

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Norwalk City Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Minutes of

Held

February 14, 2017

The Norwalk City Board of Education met in REGULAR SESSION at the Norwalk High School, on February 14, 2017. Board President Kevin Cashen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members answering roll call: Mr. John Lendrum, Mr. Steve Linder, Mr. Rob Ludwig, Mrs. Lisa Wick, and Mr. Kevin Cashen. Mr. Cashen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Also in attendance: George Fisk, Superintendent; Mrs. Joyce Dupont Treasurer; Mr. Corey Ream, Director of Operations; Cary Ashby of the *Norwalk Reflector*; community members, students and parents.

Roll Call

Invocation

Pledge

ADOPTION OF THE BOARD AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

Mr. Lendrum moved, seconded by Mrs. Wick, for adoption of the Board Agenda with #2 under VII Personnel to be separated out and voted alone. Voting yes: Mr. Lendrum, Mr. Linder, Mr. Ludwig, Mrs. Wick, and Mr. Cashen. MOTION PASSED, 5-0.

Agenda and Addendum

RECOGNITION

The League Elementary spelling bee champions

- Lauren Brown
- Addyson O'Rork
- Dylan Pigman

were recognized and will represent League Elementary at the Huron County Spelling Bee in the spring.

Recognition

The program to learn coding at League Elementary was discussed and a video shown by the principal, Adam Kreisler, on the importance of learning coding.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steve Traczek, 10 Birdie Way, representing the Norwalk Athletic Boosters, asked the Board reconsider spending money to "band-aid" the bleachers at Whitney Field and instead look into other ideas, companies and designs.

Lisa Wick, 83 Eastwood Drive, addressed the board on the matter of the stadium at Whitney Field. Mrs. Wick suggested home games be played away while the boosters work to secure funding for a new stadium to be located at the high school grounds.

Kurt Livingston, 2241 Geiger Road, Monroeville, spoke about the ownership and maintenance of Whitney Field. He believes more public input is needed to consider other options.

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PUBLIC INPUT: 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The public was given the opportunity to discuss next school years calendar. Mr. Fisk thanked the staff for their input on developing the calendar.

Highlights:

8/24/17 - First Student Day (Grades PS & 1-12)

12/21/17 - 1/2/18 - Winter Break

3/30/18 - 4/6/18 - Spring Break

5/27/18 - Commencement

5/31/18 - Last Student Day

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Joyce Dupont, Treasurer, Mr. Ludwig moved, seconded by Mrs. Wick, for approval of the following:

1. January 2017 financial reports
2. Waive the reading and approve the **minutes** of the
January 9, 2017 Organizational Meeting
January 9, 2017 Regular Session Meeting
3. School bus bid and purchase of two (2) Blue Bird 84 passenger school busses per Ohio School Bus Minimum Construction Standards specifications from Cardinal Bus Sales and Services, Inc., at a unit cost of \$92,517.00
4. Enter into an agreement with the **OASBO Easy Procure program** to provide for rebates on procurement purchases and to authorize an additional PNC depository money market account. Rebates are dependent on all participating school districts spend for the calendar year.
5. Accept the following donations:
 - a. First United Church \$670.00
 - b. Fund for Huron County for teacher mini grants \$1,670.
 - c. Fisher Titus Medical Center \$4,000

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

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BOARD ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE

Mr. Lendrum moved, seconded by Mr. Ludwig to discuss the Whitney Field bleacher condition and quote from Dant Clayton received through the National Joint Powers Alliance, a joint purchasing and procurement program. The discussion centered on the need for safety and a strategic plan for the entire district going forward. Mr. Lendrum then moved, seconded by Mr. Ludwig to add an additional \$13,500 for structural bracing to the home side stadium repair quote of \$269,588.00 and proceed with the project.

On roll call, voting yes: Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Lendrum, Mr. Linder, and Mr. Cashen. Voting no: Mrs. Wick. MOTION PASSED, 4-1.

