

**Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL Meeting**

**Held** \_\_\_\_\_

**JANUARY 22**

**2014**

**SUMMARY**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
5. RESOLUTION 2014-28: APPROVE VOLUNTEERS
6. RESOLUTION 2014-29: APPROVE EXTENDED TRIP PROPOSAL
7. RESOLUTION 2014-30: RESOLUTION TO PROCEED
8. ADJOURN

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Dr. John Kelly called the Special Meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m., January 22, 2014, at the North Royalton High School Community Room.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** President Kelly requested all present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. **ROLL CALL.** Present: President John Kelly, Vice-President Barbara Ann Zindroski, Mrs. Anne Reinkober, Dr. Susan Clark, and Mrs. Jacquelyn Arendt. Also present were Superintendent Gregory Gurka, Director of Personnel Gary Puntel, Asst. Superintendent Jim Presot, and Treasurer Biagio Sidoti.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Dr. Kelly invited the public to speak to any of the agenda items and other school topics at this time. Comments should be limited to five minutes. There were several speakers who addressed the Board regarding the bond issue.

Name	Comments
Mr. John Kohl Resident 10051 Brookside Circle North Royalton, OH	Would like the Board not to proceed with placing the bond issue on the May ballot. He was disappointed in the Board's decision not to reduce the amount to its absolute essential. He also felt the Board is placing the issue on the May ballot because primary elections have fewer people voting thereby sneaking it through. He believes the electorate turned the bond issue down twice and to place the bond issue on the ballot without a reduction is a slap in the face to the voters.
Mr. Dave Albert NRCS Maintenance Supv. 6490 Emory Drive Brook Park, OH	Would like the Board to proceed with placing the bond issue on the May ballot. He thanked the community for being in attendance and commented on his 25 years of employment with the District. He is currently the maintenance supervisor in charge of seven maintenance personnel and believes the \$49,830,000 is the bare minimum of what is needed. He also suggested if people could see what he sees; they would increase the bond issue amount. He summarized the age of the buildings and the need associated with those buildings as it relates to the safety of personnel and students. He provided various pictures of the buildings as it relates to mechanical needs, plumbing needs and plaster repair needs.
Mr. Jim Zindroski Resident 9512 Vista Drive North Royalton, OH	Would like the Board not to proceed with placing the bond issue on the May ballot. He agreed with his wife that the \$49,830,000 is too much money. He cited his professional career as the former North Royalton police chief and his academic success. He shared his research that he found a district in the Southern part of the State that is "dirt poor" and still achieving academic success. He stressed parent involvement is key to student success. He cautioned the Board that higher taxes will cause less demand for housing in North Royalton. He cited various community demographic statistics in relation to an aging community and the District's cost per student. He believes the time is not now and the administrators need to provide a priority list.
Ms. Mary Ellen Watrobski Resident 19520 Founders Ct. North Royalton, OH	Would like the Board to proceed with placing the bond issue on the May ballot. She commented that the need will not go away and there is nothing to take off. She believes it is the Board's responsibility to place students first and that we need to do this now. She asked the Board to place the issue back on the ballot.

**A. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.**

5. **RESOLUTION 2014-28: APPROVE VOLUNTEERS.** Resolve the Board of Education approve the following volunteers for the 2013-14 school year or as indicated:

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Bear Baseball Camp (1/31/2014-2/1/2014 & 2/7-8/2014)

Bradley Klingbeil	Frank Frate	Chris Okicki	Noah Sasse
Matthew Stricker	Mark Imre	Nick Osoteo	Evan Schlessel
Randal Suchey	Ike Jayjack	Alec Paige	Dan Shaw
Michael Zadel	Nate Kocan	Nick Palmateer	Alex Sir Louis
Reese Albright	Nathan Krikke	Tyler Pencak	Connor Slezak
Jake Bonacci	Lucas Kryslar	Dominick Pissini	Garrett Strom
Evan Buckingham	Nate Luft	Luke Robinson	Trevor Tout
Mike Damiano	Jack Marovsek	Jeff Rozek	Evan Willman
Brian Fozio	Andrew May	Jayson Rush	

