

NORTH ROYALTON CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

**Monday, April 13, 2020
7 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING



"We Inspire and Empower Learners"

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The North Royalton Board of Education shall form committees on an as needed basis when such committees best utilize the individual competencies and/or time commitments of Board members. When a committee meeting is necessary, it will be scheduled, unless otherwise announced, one hour prior to the regular scheduled monthly Board meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

John H. Kelly, DDS, President
Heidi A. Dolezal, Vice President
Jacquelyn A. Arendt
Terry DeLap
Anne M. Reinkober

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Melissa Vojta, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Patrick Farrell, Director of Personnel
Julie Bogden, Director of Pupil Services
Tricia Pozsgai, Director of Technology

WELCOME

Our hope is that you will leave this meeting with a better understanding of your public schools and the School Board that you've elected to oversee them.

THE MEETING

Our meetings are open to the public and all our discussions will be held in the open with the exception of executive sessions. All regular meetings are audio recorded and archived. Copies can be requested from the District Treasurer's Office. As you will note, there is time on the meeting agenda for citizen comments and questions. If you have questions about the specific procedure, please check with one of the Board members or a District staff member prior to the start of the meeting. Involved and informed parents and citizens are our best guarantee of excellence in our public schools.

THE AGENDA

The Board receives a full agenda several days prior to the Board meeting. The agenda may deal with curriculum, budget, hiring of personnel, facilities, school transportation or long-range planning. The agenda usually includes written supporting material that helps with decision-making. If it appears that quick action has been taken on an item, it may be because the topic has been studied for several weeks or that questions have been answered in advance of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board values and encourages public comment on educational issues.

Anyone having an interest in actions of the Board may participate during the open forum portion of the meeting. Prior to the meeting, we ask that you please identify yourself to the Board President or Superintendent.

The purpose of these sessions is to provide an opportunity for the public to share their thoughts on any matters of importance to the school district. It is not for the purpose of having questions answered or problems resolved. Personnel concerns may best be handled through proper channels. We may refer you to, or you may want to contact, the Superintendent for further assistance. We appreciate your interest and are eager to assist you in resolving your concerns.

Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.

Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US.....AND YOU

School Board members are elected officials who devote many hours setting policies and planning for your public schools. We serve on the School Board because we care about providing quality education in our community. You are probably here tonight because you care too. We appreciate your interest and comments and ask for your participation to help us meet that goal.



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Meeting ID: 987 869 340

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

J. Arendt _____ T. DeLap _____ H. Dolezal _____
J. Kelly _____ A. Reinkober _____

IV. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA. Resolve the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

J. Arendt _____ T. DeLap _____ H. Dolezal _____
J. Kelly _____ A. Reinkober _____

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Resolve the Board of Education approve the minutes from regular meetings on March 5, 2020 and March 9, 2020.

J. Arendt _____ T. DeLap _____ H. Dolezal _____
J. Kelly _____ A. Reinkober _____

VI. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

VII. 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.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER

1. APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS. Resolve the Board of Education approve the following 2019-20 appropriation adjustments:

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>Increase/Decrease</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 551 Title III - LEP <i>*Change in Allocation</i> | \$21,583.43 | \$23,394.53 | \$1,811.10 |
| 572 Title I <i>*Change in Allocation</i> | \$370,706.33 | \$381,782.21 | \$11,075.88 |
| 590 Improving Teacher Quality <i>*Change in Allocation</i> | \$101,420.19 | \$106,115.76 | \$4,695.57 |
| 599 Miscellaneous Federal Grants <i>*Change in Allocation</i> | \$24,828.72 | \$25,467.42 | \$638.70 |

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X. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. *Superintendent Report and Recommendations*

2. **CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR IN THE EVENT SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR MORE THAN THE HOURS PERMITTED UNDER BOARD POLICY AND STATE LAW.**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §3313.48 mandates that a school district must be open for instruction with pupils in attendance for a minimum number of hours each school year; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy further requires that the District be open for instruction each school year for the minimum of 910 hours for students in grades kindergarten through six, and 1001 hours for students in grades seven through twelve; and

WHEREAS, R.C. §3313.482 authorizes a board of education to adopt a plan that permits students to makeup and complete hours of instruction via online/remote learning in the event that schools are closed to students for a disease epidemic or other reasons; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 197 (2020), which was enacted on March 27, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic health emergency, authorizes the North Royalton City School District Board of Education (“hereafter the “Board”) to adopt a plan to provide for online learning opportunities for students to make up/complete an unlimited number of hours in lieu of attendance on days when buildings are not open to students during the 2019-20 school year in compliance with any order issued by the Ohio Director of Health and/or a local board of health; and

WHEREAS, the Board has developed a contingency plan in accordance with R.C. §3313.482 under which District students will make up any time missed through online instruction/remote learning that caused the District to fall below the minimum number of hours of instruction required by section 3313.48 of the Ohio Revised Code and Board Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board further authorizes licensed staff including intervention specialists to provide instructional support and related services within the scope of their practice by electronic delivery method or telehealth communication to District students, including students who receive special education and related services under an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 Services Plan, while the Director of Health’s order to close schools to students remains in effect.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt said plan.

