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1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Dolezal called the regular meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m., Monday, December 14, 2009, in the North Royalton High School Community Room.
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-Pres. Cheryl Hannan, Leonard Reinhard, Barbara Zindroski, and Anne Reinkober. Also present were Superintendent Edward Vittardi, Treasurer Richard McIntosh, Assistant Superintendent James Presot, Director of Personnel Greg Gurka, staff, media, and visitors.
4. **RESOLUTION 2009-245: APPROVE MINUTES.** Resolve the Board of Education approve the minutes of the special meetings on November 12 and November 16, 2009.

Moved by Zindroski

Seconded by Reinhard

Voting Aye: Zindroski, Reinhard, Reinkober, Dolezal, Hannan

Motion Carried

5. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS.** Senator Tom Patton honored North Royalton City Schools by presenting a commendation recognizing the achievement of Excellence with Distinction rating on the 2008-2009 State Report Card.

Ms. Heidi Dolezal was presented with flowers for her service as Board President and Ms. Barbara Zindroski was given a plaque for her service to the Board.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** President Dolezal welcomed comments from the audience on any school or agenda topic. There were no speakers from the audience.

Ms. Dolezal acknowledged that items had been reviewed at a previous meeting. Any changes/additions since that time were noted.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum – Mr. Reinhard delivered the following report: The Middle School will be continuing their professional development in AIMSweb and RTI (response to intervention) on December 10th.

The English as Second Language Teachers met to develop an improvement plan required by the Ohio Department of Education.

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The high school presented several new initiatives to the Curriculum Advisory Committee this month. They have proposed adding three new classes to their course offerings for the 2010-2011 school year, including an in-house Work Study course, an Art 3D course, and Advanced Placement U.S. Studies. A transition plan was presented that would allow for the courses currently entitled, "enrichment" to be entitled "honors," beginning with next year's entering freshmen. A weighted grading scale is also being considered for the "honors" courses.

Glenda Hathaway met with the Career Education staff from the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center to discuss current career readiness programming and to explore how districts are approaching financial literacy curriculum for grades 7 and 8.

State assessment data from the Measure Up website continues to be presented to various staff. The high school staff has viewed the presentation. The middle school and elementary schools have scheduled presentations for December and January.

The last round of SMART Board training was held on November 18th, 19th and 20th. Attending the training was required for all teachers receiving a SMART Board this school year, totaling 35.

Beth O'Donnell, Jim Presot and Glenda Hathaway continue to meet regarding how to better utilize the Nature Center at Valley Vista.

A meeting was held at the middle school to discuss gifted programming. The meeting focused on upcoming math testing and identification of students for enrichment courses.

The Health And Wellness Committee met on December 8th.

Transportation – The Transportation Appeals Committee met November 24; one appeal was heard.

Also discussed at the meeting was the finalization of consolidated bus stops. As these stops are "fine tuned," it is the intent to make these permanent. Besides the issues of saving money, less wear and tear on buses and reduced travel time for the students, consolidated stops will make it easier for substitute drivers to do the route. The city service department has marked stop areas at intersections so snow crews do not pile snow in this area. We thank them for this effort.

New software for the transportation dept. is being evaluated and when implemented will reduce office time and provide other efficiency measures.

Lastly, evaluation of day care transportation continues.

Student Achievement – Ms. Reinkober presented the following report:

Royal View

Twenty Royal View students, one from every homeroom, were treated to a special Citizenship Lunch With the Principal for being Respectful, Responsible and Active Learners. Students who display appropriate citizenship in all curricular and social areas during the month are rewarded with a ticket for popcorn. Quarterly, 20 popcorn tickets are drawn for the Royal View Citizenship Lunch. Royal View fourth graders presented their winter concert for family and friends on December 1.

Valley Vista

Valley Vista had 2 students (grades 1 and 4) in OZ the musical that was featured downtown and a second grader in the Nutcracker at the Playhouse. All Valley Vista classrooms participated in the Cavs' Reading Program from October 16 to November 16. Five homerooms had 100% participation. They will be entered into a drawing for the entire class and a guest to attend a Cavs' home game.

Middle School

Members of the 5th grade Grizzlies team attended the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center from November 17 through the 20th. This is the first overnight trip to the facility for the 5th graders. The Polar Bears team is scheduled to attend in March and the Sun Bears team will attend in May. All aspects of the curriculum are covered in the discovery based program that complements the classroom instruction. The program focuses on the Cuyahoga River watershed and the history of the Cuyahoga Valley.

In November the 5th, 6th and 7th graders conducted student led conferences. It is a great way to involve many more students and parents in conferences. It is also a chance for students to learn how to evaluate their progress and gain a perspective of their own strengths and weaknesses, to build communication and critical thinking skills and to build their self confidence and self esteem.

