

Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL Meeting

Held _____

JANUARY 9

2014

SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. ROLL CALL
 3. WORK SESSION
 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 5. ADJOURN
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1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Dr. John Kelly called the Special Meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m., January 9, 2014, at the North Royalton High School Community Room.
 2. **ROLL CALL.** Present: President John Kelly, Vice-President Barbara Ann Zindroski, Anne Reinkober, Susan Clark, and Jacquelyn Arendt. Also present were Superintendent Gregory Gurka, Asst. Superintendent Jim Presot, and Treasurer Biagio Sidoti.
 3. **WORK SESSION.**
 - **Superintendent's Update:**

Mr. Gurka reviewed several current issues of importance to the Board:

 - 2014-2015 School Calendar
 - New law regarding using hours rather than days to determine school year length
 - Calamity day decision making: When temperature is the concern, a temperature of 0 degrees and a wind chill of -15 degrees is used as a guide. If snow is the issue, then the call is usually made by 5:30am so that the conditions, snow removal, etc can be monitored and included in the decision.
 - Bond Issue: Mr. Gurka & Mr. Presot discussed the need to place a bond issue on the ballot. Master plans, facility needs, community involvement finances, etc were considered to determine necessity and amount for bond issue. Mr. John Ranucci summarized a detailed report on the findings and recommendations of the committee formed to look at facility needs.

Mr. Gurka also discussed the data that will assist in determining how to proceed toward positive support and passage of the bond issue. He also discussed the timing involved to place a bond issue on the May ballot. A Resolution of Necessity would have to be approved by the Board as well as a Resolution to Proceed. It was determined that the first resolution would not go on the January 13th regular meeting agenda; however, a special meeting would be scheduled and the Resolution of Necessity will be placed on that agenda.
 - **Agenda Review:**

The Board reviewed the January 13, 2014 regular meeting agenda.

A discussion ensued regarding the process for placing items on the board agenda, consensus decisions at special meetings, as well as distinction between special and regular meetings. As a result, the Board will consult with Board legal counsel to clarify policy regarding some of these issues. Dates were suggested for special meetings and Mr. Gurka will facilitate the scheduling of a meeting with legal counsel. Dr. Susan Clark distributed copies of information pertaining to The Ohio Open Meetings Act and public notice of the purpose of special meetings/work sessions. Mrs. Zindroski suggested adding public participation to all meetings.

Further discussion of the facilities study included consideration of provision for all-day kindergarten, safety and security, classroom space and class size.

Mr. Presot, in speaking with Mayor Stefanik, learned of a resident Mrs. Gajowski who has property near Valley Vista School who has questions on whether the Board would be interested in acquiring a section of the property. Mr. Presot explained in detail the location of the property and whether we can accept property with conditions if it is offered as a donation. Mr. Presot's view is that it would only be useful as a "nature" venture. Mr. Presot was commended by Mrs. Zindroski for his follow-up on the Akins Road property water issues that was brought up in public participation at a previous board meeting.

Mr. Presot also discussed agenda items including hiring of new maintenance personnel, Albion heater coil issues that will be part of building and grounds report, NOC athletic official rate adjustment, and possible addition of a pupil services agenda item.

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Treasurer Sidoti discussed the 2015 Tax Budget.

• **Board President’s Agenda:**

Due to the late hour, Dr. Kelly stated that he would contact the members individually regarding committee assignments for the January 13th agenda.

Mrs. Zindroski stated that she would like to discuss issues that she was not able to discuss at the organizational meeting including adding a resolution to the January 13th agenda regarding job description/duties/expectations of the CVCC representative. She also requested total costs for Board Legal Counsel for last three years and costs associated with expense accounts for Superintendent, Asst. Supt., Personnel Director and Treasurer for 2006, 2007 and the last three years.

In addition, Mrs. Zindroski suggested adding video-taped Board meetings to website, revisiting review of governing rules, and holding an “inservice” with an OSBA representative to share how Board should conduct meetings.

It was agreed that Mrs. Zindroski’s resolution request would be addressed at a meeting with legal counsel.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board adjourned to executive session at 9:50 pm to discuss the employment of personnel and/or discipline of personnel.

Motion by Zindroski Seconded by Arendt
Voting Aye: Zindroski, Arendt, Reinkober, Kelly
Abstaining: Clark
Motion Carried

Dr. Kelly called the meeting back to order at 10:02 pm.

5. ADJOURN. Dr. Kelly adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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