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

SECTION I: Pursuant to R.C. §3313.482 and House Bill 197 (2020), the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following plan to allow students of the North Royalton City School District to access and complete online/remote lessons in order to fulfill the required number of hours during the 2019-20 school year:

- A. Each teacher shall develop a sufficient number of lessons roughly equivalent to the amount of instructional time the student would receive for the days and hours of

closure. A lesson shall be posted for each course that was scheduled to meet on a day that the school was closed.

- B. The teacher will be responsible for posting the lessons online using Google Classroom or some other form of electronic communication.
- C. Teachers will regularly assess the progress of students.
- D. For students who experience difficulty accessing the online material or who do not have access to a computer, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of paper packets, sometimes referred to as “blizzard bags”, as needed for students to receive the lessons/assignments. Upon request, teachers shall prepare paper copies approximating the content of the online lessons and shall update such paper copies when updating any of the online lessons. Printed copies of any graded lessons or assignments will be included in the blizzard bags. Students utilizing this option will be granted two weeks from the date after picking them up to return completed lessons/assignments to their assigned building. If the student does not complete the lesson/assignment within this time period, the student will receive an incomplete or failing grade unless the student provides a sufficient reason to the teacher justifying why they failed to complete the lesson/assignment.
- E. Licensed staff including intervention specialists may provide instructional support and related services within the scope of their practice by electronic delivery method or telehealth communication to any district students, including students who receive services under Individualized Education Plans or Section 504 Services Plans, while the Director of Health’s order to close schools to students remains in effect.
- F. The District intends to meet its obligation to provide all students, including children with disabilities, equal access to curriculum and services during an extended school closure in accordance with state and federal law. Each building will notify parents about who they may contact if students are unable to access or participate in the program remotely because of a disability-related or other reason so that the District can explore alternative methods of instruction and possible accommodations.
- G. This plan includes the written consent of the teacher’s employee representative as designated under division (B) of section 4117.04 and memorialized in a Memorandum of Understanding dated April 6, 2020, and is on file in the official file of the Board of Education and is hereby incorporated into this plan as if specifically rewritten.

SECTION II: Should circumstances warrant a change in the plan during the 2019-20 school year, this contingency plan may be amended by the Superintendent at any time in his or her discretion.

SECTION III: IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED that all formal action of this Board of Education concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

J. Arendt _____
J. Kelly _____

T. DeLap _____
A. Reinkober _____

H. Dolezal _____

- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE APPRECIATION WEEKS.** Resolve the Board of Education acknowledge Administrative Professionals Day (April 22, 2020) and Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May 4-8, 2020). The Board appreciates the outstanding efforts of all employees of North Royalton City Schools and commends them for "making the difference" in providing a quality educational experience by inspiring and empowering learners.
- 4. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION.** Resolve the Board of Education adopt the following resolution honoring our community volunteers and acknowledging National Volunteer Week (April 19-25, 2020):

WHEREAS, North Royalton City Schools has maintained a rigorous and challenging educational program for its students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, administration, and staff continually strive to provide guidance and learning opportunities for students; and

WHEREAS, numerous PTA members, Booster Club members, and other community members have assisted in providing the means for quality programs and services throughout our District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the North Royalton Board of Education express grateful appreciation to these volunteers who have unselfishly contributed their time, expertise, and financial support to the North Royalton City Schools.

J. Arendt _____ T. DeLap _____ H. Dolezal _____
 J. Kelly _____ A. Reinkober _____

b. Professional Development, Grants, Stipends, Curriculum

- 5. APPROVE LOCALLY DEFINED SEALS AS PART OF OHIO'S PERMANENT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNING A DIPLOMA.** Resolve the Board of Education approve the locally defined Community Service, Student Engagement, and Fine and Performing Arts graduation seals as part of the Ohio graduation requirements for earning a diploma. This serves as a graduation pathway option for the classes of 2020-2022, and as part of the permanent requirements for the classes of 2023 and beyond.

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c. Personnel and Policy

- 6. ACCEPT/AMEND RETIREMENTS.** Resolve the Board of Education accept/amend the following retirements:

Retirements:

Linda Cox/Aide/Royal View/effective May 31, 2020

Walter DeMattie/High School English/effective June 30, 2020

Amend Elizabeth Radtke's retirement effective date to May 30, 2020

Trudy Skelton/Middle School Science/effective May 31, 2020

7. APPROVE/AMEND LEAVES OF ABSENCE. Resolve the Board of Education approve/amend the following unpaid leaves of absence:

Amend Corey Durichko from March 26, 2020 through May 1, 2020
Jessica Granger/effective March 21, 2020 through May 31, 2020
Amend Lauryn Mewhinney from March 27, 2020 through April 9, 2020
Lynn Sperber/effective May 4, 2020 (.5) through May 29, 2020

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d. Business, Buildings and Grounds

8. ACCEPT GIFTS/DONATIONS. Resolve the Board of Education accept and acknowledge the following gifts/donations:

-Dan Langshaw donated a new book, valued at \$4.99, to the library at Royal View Elementary.

J. Arendt _____ T. DeLap _____ H. Dolezal _____
J. Kelly _____ A. Reinkober _____

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Regular Meeting/Work Session | May 7, 2020 | 6:30 p.m. | BOE Conference Rm. |
| Regular Meeting | May 11, 2020 | 7:00 p.m. | Royal View Gym |

XIII. ADJOURN _____ : _____ PM.

J. Arendt _____ T. DeLap _____ H. Dolezal _____
J. Kelly _____ A. Reinkober _____