

NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL

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SUMMARY

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ROLL CALL
- 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- 5. RESOLUTION 2012-79: RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY
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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 6:30p.m., May 10, 2012, at the North Royalton High School Community Room.
- 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** President John Kelly requested all present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- 3. **ROLL CALL.** Present: President John Kelly, Vice-President Anne Reinkober, Heidi Dolezal, Dan Langshaw, and Barbara Zindroski. Also present were Superintendent Edward Vittardi, Treasurer Richard McIntosh, and Assistant Superintendent James Presot.
- 4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Dr. Kelly invited the public to speak to any of the agenda items and other school topics at this time and requested that comments be limited to five minutes. The following community members address the Board regarding the bond issue. All spoke in favor of the issue and encouraged the Board to support it also.

Dan Dyson		Lynn Dorman
Mary Ellen Watrobski	Becky Cozens	Tricia Stanton
Jen Osborne	Amy Kuntz	Helen Limberg
Michelle Yuzwa		Jodi Heffke

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

5. RESOLUTION 2012-79: RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY.

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$54,300,000, TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORTH ROYALTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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 finds, determines and declares that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the North Royalton City School District in the aggregate principal amount of **\$54,300,000** 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 and interests therein, for School District purposes** (the Bonds), and to levy a tax outside of the ten-mill limitation imposed by Section 2 of Article XII of the Ohio Constitution to pay the debt charges on the Bonds and any anticipatory securities. Pursuant to Section 133.18 of the Revised Code, the question of the issuance of the Bonds and the levy of that tax shall be submitted to the electors of the School District at an election to be held in the School District on **November 6, 2012**. The approximate date of the Bonds will be July 1, 2013. The maximum number of years over which the principal of the Bonds may be paid is **35**, and the Bonds will bear interest at a rate now estimated at **4.50%** per year, payable semiannually.

Section 2. The Treasurer is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County for the certification of the total current tax valuation of the School District and the estimated average annual property tax levy, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation and in mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, that the County Fiscal Officer estimates to be required throughout the stated maturity of the Bonds to pay debt charges on the Bonds, assuming that they are all issued in one series bearing interest and maturing in substantially equal principal amounts in each year over the maximum number of years over which the principal of the Bonds may be paid, both as stated in Section 1, and that the amount of the tax valuation of this School District for the current year (or, if that amount is not determined, the estimated amount of that tax valuation submitted by the County Fiscal Officer to the County Budget

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Commission) remains the same throughout the maturity of the Bonds (except as otherwise provided in Revised Code Section 133.18(C)(2), which provides that, when considering the tangible personal property component of the tax valuation of the School District, the County Fiscal Officer shall take into account the assessment percentages prescribed in Revised Code Section 5711.22, and further provides that the tax commissioner may issue rules, orders, or instructions directing how the assessment percentages must be utilized).

Section 3. In accordance with Section 133.06(C) of the Revised Code, based on the principal amount of the bonds as set forth in this resolution, this Board hereby requests the consents of the State Tax Commissioner and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to the submission of this question, as the School District's net indebtedness after the issuance of the Bonds will exceed an amount equal to 4% of the School District's tax valuation. The Treasurer is directed to certify copies of this resolution to the State Tax Commissioner and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, together with such other information as they may require for the purpose.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and 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 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Motion by Dolezal

Seconded by Reinkober

Comment On First Reading - Dr. Kelly

Over the last 16 months, The Shape Our School's Future Committee toured all the facilities and came forward with a proposal that was presented here in this room on March 27th. First of all, the Board would like to commend this dedicated group of residents who worked totally on a volunteer basis. These individuals spent literally thousands of hours developing their proposal. Above anything else, once again we have confirmation that the greatest strength of our city and our district is the people who live and work here.

Tonight's resolution marks the first step in presenting a long term solution to our facilities' needs to the people of North Royalton. As a Board we have evaluated the plan, listened to citizen comments, both pro and con, and come to the decision that moving forward with this proposal is appropriate at this time. If this resolution is approved tonight, on Monday, we will vote to present the plan to the public in the form of a Bond issue. It is time for the public to hear the plan and weigh the merits of the proposal.

