

Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting/Work Session

Held _____

NOVEMBER 13

2014

SUMMARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION 2014-259: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS
- VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- VIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS OF BOARD MEMBERS
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- X. ADJOURN

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Dr. John Kelly called the Regular Meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 6:50 p.m., November 13, 2014, at the North Royalton High School Community Room.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** President John Kelly requested all present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- III. **ROLL CALL.** Present: President John Kelly, Vice-President Barbara Ann Zindroski, Anne Reinkober and Jacquelyn Arendt. Susan Clark was not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Gregory Gurka, Treasurer Biagio Sidoti, and Assistant Superintendent Jim Presot.
- IV. **RESOLUTION 2014-259: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA.** Resolve the Board of Education approve agenda as presented.

Moved by Arendt

Seconded by Reinkober

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

- V. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**
Dr. Kasey Spirakus and high school counselors, Rachel Hoag and Kriste Smith presented the Comprehensive School Counseling Program, K-12.
- VI. **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.
- VII. **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

a. **Superintendent's Update:**

Mr. Gurka discussed:

- Calendar adoption for the 2015-16 school year is in progress. This coordinates with many factors such as OTES requirements, early release dates and CVCC schedule. The prevailing thought among districts is to start early and get as many days prior to testing as possible. Start date is most likely to coincide with this year. We should have things ready for calendar to be adopted by January or February 2015. Thirty days prior to adoption there will be a public hearing.
- Advanced Placement: North Royalton made the 5th Annual AP District Honor Roll. This list consists of 547 school districts in the United States and Canada. North Royalton is one of 30 districts in the state that made this list.
- Positive highlights of our school district (*2 Blue Ribbon Schools, great report card, great spirit and collaboration amongst staff, band achieved 25th superior rating in a row at a state contest, two female athletes signed national letters of intent to Division I Universities, students achieve at high levels*) despite the failing of the bond issue.

Mr. Presot discussed possible sale of land that the district owns which is approximately 1,723 feet deep with an approximate frontage of 378 feet. The land was last appraised in 2011 for \$180,000. We received an offer of \$200,000 from an area development company.

Mr. Sidoti discussed that our audit is nearing completion, but is not yet finalized. The board members should have all received an email to ask if they would be interested in requesting a post audit. We can schedule one, but we have the option to waive it.

b. **Upcoming Meeting Agenda Review:**

The Board reviewed the November 17, 2014 regular meeting agenda draft.

Mr. Gurka discussed the fact that House Bill 597 is on its way to the House. We need to distinguish between Common Core Standards for ELA/Math and PARCC testing. The State Board is also looking at eliminating the mandate that you must have 5 of 8 types of specialists for every 1000 students. The

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Education Committee heard testimony on House Bill 228, which would limit testing to 4 hours per year per subject per grade level.

Mr. Sidoti reviewed financial agenda items with the Board.

VIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Zindroski announced that she would like to put an ad out for our Cuyahoga Career Center Representative and that she would like to put this on the Agenda for November 17, 2014. Dr. Kelly explained that he is already working on this with Dr. Clark and that he believes they need a little more time to review before it goes on the agenda.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Board Meeting

Nov. 17, 2014

7:00 pm at NRHS Community Rm

X. ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Moved by Arendt

Seconded by Reinkober

Voting Aye: Arendt, Reinkober, Zindroski, Kelly

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

Riague Sidoti
TREASURER

John H. Kelly
BOARD PRESIDENT

December 8, 2014
DATE

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DATE