High School

Tonight is the final holiday concert for the high school music department. The talented students had two nearly sold out performances yesterday. The Link Crew leaders sponsored a program today for all 9th grade students on building strong relationships. The school counselors assisted in the program.

Royal Harmony will be performing on Channel 3's 10 a.m. morning show tomorrow, December 15. Ten area choirs have been chosen to perform, one per day for a two week period. Channel 3 may air a composite of the performances on Christmas Eve.

For the third year, a group of High School football players are volunteering their time to the Coats for Kids Campaign. They have already helped with the sorting, sizing and hanging of the coats and on December 17, they will be helping the parents select coats for their children. The boys are scheduled to talk live with Bill Wills from WTAM between 6:50 and 7:10 am on that morning. Members of the marching band and cross country team will also be helping this year.

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Finance – Ms. Reinkober announced that the Financial Advisory Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, December 16 at 7pm at the Board Office.

Green Team will be meeting tomorrow, December 15 at 3:15 at the Board Office.

NREF– Mrs. Zindroski presented the following reports:
Approximately 80 players and that the Tournament raised in profit \$3947.03. That is what was made after all of our expenses were paid.

The raffle baskets, which were beautifully put together by each school, were a huge success.

The next Foundation meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2010, at 3:30PM.

Membership Reception - March 24, 2010 - Carrie Cerinos

The next Texas Hold-em Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday March 5th at Sleepy Hollow.

CVCC- Ms. Zindroski submitted the following report:
We passed a resolution to approve the Board President or designee to attend the National School Board Meeting --- April 10 to 12th. They will be the official representative of Cuyahoga Valley.

Tentative work sessions of 2010 are as follows:
January 21, March 4, June 17, October 7
Tentative Board Meeting Dates for 2010 are as follows:
January 14, 2010 – Organizational Meeting
February 25, 2010
March 25, 2010
April 29, 2010
May 20, 2010
June 24, 2010
July 22, 2010
August 26, 2010
September 30, 2010
October 28, 2010
Nothing indicated for November 2010
January 13, 2011

The Horticulture Program will be closing and this will be the last Poinsettia Sale starting at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call ahead to make sure they have some available.

The Superintendent announced that Sarah Zatik, Parma City School Superintendent and the Treasurer Bruce Barsalla visited the career center last week to explore the possibility of the career center providing all the Career/Vocational Programs in the Parma District.

It was announced that Mr. William Delgado, Instructor for Graphic Imaging Technology was this year’s recipient for the Frederick D. Kagy Education Award of Excellence and the Ben Franklin Honor Society. Mr. Delgado, of Twinsburg, received the award on behalf of CVCC at a black tie dinner and induction ceremony in South Carolina in November.

Winter Break is scheduled for Friday Dec. 21 to Friday January 1st -- building is closed from Dec. 24 to 26 and January 1 to 3rd, 2010.

Policy – Ms. Hannan stated that new policy updates have been received and are being reviewed. Committee will meet in January.

Legislation – Ms. Hannan submitted the following report:
Legislators discussed call to action Alert sent by OSBA regarding HB 318.

If no action is taken by legislators on HB 318 to fix the budget, NRSB would face \$1,337,537.03 total reduction for biennium.

- Other bills discussed:
- HB 387 School District Ratings (12-4-09)
Revised performance ratings for school districts & buildings
 - HB 270 Text Messaging (11-19-09)
Prohibits text messaging while driving
 - SB 209 Reduces Salaries for General Assembly by 5%. (11-18-09)
Members of General Assembly
Governor & Lt. Governor
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HB 373 School Nutrition (11-17-09)
Establishes nutritional standards for food & drinks sold at school

SB 210 Healthy Behaviors
Requires students to have periodic body mass index measurements
Requires daily exercise for students
Establishes healthy choices for healthy children council

HB 366 All Day Kindergarten (11-12-09)
Allow certain districts to exempt schools

HB 359 School Safety Guards (11-12-09)
Imposes same penalties for assaulting guard as that imposed for teachers

Building and Grounds – Ms. Dolezal presented the following report:

1. New HVAC Equipment is presently being installed in the High School that controls both the Performing Arts Center and Gym 1. So far the controls to the boilers have been installed and the controls for the air handlers for the gym have been completed. They are now switched over to the new system which allows the district maintenance dept. to control them through the master HVAC control system.
2. Improvements to the districts Nature Center continue to occur. Recently the existing paths have been clearly marked and the maintenance dept. is in the process of creating additional paths that will allow students and community members new trails to explore. We are also meeting with members of the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources and talking about a selective thinning/harvesting plan for some of the area. This will allow additional plant life to grow as well as dry out some of the ground area.
3. New shutters have been constructed for both the boys baseball and girls softball dugouts and will be installed later this week.

