

**Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting/Work Session
Held June 8, 2017
North Royalton Board of Education Conference Room**

SUMMARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION 2017-157: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- IX. RESOLUTION 2017-158: 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 6:30 p.m., June 8, 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 2017-157: 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. No speakers addressed the Board.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Superintendent's Update

The Request for Proposal (RFQ) for architects has been posted. David Riley, of The Riley Law Firm, was at the meeting to discuss the process of the RFQ and answer questions.

Mr. Farrell was present to give a staffing update for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Presot also explained that staffing will be looked at very closely as the facilities plan moves forward.

Mr. Gurka discussed several items that will be on the June 12 agenda for Board approval, including the Ohio Association of Public School Employees, Local 231 (OAPSE) negotiated agreement and the Central Office Professional Staff Association (COPSA) compensation plan.

Central Office Summer Hours: The Central Office hours will be 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. from June 19, 2017 through July 31, 2017. The hours will go back to 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. beginning August 1, 2017.

July 17 OFCC Workshop - *Not your Father's Classroom*: Several administrators are attending this workshop and Board members are also invited.

CCP Classes: Last year, the District offered Composition I, Composition II, Introduction to Fiction, and Poetry. Only Composition I will be running this school year due to enrollment.

Treasurer Biagio Sidoti went over the financial packet for month ending May 31, 2017. The Suburban Health Consortium information was posted for the Board's review. He also went over several items for approval.

b. Upcoming Agenda Review

The Board reviewed the June 12, 2017, regular meeting agenda and made changes where needed.

VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

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

Mrs. Arendt has been attending the State Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Assessments, *The Ohio Department of Education Testing Workgroup*. The following recommendations will be provided to the state superintendent for consideration in addressing the challenge of streamlining the culture of over-testing in Ohio as it exists currently:

1. Reduce assessments to the federal minimums (content specific) – eliminate social studies (fourth grade, sixth grade, American history and government), eliminate one math end-of-course test, eliminate English language arts I and eliminate the third grade fall English language arts administration (if the retention policy is removed) (21 votes).

2. Remove the requirement to assess all kindergarten students with the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) if students are assessed with a district-selected tool (15 votes).
3. Replace the end-of-course test system with a single-sitting general content exam covering English, math, science and social studies (12 votes).
4. Eliminate fourth and sixth grade social studies assessments (12 votes).
5. In addition to recommendations 1 and 2, eliminate one or both: ACT/SAT Requirement and/or WorkKeys.

Discussions:

Dr. Kelly successfully submitted an application for a State Farm Insurance Community Grant. The grant is worth \$25,000. The application was submitted in an effort to earn funds to be used towards adaptive cycles and tandems. State Farm accepts 2,000 applications. A committee will pair it down from 2,000 to 200. If our District makes that cut, there will be a public voting process to follow.

Dr. Kelly also discussed strategy going forward to solicit sponsorships or donations for new curriculum, supplies, labs, etc., now that the bond issue has passed and we are moving forward with the facilities plan.

Mrs. Arendt told the Board that a student put in a request for the District to offer a course on American Sign Language.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Meeting	June 12, 2017	7:00 PM	NRHS Community Room
Financial Advisory & Audit Mtg.	June 14, 2017	6:30 PM	BOE Conference Room
Recreation Board Meeting	June 27, 2017	6:00 PM	NR City Hall
Regular Meeting	June 27, 2017	6:30 PM	BOE Conference Room
Regular Meeting/Work Session	July 6, 2017	6:30 PM	BOE Conference Room
Regular Meeting	July 10, 2017	7:00 PM	NRHS Community Room

IX. RESOLUTION 2017-158: MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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

Seconded by Dolezal

ATTEST:

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TREASURER

Susan G. Clark
BOARD PRESIDENT

July 10, 2017
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