

Minutes of the NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Special Meeting

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SUMMARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER
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 - 1. RESOLUTION 2014-188: RESOLUTION TO PROCEED
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- I. CALL TO ORDER.** President Dr. John Kelly called the Special Meeting of the North Royalton Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m., July 29, 2014, at the North Royalton High School Community Room.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** President John Kelly requested all present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- III. ROLL CALL.** Present: President John Kelly, Vice-President Barbara Ann Zindroski, Anne Reinkober, Susan Clark, and Jacquelyn Arendt. Also present were Superintendent Gregory Gurka and Treasurer Biagio Sidoti.
- IV. RESOLUTION 2014-187: FINALIZATION OF AGENDA.** Resolve the Board of Education approve agenda as presented.

Moved by Clark Seconded by Arendt
 Voting Aye: Clark, Arendt, Zindroski, Reinkober, 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. Comments should be limited to five minutes. The following speakers addressed the Board:

	Name	Topic of Discussion
1.	Mary Dolezal–Resident	Bond Issue: In favor of Option #3 because it is less expensive. She feels the District should make cuts across the board and have fundraisers.
2.	Vincent Wiemer–Resident	Bond Issue: Feels it is unfortunate that the State has not resolved how to adequately fund public schools and that the taxpayers must be asked to pass bond issues. He thanked the School Board/Administration for tightening their belts, making cuts, and addressing the needs of the students. He also feels that all Board members should back the decisions of the Board.

- VI. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.** Mr. Gurka explained and clarified the July 14th Option before making his recommendation to the Board.

- 1. **RESOLUTION 2014-188: RESOLUTION TO PROCEED.**

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE SINGLE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$28,400,000 AND THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX AT A RATE NOT EXCEEDING 1.0 MILL TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, RENOVATION, AND FINANCING OF GENERAL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.218 OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2014, this Board adopted a resolution declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of this School District a single proposal consisting of the question of (i) the issuance of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$28,400,000 for the purpose stated in Section 1 of this resolution and the levying of a tax to pay debt charges on those bonds and any anticipatory securities, and (ii) the levy of an additional property tax at a rate not exceeding 1.0 mill to provide funds for acquiring, constructing, enlarging, renovating, and financing of general permanent improvements for a continuing period of time, at an election to be held in the School District on November 4, 2014, a copy of which resolution was certified to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer; and

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WHEREAS, thereafter, the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer certified that (i) the estimated average annual property tax levy throughout the stated maturity of those bonds that would be required to pay debt charges on them, calculated in the manner provided in Section 133.18(C) of the Revised Code, is 1.66 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to 16.6 cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, (ii) the total tax valuation of the School District is \$1,035,437,960 for purposes of the calculation in (i) above, (iii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated annually by the 1.0-mill property tax levied to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements is \$1,035,438, and (iv) the total tax valuation of the School District is \$1,035,437,960 for purposes of the calculation in (iii) above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of North Royalton City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. After reviewing the certifications of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer described in the preambles hereto, this Board hereby finds, determines and declares that (i) the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of this School District, (ii) it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the School District in the aggregate principal amount of \$28,400,000 for the purpose of constructing, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving buildings and facilities, and preparing, equipping and otherwise improving real estate, for School District purposes, and to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay the debt charges on those bonds and any anticipatory securities, and (iii) it is necessary to levy, for a continuing period of time, an additional 1.0-mill tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements. The average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds (28 years) to pay the debt charges on the bonds has been estimated by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to be 1.66 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 16.6 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation. The first collection of the tax to pay the debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities is expected to occur in calendar year 2015 (tax year 2014).

Section 2. This Board further determines and declares that the question of (i) issuing the bonds, and levying a tax to pay the debt charges on the bonds and on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds, and (ii) levying an additional 1.0-mill tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements, for a continuing period of time, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2014, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to the School District in collection year 2015, shall be submitted as a single question under the provisions of Section 5705.218 of the Revised Code to the electors of the School District at an election to be held therein on November 4, 2014, as authorized by law.

Section 3. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to certify to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections not later than the close of business on August 6, 2014: (i) a copy of the resolution adopted by the Board on July 25, 2014, declaring the necessity of (A) the bond issue and providing for the principal of the bonds to be paid over a maximum of 28 years, which number of years is hereby certified to the Board of Elections, and (B) the tax levy, to be levied for a continuing period of time; (ii) the certifications by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as to the total current tax valuation of the School District, the estimated average annual property tax levy necessary to pay the debt charges on the bonds, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated (annually) by the 1.0-mill property tax levy; and (iii) a copy of this resolution. This Board requests that the Board of Elections give notice of that election and prepare the necessary ballots and supplies for the election in accordance with law.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Moved by Arendt

Seconded by Reinkober

Mrs. Zindroski stated that she still believes that Option #3 will work. Supt. Gurka responded that all the options were closely reviewed and based on community input, the July 14th Option was chosen by the Board as the best way to move forward. Mrs. Arendt indicated that the Board had spent considerable time reviewing and discussing all options as well as listening to community input.

Voting Aye: Arendt, Reinkober, Clark, Kelly

Voting Nay: Zindroski

Motion Carried