Rec. Board - Ms. Dolezal submitted the following report:

Boys' basketball is currently underway.
The North Royalton Annual Bear Run was held; 34 runners participated.
Our industrial tech classes have made about thirty picnic tables for the city. The city pays for the materials.
There is no December meeting.

8. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer McIntosh distributed copies of the November Financial Report and the Suburban Health Consortium Report. Mr. McIntosh also recommended several financial resolutions for approval.

9. RESOLUTION 2009-246: ESTABLISH TIME AND PLACE FOR THE 2010 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND TAX BUDGET HEARING. Resolve the Board of Education set January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., North Royalton High School Community Room, as the time and place for the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education. The 2011 Tax Budget Hearing will be part of the January Regular Meeting which will immediately follow the Organizational Meeting.

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

Seconded by Reinhard

10. RESOLUTION 2009-247: APPOINT PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE. Resolve the Board of Education appoint Heidi Dolezal as the President Pro Tempore for the 2010 Board of Education Organizational Meeting.

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

Seconded by Reinkober

11. RESOLUTION 2009-248: APPROVE ADVANCE. Resolve the Board of Education approve the following advance from the General Fund:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
General Fund	Other Federal Grants	\$46,171.02
	599-Ohio Clean Diesel	

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

Seconded by Dolezal

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12. **RESOLUTION 2009-249: APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS.** Resolve the Board of Education approve the following 2009-10 appropriation adjustments:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
516-Idea-B	1,381,236.19	1,424,351.71	43,115.52
551-Title III	20,022.96	21,045.79	1,022.83
572-Title I	234,962.51	262,445.09	27,482.58
584-Title IV	11,296.72	13,304.80	2,008.08
587-Early Childhood	36,327.72	37,278.82	951.10
590-Title II-A	101,760.24	103,119.24	1,359.00
599-Title II-D	2,354.00	2,470.70	116.70
432-EMIS	20,000.00	23,411.20	3,411.20
Other Federal Grants	-0-	46,171.02	46,171.02
599-Ohio Clean Diesel			
003-Permanent Improvement	1,084,800.00	1,302,800.00	218,000.00

Moved by Reinkober

Seconded by Hannan

Voting Aye: Reinkober, Hannan, Zindroski, Reinhard, Dolezal

Motion Carried

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

Superintendent Vittardi stated that although there is a possibility of a delay in the all-day kindergarten mandate, options are being explored in the event the mandate is not waived. All-day kindergarten will present both financial and physical concerns.

Mr. Vittardi thanked Personnel Director Greg Gurka for taking leadership of the Strategic Plan. Over 40 focus groups were created with over 400 individuals participated.

In cooperation with the City of North Royalton and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, the district is exploring possibility of H1N1 Clinics for students. Other details are forthcoming.

14. **RESOLUTION 2009-250: ACCEPT RESIGNATION.** Resolve the Board of Education accept the following resignation:

Resignation

Denise Romanovich-Yeager/effective November 24, 2009

Moved by Reinhard

Seconded by Zindroski

Voting Aye: Reinhard, Zindroski, Reinkober, Dolezal, Hannan

Motion Carried

15. **RESOLUTION 2009-251: APPROVE LEAVES OF ABSENCE.** Resolve the Board of Education approve the following change of assignments effective 2009-10 school year or as indicated:

- Kristin Hubbell/effective January 26, 2010 through March 26, 2010

- Kimberly Whitecotton effective November 19, 2009

Moved by Reinkober

Seconded by Dolezal

Voting Aye: Reinkober, Dolezal, Reinhard, Zindroski, Hannan

Motion Carried

16. **RESOLUTION 2009-252: APPROVE APPOINTMENTS - CERTIFICATED/LICENSED AND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES.** Resolve the Board of Education approve the following appointments to the certificated/licensed and classified staffs of the North Royalton City Schools be confirmed with the understanding that such persons are subject to all provisions of law pertaining to the employment of said persons; and said employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation which is not inconsistent with the applicants' answers on the employment application. The said appointees shall be subject to assignment by the Superintendent of Schools according to the needs and interests of the schools, salary on schedule, effective 2009-10 school year or as indicated.

