

**Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting/Work Session
Held May 7, 2020
Virtual Meeting**

SUMMARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION 2020-98: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- IX. RESOLUTION 2020-99: MOTION TO ADJOURN

I. CALL TO ORDER. President Dr. John Kelly called the regular meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 6:32 p.m. on May 7, 2020.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. President Dr. John Kelly requested all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

III. ROLL CALL. Present: President Dr. John Kelly, Vice President Heidi Dolezal, Jacquelyn Arendt, Terry DeLap and Anne Reinkober. Also present were Superintendent Gregory Gurka, Treasurer Biagio Sidoti, Assistant Superintendent James Presot and Director of Technology Tricia Pozsgai.

IV. RESOLUTION 2020-98: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA. Resolve the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Reinkober

Seconded by DeLap

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

Motion Carried

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. The public is invited to speak to any of the agenda items and other school topics at this time. No speakers addressed the Board.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Superintendent's Update:

Mr. Gurka discussed the following:

Virtual End of Year Activities: End of the year activities are happening virtually including, senior superlatives, elementary school "Bear Huddles," and a fifth-grade transition video and parent question night, with more being planned in the upcoming weeks.

Commencement: Went over commencement details that align with the Ohio Department of Education guidelines. Meetings have been taking place with senior class officers, administration, and a commencement committee. Principal Sean Osborne will be sending out details regarding commencement soon.

Commencement will take place over the week of May 26. Families will have individual appointments to come to the Performing Arts Center (PAC) and the graduate will walk across the stage and receive their diploma. There will only be ten people allowed in the PAC at one time. A video will be compiled that will include footage of all seniors receiving their diploma and will resemble a full commencement ceremony. There are tentative plans for a possible July graduation celebration if the state opens up restrictions

Closing the school year: Elementary and middle school buildings were open this week for student supply pick up and locker cleanout with many staff members assisting to follow social distancing guidelines. The high school will follow the same procedures in the upcoming weeks.

Staff professional development: Certified staff will report the week of May 26 for professional development to prepare for the variety of things that can happen for the start of next school year such as, virtual learning, blended learning, or back to full-time school.

The Board reviewed a document that reported a summary from the parent survey that was sent out regarding virtual learning

Mr. Gurka discussed meetings that he has been a part of with leaders from other districts regarding virtual learning and the COVID-19 pandemic. They are working together to communicate with the government that guidelines are needed for the next school year if students are allowed to come back to school. He will communicate information to the Board as he gets it.

Ohio Public School Advocacy Network OPSAN: Mr. Gurka met virtually on May 5 with the North Royalton Chapter of OPSAN. They invited senator Dolan to the next meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Jim Presot discussed the following:

Construction Update: There is a power switch over that is occurring at the Board Office and the stadium. New District-owned transformers are being installed to allow the District to go from secondary to primary power. This will have a significant cost benefit in our electric rates. This work will continue this summer and will result in the middle school being switched over as well.

Work continues at the elementary site as all of the concrete flooring has been installed in the first through fourth-grade wings. Interior and exterior walls are being constructed and the gym floor is scheduled to be poured in the next several days.

This summer at the middle school, the District will be adding some additional door card readers to expand on our safety and security measures. There is an agenda item at Monday's Board meeting to approve this work. This work being done is still within our overall construction budget that was previously established.

Work at the high school site continues. The second floor has many rooms completed in terms of painting, ceiling tiles and flooring installed. The first-floor areas are getting their first coat of paint and many of the rooms are near completion. We are on track for opening in August.

Hammond Construction has been able to start on a number of projects due to no students and staff being in the buildings. The District has also been able to get ahead with moving furniture etc., as the contractor is getting ready to take over the next phase of the project.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol did their bus inspections on Tuesday and 17 busses were inspected with all of them passing and receiving their stickers for the 2020-21 school year. We have another inspection later this month.

Mr. Presot also discussed items that will appear on Monday's agenda including the renewal contract with PSI who provides our nurses for our building clinics, and the contract with Sheakley who is our TPA (Third Party Administrator) and the Student Accident Insurance contract.

The renewal for the District's general liability and fleet insurance has been received. This item will appear on the June agenda for final approval. Our insurance provider is providing the District a rebate of about \$15,000 since our fleet has not been on the road since early March.

Dr. Kelly asked Mr. Presot to give an update on the furniture and equipment auction. Mr. Presot shared that the auction will be online from May 13 to 27. The auction details can be found on our website and is being hosted by a company called Fast Track Auctions.

Treasurer Biagio Sidoti reviewed the financial packet for the month ending April 30, 2020, the Suburban Health Consortium was posted, the Five Year Forecast was discussed, and several items were recommended for approval.

b. Upcoming Agenda Review

The Board reviewed the May 11, 2020, regular meeting agenda and made changes where needed.

VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

a. Review Board Goals

The Board decided to move forward with the goals as they currently stand.

b. Review Superintendent and Treasurer Evaluation Forms and Process

The Board discussed the timeline of these evaluations and how the process would work with the current COVID-19 pandemic. They decided to wait until June to see if this process could take place in person.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Meeting	May 11, 2020	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting
NR Recreation Board Meeting	May 26, 2020	6:00 p.m.	NR City Hall
Regular Meeting/Work Session	June 4, 2020	6:30 p.m.	Virtual Meeting
Regular Meeting	June 8, 2020	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting

IX. RESOLUTION 2020-99: MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Moved by Dolezal

Seconded by DeLap

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

Motion Carried

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ATTEST:


TREASURER

June 8, 2020
DATE


BOARD PRESIDENT

June 15, 2020
DATE