadens the scope of the definition of disability under ADA and section 504
  - Will necessitate changes in our current 504 forms

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- District 504 Committee will be meeting in January 2009 to address these changes and to revise the forms. District 504 committee will meet in January 2009
- Kindergarten Registration- February 23 through February 26 (8:00 – 4:00) February 24 (8:00 am – 8:00 pm)
- Safety Town- Registration Fee has been \$35.00 for past 3 years. We would like to increase the fee to \$45.00 to cover the cost of the instructors.
- Immunizations
  - Nursing, under the direction of our District Health Coordinator Michele Prezenkowski, has worked since August 08 to remind parents of the immunization requirements. At this point we have 21 students district-wide who have not complied with the immunization guidelines.
    - Phone call from Building Principal and Exclusion Warning letter sent by Principal with deadline of December 19, 2008.
    - Michele is also making home visits to these families to rule out language issues
    - Parents who remain non-compliant as of December 19, 2008 will receive Exclusion letter from SW stating the child will not be permitted to return to school until documentation is received.
- Residency and Custody Update
 

Central Registration has been a huge help in tracking students for required documents. Through this process we are able to identify students who have been court-placed and whom we can bill partial costs to other school districts. This has also helped us consistently enforce our board policy for residency.

New residents to NR- Central Registration procedure  
 Residents who change residency w/in NR – Building procedure is being refined  
 Never married parents – DASL audit  
 Custody cases – DASL audit

Current stats:

4 students have been W/D for not having proof of residency.  
 12 students are facing exclusion if documents are not received by due dates  
 1 student will be w/d as of Dec 19

#### Curriculum and Instruction, Rich Evans

- Math Placement: a meeting with the high school and middle school staff was held regarding the appropriate placement of students.
- Wellness Committee: a meeting of the Wellness Standing Committee was held on December 1, 2008. The entire committee is scheduled to meet on December 15, 2008
- Value Added: Selected staff members will attend a meeting for additional Value Added training and updates on January 27, 2009 at the ESC.

**Resolution Review**, the regular meeting agenda was reviewed.

Board President Heidi Dolezal presented the following items for discussion:

- Holiday Luncheon Reminder
- Classified substitutes wages
- Bus replacement cycle & bids
- Other concerns for discussion
- Board self-evaluation & Boardmanship
- Officers for 2009

5. **ADJOURN.** The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Moved by Hannan  
 Voting Aye: Hannan, Zindroski, Reinkober, Reinhard, Dolezal  
 Motion Carried

Seconded by Zindroski

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