

**Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting/Work Session  
Held April 6, 2017  
North Royalton Board of Education Conference Room**

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**SUMMARY**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION 2017-102: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- IX. RESOLUTION 2017-103: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RESOLUTION 2017-104: MOTION TO ADJOURN

**I. CALL TO ORDER.** President Dr. Susan Clark called the regular meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 6:37 p.m., April 6, 2017, at the North Royalton Board of Education Conference Room.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** President Dr. Susan Clark requested all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**III. ROLL CALL.** Present: President Dr. Susan Clark, Vice President Dr. John Kelly, Jackie Arendt, Heidi Dolezal, and Anne Reinkober. Also present were Superintendent Gregory Gurka, Treasurer Biagio Sidoti, Assistant Superintendent James Presot and Director of Personnel Patrick Farrell.

**IV. RESOLUTION 2017-102: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA.** Resolve the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Kelly

Seconded by Arendt

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

Motion Carried

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** The public is invited to speak to any of the agenda items and other school topics at this time. The following people addressed the Board:

Karen Salvatore of 9990 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, has lived in North Royalton/Broadview Heights for many years and raised four children through our school system. She was in attendance to see how the Board meetings are conducted and is concerned about our schools.

Susan Klein of 11301 W. Sprague Road, Broadview Heights, has been in the area her whole life and is concerned about our school system. She had a question concerning the warranty on the middle school maintenance. Dr. Clark explained that the public participation portion of the meeting was to hear comments from members of the public and that the Board and or superintendent can take questions at any time, but may require some time to research the questions. Assistant Superintendent Jim Presot gave Ms. Klein his business card and contact information and stated he would be glad to meet with her concerning the maintenance and warranty information for district roofs.

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

a. Superintendent's Update

CVCC is beginning their search for a new superintendent. They are conducting a Superintendent Focus Group, which Mr. Gurka will participate. Mr. Gurka also provided the Board with a list of end of the year CVCC events that board members are welcome to attend.

*Bond Issue Update:* The Committee for Royalton Schools Future has distributed yard signs, made phone calls and there have been a variety of District presentations for various groups.

*Testing:* AIR testing is underway right now. Once this is done, the high school will do end of course exams. The Junior Class took the ACT before spring break.

*End of Year and Summer:* Summer school classes will take place for state mandated things such as 3rd grade reading guarantee and OGT remediation for high school students. There will also be extended school year for students who qualify. Once it is determined how many students qualify, positions will be posted. Mr. Farrell and Mr. Presot are working on hiring summer workers in our custodial department.

*Student Recognition:* Mr. Gurka discussed District end of the year events and award ceremonies that board members are welcome to attend.

*Kindergarten:* There were enough requests for all day every day kindergarten to fill two sections in each building.

Assistant Superintendent Jim Presot discussed the items below:

*Workers Compensation Program:* Mr. Presot shared information about a recent meeting he attended concerning our workers compensation program. He reviewed the past four years of claims and cost of the programs. He also went over how Third Party Administrators (TPA) and Manage Care Organizations (MCO) have assisted us in monitoring and handling claims.

*Bids:* The middle school roof and masonry bid proposals were received.

*AT&T:* Mr. Presot has been working with AT&T on a few issues with our bills, which will result in our District getting a credit and money back from AT&T.

*Transportation Department:* About two-thirds of our bus inspections will happen before the end of the school year. Transportation Supervisor Joseph Marcinowski has announced his retirement at the end of May.

*Global Signal Cell Towers:* Global Signal Cell Towers is finalizing their agreement with Verizon over the Albion Road Tower. They will need some ground space, and will come back to us with an offer in the future. They are also working with the City on this issue.

Treasurer Biagio Sidoti discussed the financial packet for month ending March 31, 2017, and posted the latest Suburban Health Consortium Report on the Board site. He also recommended several items for approval.

b. 2017-2018 School Calendar

The District Leadership Team (DLT) had a recent meeting where they discussed professional development. Currently, the district has four early release days. These days are used for the following: One day is used for State mandated testing staff members are required take such as bloodborne pathogens, Epipens, homelessness, and other trainings. Two days are used to work with OTEs assessments. There is only one early release day left for District professional development. The DLT agreed that this one early release day is not enough. They also spoke with parents to see what they prefer - early release days, late arrivals, etc. They have come up with an amended draft calendar that works full professional development days in. One of the major changes is that rather than early release days, they would have the day after each quarter ends as mandatory professional development days - no school for students. Part of that day would be used for District professional development. The other part of the day would be for Team Based Teams (TBT). Teachers will also have time built in to work on records. Two days before school starts in August and one day after school ends in June would be mandatory professional development days. We have always gone above the state minimum days for students and our students currently attend 181 days. The students would attend 178 days with this new calendar, which is still above the state minimum days. School for students would start a day later and end a day earlier. Winter and spring breaks remain the same. Election day has been a day off in the past - it will now be a regular school day.

Mr. Gurka presented the 2017-2018 amended draft calendar to the board. He will ask for approval of this calendar on the May board agenda.

c. Upcoming Agenda Review

The Board reviewed the April 10, 2017, regular meeting agenda and made changes where needed.

**VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

a. Ohio Department of Education Testing Workgroup Update - Jackie Arendt

Mrs. Arendt was asked to be in a group that talked at the State level about state assessments because of her involvement with Ohio PTA. She spoke about this meeting and shared documents from the meeting with the other Board members and administrators. This group will have additional meetings going forward. Members of the group will share what their district currently does with testing and how they prep for their tests. She will keep the Board posted of the information she learns.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regular Meeting	April 10, 2017	7:00 PM	Valley Vista Elementary
PTA Founder's Night	April 20, 2017	6:30 PM	NRHS Media Center
NREF Annual Reception	April 25, 2017	5:00 PM	Carrie Cerino's
Financial Advisory & Audit Mtg.	May 3, 2017	7:00 PM	BOE Conference Room
Regular Meeting/Work Session	May 4, 2017	6:30 PM	BOE Conference Room
Regular Meeting	May 8, 2017	7:00 PM	NRHS Community Room
PHNR Meeting	May 24, 2017	9:30 AM	NR Library
Recreation Board Meeting	May 30, 2017	6:00 PM	NR City Hall

**IX. RESOLUTION 2017-103: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Motion to go into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to prepare for negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or the terms and conditions of their employment.

Moved by Reinkober  
Voting Aye: Reinkober, Dolezal, Arendt, Kelly, Clark  
Motion Carried

Seconded by Dolezal

Called the meeting back to order at 8:24 p.m.

**X. RESOLUTION 2017-104: MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Moved by Kelly  
Voting Aye: Kelly, Arendt, Dolezal, Reinkober, Clark  
Motion Carried

Seconded by Arendt

ATTEST:

Brianna Sedat  
TREASURER

Susan G. Clark  
BOARD PRESIDENT

May 8, 2017  
DATE

5-8-17  
DATE