

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Norwalk City Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Minutes of

Held

January 13, 2015

The Norwalk City Board of Education met in REGULAR SESSION at the Norwalk High School, on January 13, 2015. Board President John Lendrum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board members answering roll call: Mr. John Lendrum, Mr. Steve Linder, Mr. Rob Ludwig, Mr. Ralph Ritzenthaler, and Mr. Kevin Cashen. The invocation was given by Father Anthony Recker of St. Mary Catholic Church. Mr. Lendrum led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Also in attendance: Dr. Will Folger, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Sue Goodsite, Asst. Supt./Curriculum & Grants Director; Mrs. Sue Lehmann Treasurer; Mr. Dustin Brown, Director of Support Services; Ms. Kelly Ross, Food Service Director/Asst. Director of Support Services; Building Principals; Cary Ashby of the *Norwalk Reflector*; Alissa Widman-Neese of the *Sandusky Register*, community members, parents

ADOPTION OF THE BOARD AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

Roll Call
Invocation
Pledge

Mr. Ludwig moved, seconded by Mr. Cashen, for adoption of the Board Agenda and Addendum. Voting yes: Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Cashen, Mr. Linder, Mr. Ritzenthaler, and Mr. Lendrum. MOTION PASSED, 5-0.

Agenda and Addendum

RECOGNITION

January 2015, School Board Recognition Month, sponsored by the Ohio School Boards Association, in appreciation for exemplary leadership and service to public schools:

- **Kevin Cashen**
- **John Lendrum**
- **Steve Linder**
- **Rob Ludwig**
- **Ralph Ritzenthaler**

Recognition

Members of the District Leadership Team were recognized for their exemplary performance.

Dan Bauman	Cari Beers	Lisa Berry	Marcy Burns
Will Folger	Jennifer King	Adam Kreischer	Ken Moore
Corey Ream	Robyn Rogers	Josh Schlotter	Janice Smith
Scott Spettle	Rod Thimke	Jayne Ziemke	Sue Goodsite

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Bob Germond, 116 Hasbrock Road, Norwalk, OH addressed the board and stated that he asked numerous questions of the board, but has not received any answers. He pointed out that in 2009 the district spend \$8770 to conduct the

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superintendent search, yet they chose Mr. Doughty who was not on the list. Mr. Germond went on to suggest that the public would not have passed the 4.9 mill levy in 2014 had they known this. He also posed his opinion that the Norwalk Reflector was not properly reporting on the news of Norwalk, but instead residents had to turn to the Sandusky Register to obtain information about Norwalk. Dick Dannemiller, 9 Westwind Drive, identified himself and relinquished his speaking time to Mr. Germond. Mr. Germond resumed the floor and began to speak about a call he received in regard to her student and sports. Mr. Germond was then directed to contact the high school administration directly in regard to how a situation before addressing it in public session.

Mr. John Aschemeir, 61 Stoutenburg Drive, took the floor and encouraged the board to conduct their own investigation of superintendent applicants. One was to do this would be to go to districts where superintendent applicants currently work and ask members of the community why the individual was leaving.

Duane Moore, 22 A Falcon Crest, addressed the board and again encouraged the board to develop two committees, one of employees and one of community members and to allow these committees to participate in the interview process of the superintendent search.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A presentation by Mrs. Cari Beers and Mrs. Callie Staley, both NHS teachers made a presentation on their desire to begin the "Stomping Grounds" Coffee Shop at NHS. They announced that they have been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Schlink Foundation to cover the set up costs.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Sue Lehmann, Treasurer, Mr. Ludwig moved, seconded by Mr. Ritzenthaler, for approval of the following:

Approved Items

1. December 2014 financial reports
2. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December 9,

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2014 regular session meeting.

3. Accept a donation of \$500 from Evans Funeral Home to the N.H.S. Athletic Department and \$1000 from Bronson Norwalk Conservation Club League, Inc. to the NHS Art Club.

On roll call, voting yes: Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Ritzenthaler, Mr. Cashen, Mr. Linder, Mr. Lendrum. MOTION PASSED, 5-0.

Items for Discussion

1. Audit Update
2. General Fund Budget and Revenue Update

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Will Folger, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Ritzenthaler moved, seconded by Mr. Cashen, to accept the following personnel recommendations:

Approved Items

1. Approve Jennifer King for additional duties and appoint her as Interim Director of Pupil Services, effective January 5, 2015, through July 31, 2015; daily rate to increase by \$51.51 as compensation for the additional responsibilities. Also approve up to an additional 12 work days as needed in order to complete all the requirements of the position.
2. Grant the authority to enter into an agreement for professional services to meet IEP compliance, not to exceed \$22,000.
3. Approve Barb Andres to serve as a Home Instruction Tutor for the remainder of the school year.
4. Approve up to 3 hours (unless noted) at member rate for the following staff for upcoming Saturday Transition Meetings.