Certificated/Licensed Substitute

Laura Bouchahine

Classified Substitutes

Gretchen Boff

Sandra Terlop

Denise Romanovich-Yeager

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

Seconded by Zindroski

17. **RESOLUTION 2009-253: APPROVE/AMEND APPOINTMENTS-SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS.** Resolve the Board of Education approve/amend the following appointments for Supplemental Contracts for 2009-10 school year, to work as needed, salary on schedule or as indicated:

Softball

Jennifer Parker (replacing A. Peltz as 9th grade coach)
 Andrew Peltz (replacing Gerald Nadeau as assistant coach)

Jets Club

Richard Nestoff (replacing Mark Skor as advisor)

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

Seconded by Reinkober

18. **RESOLUTION 2009-254: APPROVE APPOINTMENTS - PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS.** Resolve the Board of Education approve Personal Service Contracts for the following appointments of interscholastic officials, athletic and student workers for the 2009-10 school year, as needed, salary on schedule:

Officials

Celebucki, Kenneth
 Berry, Bryant
 Bolin, Bobby
 Elavsky, Scot
 Focareto, Pat
 Jancsura, Joel
 Gapa, Daniel
 Hassan, Najam
 Heisser, Wayne
 Holpuch, Bob
 Kolach, Steve
 Kormos, Vincent

Mc Conahy, Kris
 Mc Taggart, Kevin
 Moran, Robert
 Parete Sr., Charles
 Rice, Theresa
 Sandvick, Scott
 Sima, James
 Szoke, James
 Ungerer, Phil
 Wilson, Brian
 Wozniak, Leslie
 Zigman-Oleksa, Laura

Athletic Workers

Hershman, Savanna
 Smith, Cathy
 Zadel, Michael

Student Workers

Caldwell, Sean
 Franko, Timothy
 Herman, Madelyn
 Stack, Amanda

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

Seconded by Dolezal

19. **RESOLUTION 2009-255: APPROVE VOLUNTEERS.** Resolve the Board of Education approve the following volunteer for the 2009-10 school year:

Softball Coach

Gerald Nadeau

7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball

David Gaglione

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

Seconded by Reinhard

20. **RESOLUTION 2009-256: APPROVE EXTENDED TRIP PROPOSAL.** Resolve the Board of Education approve the following trip proposal:

High School Winter Guard

Trip to Dayton, OH (Feb. 27-28, 2010)

Middle School -7th Grade

Trip to Chicago, IL (Nov. 4-5, 2010)

Moved by Zindroski
 Voting Aye: Zindroski, Hannan, Reinhard, Reinkober, Dolezal
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Seconded by Hannan

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21. RESOLUTION 2009-257: ACCEPT GIFTS/DONATIONS. Resolve the Board of Education accept and acknowledge the following gifts and donations:

- Furniture for M.D. unit (one shelving unit & one microwave stand) to North Royalton High School from Kelly Martin
- One Selmer Trumpet to North Royalton High School from Dave and Debbie Dudas
- Miscellaneous art supplies for the art room to Royal View School from Lynne Pence
- \$1800.00 donation for classroom technology equipment to Royal View School from the Royal View PTA
- Two \$100 gift certificates for the Crystal Starfish Awards Program from Buca Di Beppo
- \$100 donation to off-set cost of field trip for elementary students to attend Parma Fire House Program from ABC Fire Inc.
- \$200 worth of envelopes to be used in North Royalton High School car raffle fundraiser program from Joshen Paper/Packaging
- Flowers for Crystal Starfish Awards Program from Creations by Lynn
- Two recycling dumpster containers to be used at high school stadium from Jonathon Gordon
- 95 books to Albion School library from Joanne Bartinelli
- 12 board games for classrooms to Valley Vista School from Mr. & Mrs. Babroski
- 88 Ten-dollar gift certificates for the Citizen of the Quarter Program at Royalview from Shula's 2 Restaurant
- \$500 donation by BP's Fabric of America Fund to recognize Valley Vista School as an organization that works to improve people's lives from BP Fabric of America Fund (Gregory Debrock)
- One used computer to North Royalton Middle School from Taras Wyrsta (to be used in Ryan Kennedy's classroom for a student work station)
- \$1000 cash for motivational speaker to North Royalton Middle School from North Royalton Middle School PTA

Moved by Reinkober

Seconded by Zindroski

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

22. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Financial Advisory Committee	Dec. 16, 2009	7:00 pm at Board Office Conf. Rm
Special Board Meeting	Dec. 17, 2009	6:00 pm at NRHS Community Rm
Special Board Meeting	Jan. 7, 2010	6:00 pm at Board Office Conf. Rm
North Royalton Educ. Foundation	Jan. 11, 2010	3:30 pm at Board Office Conf. Rm
BOE Organizational Meeting & January Regular Meeting	Jan. 11, 2010	7:00 pm at NRHS Community Rm
N.R. Recreation Board	Jan. 26, 2010	6:00 pm at N.R. City Hall
Trans. Appeals Comte. Mtg.	Mar. 22, 2010	9:30 am at Board Office Conf. Rm

23. ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Moved by Zindroski

Seconded by Reinhard

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

ATTEST:

TREASURER

BOARD PRESIDENT

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