Moved by Arendt

Seconded by Reinkober

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

Motion Carried

6. **RESOLUTION 2014-29: APPROVE EXTENDED TRIP PROPOSAL.** Resolve the Board of Education approve the following trip proposal:

High School Ski Club

Trip to Peek n' Peak Resort, Clymer, NY (February 8, 2014)

Moved by Reinkober

Seconded by Clark

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

Motion Carried

Prior to recommending Item #7 for approval, Mr. Gurka noted the following points:

- Cost/millage came back as was estimated on last week's Resolution of Necessity.
- Our commitment to students is to provide best possible education; sound facilities that are warm, safe and dry are at the heart of that commitment to the students.
- Not everyone will always agree with everything that was done, but in the end, when you step back and look at the big picture of our district and the excellent education that is provided to the students for one of the lowest cost per pupil in the county, everyone should agree that the NRCSD has a great story to be proud to tell.
- District has a long history of providing a great educational bang for the tax dollar buck.
- This Bond Issue will allow us to continue to tell a great story and continue to be a top district in the county and the state.
- It is up to all of us as voters to make that commitment to our current and future students.

7. **RESOLUTION 2014-30: RESOLUTION TO PROCEED.**

**A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$49,830,000 TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORTH ROYALTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2014, this Board adopted a resolution declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of this School District the question of the issuance of bonds (the Bonds) in the aggregate principal amount of \$49,830,000 and the levying of a tax to provide for the payment of the debt charges on the Bonds and any anticipatory securities at an election to be held in the School District on May 6, 2014, a copy of which resolution was certified to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer certified to this Board that the total tax valuation of the School District is \$1,035,437,960, and the estimated average annual property tax levy throughout the stated maximum maturity of the Bonds that would be required to pay the interest thereon and retire the principal thereof over 35 years is 2.56 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to 25.6 cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the North Royalton City School District, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board determines to proceed with submitting to the electors pursuant to Section 133.18 of the Revised Code, at an election to be held on May 6, 2014, the question of issuing Bonds in the amount of \$49,830,000 for the purpose of constructing, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving buildings and facilities, and preparing, equipping and otherwise improving real estate, for School District purposes, and levying a tax to pay the debt charges on the Bonds and on any notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds. The average annual property tax levy required to pay those debt charges has been estimated by the County Fiscal Officer to be 2.56 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 25.6 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, and this Board estimates that the tax for debt charges will first be levied in 2014 and first be collected in calendar year 2015.

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Section 2. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to certify to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections not later than the close of business on Wednesday, February 5, 2014: (i) a copy of the resolution adopted by this Board on January 15, 2014, declaring the necessity of the bond issue and providing for the principal of the Bonds to be paid over a maximum of 35 years, which number of years is hereby certified to the Board of Elections; (ii) the certifications of the County Fiscal Officer as to the total tax valuation of the School District and the estimated average annual property tax levy; and (iii) a copy of this resolution. This Board hereby requests that the Board of Elections give notice of the election and prepare the necessary ballots and supplies for the election in accordance with law.

Section 3. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Moved by Arendt

Seconded by Reinkober

During discussion Mrs. Zindroski stated she has not yet received some requested items including a list of prioritized facility repairs. She mentioned she has received phone calls from residents who are not in favor of the bond issue in its current form.

Mrs. Reinkober commented that everything behind the decision to put this issue on the ballot is needed. She supports the bond issue.

Dr. Kelly said the current improvement plan has been prioritized to address the most critical and imperative needs of our district and our kids. The plan is thorough and fiscally responsible. It addresses our needs.

Dr. Clark stated she supports the bond issue. She also supports the youth and parents of this community who live here now and may live here in the future.

Mrs. Arendt noted that she was on the Shape Our Schools Committee. She had kids in the system and parents reside in the community. North Royalton has had a proud heritage with our schools and would like to see us continue in that direction.

Voting Aye: Arendt, Reinkober, Clark, Kelly  
Voting Nay: Zindroski  
Motion Carried

**8. ADJOURN.** The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Moved by Clark

Seconded by Zindroski

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

ATTEST:

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