Jennifer King

IEP Services

Maplehurst
Angela Enderle
Tiffany Lloyd
Becky Nickoli

Main
Jenicka Reamer
Julie Riley
Ann Sellers
Sue Sowders
Stephanie Zigo

Pleasant
Emily Deehr
Sarah Furey (1)
Danielle Harp

Saturday
Transition

Middle School
Becki Fries
Penny Lassen

League
Lisa Arnold (1)
Paige Foltz

High School
Cari Beers
Danielle Hillis

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Lori Griffith
Abigail Magoto
Mark Sindlinger

Brock Manlet
Callie Stanley
Melanie Zerman

(1) – up to 5 hours each S. Furey, L Arnold

5. Approve up to 8 hours, at member rate, for Mary Beth Dennison for EIP writing.
6. Approve Jessica Reitzel, 23 Walnut Street, Norwalk, as a classified substitute on an as needed basis for positions within the district (Treasurers Asst. Secretary, Educational Aide – if credentialed, Bus Driver – if licensed & certified, food Service and/or Support Services) for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

7. Approve the following supplemental and special contracts:

Wes Douglas, Head Baseball Coach, code 4; step 9
Chris Jackson, Assistant Baseball Coach, code 7; step 6
Eric Rogers, Assistant Baseball Coach, code 7; step 0
Callie Stanley, Head Softball Coach, code 4; step 2
Corrie Kaple, Asst. Softball Coach, code 7; step 3
Brock Manlet, Asst. Softball Coach, code 7; step 3
Chris Higgins, Head Boys Tennis Coach, code 5; step 3
Ray Scheid, Asst. Boys Tennis Coach, code 8; step 9
Ron DeLuca, Head Track Coach, code 5; step 9
Joseph Kaiser, Asst. Track Coach, code 8; step 3
Drew Karnehm, Asst. Track Coach, code 8; step 9
Mark Sindlinger, Asst. Track Coach, code 8; step 9
Ken Broz, Conditioning Coach, code 13; step 1
Kristie Wert, Head Cheerleading Co-Advisor (50%), Winter, code 10
step 0

8. Approve the following volunteers for student activities at NHS:

Baseball

Brian Harvey
Wesley Miller
Rick Perry

Marty Roth
Carlyle Smith

Softball

Dustin Baker
Ben Krupp

Track
Donna Fairfax

Boys Tennis

Dave Rehnborg
Janelle Linder

Wrestling

Ahmad Silmi

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9. Approve the following school volunteers:

Amy Bramhill, 30 State St., Norwalk
Barbara J. Vaith, 8909 St. rt. 61, Berlin Hts.
Rosalie Perry, 21 Baneberry Ln., Norwalk

On roll call, voting yes: Mr. Ritzenthaler, Mr. Cashen, Mr. Linder, Mr. Ludwig and Mr. Lendrum. MOTION PASSED, 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Item(s) for Discussion

1. Discussion of 2015-2016 School Calendar – (public discussion at Feb. board meeting)
2. Board Policies (2nd reading): (first reading date: Dec. 2014)

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Name</u>
AFC-1	Evaluation of Professional Staff
GCN-1	Evaluation of Professional Staff
EB	Safety Program
EBC	Emergency Management and Safety Plans
EBC-R	Emergency Management and Safety Plans
EFF	Food Sale Standards
IGAD	Career-Technical Education
IGD	Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
IGDJ.....	Interscholastic Athletics
IGDK	Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility
3. Board Policies (1st reading):

IIA.....	Instructional Materials
IIAA.....	Textbook Selection and Adoption
IKF.....	Graduation Requirements
JEFB	Released Time for Religious Instruction
JHCD	Administering Medicines to Students
JHCD-R-1	Administering Medicines to Students (Gen Regs)
DFA	Revenues from Investments
DN	School Properties Disposal
G PBB	Professional Staff Supplemental Contracts
GDBB	Support Staff Pupil Activity Contracts
4. First half discipline report
5. Update on Superintendent Search

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6. Update on All-Sports Complex

Items for Approval

Upon recommendation of Dr. Folger, Mr. Cashen moved and Mr. Ludwig seconded for approval to:

1. Authorize the Superintendent to notify administrators of the dates of expiration of their contracts and to notify them that they have the right to meet with the Board to discuss their contracts:

Dustin Brown, Director of Support Services
Pat Kania, Asst. Principal, Norwalk High School

On roll call, voting yes: Mr. Cashen, Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Ritzenthaler, Mr. Linder and Mr. Lendrum. MOTION PASSED, 5-0.

Items for Information

1. Enrollment as of December 30, 2014: 2915
Last month: 2924
Last year: 2913
2. Norwalk Middle School Art Show at Central Office through mid January
3. EHOVE News
4. Legislative Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ludwig moved, seconded by Mr. Ritzenthaler to adjourn to executive session for:

Purpose 1: The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee, official or student or the investigation of charges or complaints against such individual, unless an employee, official or student requests a public hearing (the Board will not hold an executive session for the discipline of one of its members for conduct related to the performance of his/her official duties or for his/her removal from office);

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Purpose 5: Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

On roll call, voting yes: Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Ritzenthaler, Mr. Cashen, Mr. Linder and Mr. Lendrum. MOTION PASSED, 5-0.

The board moved into executive session at 8:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ludwig moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Ritzenthaler. With a vote by ayes, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.