Statement by North Royalton School Board Member Dan Langshaw on Proposed School Improvement Bond Issue

Tonight's vote on a Resolution of Necessity is the first of two resolutions to put a 35 year \$54,300,000 School Improvement Bond Issue on the November 6, 2012 General Election Ballot. This vote is not a cause for celebration. As a School Board Member, 2004 North Royalton High School graduate, an older brother of three siblings who have been educated in our school district, and someday in the future have kids who will be in this district; I know there is a necessity to fix our aging buildings to maintain education in the North Royalton City School District.

Beginning in 2003 the district has conducted assessments and reviewed alternatives to address our facilities' needs. None of the proposed solutions was considered feasible given cost and timing issues. The proposal we are considering now is half the cost of prior proposals and provides a solution for decades. It disturbs me though that school districts like ours are forced to confront our facilities issues with no assistance from the state. Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly have done nothing to channel Ohio School Facilities funds to districts such as ours. We all must continue to voice our concerns to the Governor and our lawmakers in Columbus!

Our economy is still trying to recover, I hear from many constituents that they are just trying to get through these tough times. The timing for a bond issue may not be the best for folks, but we have reached the point where doing nothing is no longer an option. Our students and community deserve a plan on how to fix our school buildings up in a financially responsible manner for our long term future. As a leader it is unacceptable to play politics and kick this problem down the road for another Board to worry about for another decade. A major issue like this Bond Issue should not be decided by a 5 person Board but all the residents of this community.

I will support this first resolution and the second resolution to put this issue on the November Ballot for a vote of the people. No one wants to see a tax increase at any time. But the district cannot make the necessary improvements without any money. If this Bond Issue passes, I want to be on the record to say I plan to thoroughly examine and discuss any expenditure request to use these funds. Fiscal discipline is critical!

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As a United States Army Veteran I believe in our American Democracy and the right to vote as citizens. The people need to decide: Is this an investment they can afford? We need to respect whatever they tell us at the polls with their vote in November. I think it is very positive that this Board has a long-term plan and priority list on what needs to be done to bring our buildings up to par. We as Board Members are fulfilling our responsibility to give the people a chance to decide this issue. Let's not forget we work for them.

In closing I encourage all residents to get engaged in this process. Come to a SCENE Meeting, School Board Meeting, and most importantly JUST VOTE! If you are not registered to vote you can get more information on how to by going on the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Website at <http://boe.cuyahogacountv.us> or call 216-443-3200. Your vote matters and it's up to the people to decide the future of the North Royalton City School District.

Voting Aye: Dolezal, Reinkober, Langshaw, Kelly, Zindroski
Motion Carried

6. **RECESS.** Dr. Kelly recessed the meeting for ten minutes.
Dr. Kelly called the meeting back to order.

7. **WORK SESSION**

• **Agenda Review:** The Board reviewed the May 14, 2012 regular meeting agenda.

• **Superintendent's Update:**

Mr. Vittardi noted that the agreement to contract with the Medina County ESC for substitute teaching services will be on the agenda in June.

- Mr. Presot explained that the contract with PSI for nursing services is expiring and a new agreement is now being negotiated.
- An agreement is also being negotiated with the YMCA for pool time for the swim team.
- An update on the Food Service program will be presented in June.

• **Board President's Agenda:** The Board discussed changing the dates and or times of three special meetings and agreed to move the August 9th special meeting to August 8th, the October 4th special meeting to October 3rd and change the start time of the June 28th special meeting to 6:00 p.m.

8. **ADJOURN.** The meeting adjourned.

Motion by Langshaw
Voting Aye: Langshaw, Zindroski, Kelly, Reinkober, Dolezal
Motion Carried

Seconded by Zindroski

ATTEST:

TREASURER

BOARD PRESIDENT

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