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of George Fisk, Superintendent, Mrs. Wick moved, seconded by Mr. Ludwig, to approve the following personnel recommendations:

1. The resignation of **Jeff Braumberger**, Director of Technology, effective end of day, July 31, 2017.
2. The resignation of **Tim Gryns**, assistant wrestling coach at NHS, effective the 2016-17 season.
3. The resignation of **Don Nardecchia**, educational assistant, for the purpose of retirement, effective end of day, May 26, 2017.
4. The resignation of **Jean Spettle**, bus driver, for the purpose of retirement, effective end of day, January 20, 2017.
5. Change of classification for employment of **Jeanette Ott**, from Class II Building Secretary to Class I Supervisor's Secretary, step 6, \$17.30 per hour, 8 hours per day, 220 days per year, effective Feb 6, 2017.
6. Modify the Executive Secretary Salary Schedule - changing the title from Executive Secretary to the Assistant Supt. to Executive Secretary to the Director of Operations.
7. Employment of **Doug Clark**, 2215 S. Oldgate Road, Sandusky, as a bus driver, 4.25 hours per day, 5 days per week, 0 years experience, step 0 on the salary schedule, 95-day probationary period, effective Feb. 15, 2017.

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8. Special Education Transition Meetings, up to 2.5 hours each for the 2016-2017 school year for **Melanie Zerman**.

9. **Substitute teacher(s)**, as needed, for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year:
 - Melissa Davidson
 - Anne Day, contingent upon completion of requirements
 - Devon Grendow, contingent upon completion of requirements

10. **Substitute classified staff**, as needed, for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year:
 - Kimberely Sines, 2578 Zenobia Road, Norwalk

11. **Special contract at Pleasant Elementary for Ober Taningawa**, Swim monitor, up to 30 hours, \$10.00 per hour for the 2016-2017 school year, pending receipt of background checks

12. **Supplemental/Special contract(s) at NHS:**
 - Ron Deluca, Head Track Coach, code 5, step 9
 - Wes Douglas, Head Baseball Coach, code 4, step 9
 - Chris Higgins, Head Tennis Coach, code 5, step 6
 - Chris Jackson, Assistant Baseball Coach, code 7, step 9
 - Joe Kaiser, Assistant Track Coach, code 8, step 3
 - Drew Karnehm, Assistant Track Coach, code 8, step 9
 - Chris MacFarland, Conditioning Coach, code 13, step 6
 - Jeff Phillips, Asst. Wrestling Coach, code 6, step 0 (hired as a volunteer on 10/11/16)
 - Ray Scheid, Assistant Tennis Coach, code 8, step 9
 - Mark Sindlinger, Assistant Track Coach, code 8, step 0

13. **Supplemental/Special contract(s) at NMS:**
 - Jerry Bement, Track Coach, Code 10; Step 6
 - Stephanie Grube, Track Coach, Code 10; Step 0
 - Gwen Meyers, Track Coach, Code 10; Step 3
 - Rod Thimke, Track Coach, Code 10; Step 3

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14. Volunteer coaches/advisors at NHS/NMS/Elementary:

- Brian Harvey, Baseball
- Chris Hipp, Baseball
- Wes Miller, Baseball
- Rick Perry, Baseball
- Marty Roth, Baseball
- Jeff Todd, Baseball
- Dave Rehnborg, Tennis
- Nicholas Schullick, Softball
- Rob Sommers, Track
- Marco Rosales, elementary

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

Upon the recommendation of George Fisk, Superintendent, Mr. Ludwig moved, seconded by Mrs. Wick, to approve the following personnel recommendation:

1. Change of days and hours for employment of **Sharon Linder**, as a Class II Building Secretary to 8 hours a day, 212 days a year, transferring to the NHS as a building secretary, effective February 17, 2017.

On roll call, voting yes: Mr. Ludwig, Mrs. Wick, Mr. Lendrum, and Mr. Cashen. Abstain: Mr. Linder, MOTION PASSED, 4-0-1.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Upon the recommendation of George Fisk, Superintendent, Mr. Lendrum moved, seconded by Mrs. Wick, for approval of the following:

1. Board Policies

- AA - School District Legal Status
- DJC - Bidding Requirements
- DN - School Properties Disposal
- EBCD - Emergency Closings
- EFG - Student Wellness Program
- GBCB - Staff Conduct
- IGCH - College Credit Plus

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IGD - Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
IGDJ - Interscholastic Athletics
IKF - Graduation Requirements
IL - Testing Programs
JED - Student Absences and Excuses
JED - R - Student Absences and Excuses - Regulations
JEDA - Truancy
JFC - Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)
JG - Student Discipline
JGD - Student Suspension
JGE - Student Expulsion
KGB - Public Conduct on District Property
LEC - College Credit Plus (also IGCH)

2. NHS 2017-2018 Program of Studies

3. Curriculum audit

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

Items for Information

1. EHOVE news

Mrs. Wick reported on Saturday classes and a tech summit to be held at Ehove.

2. Legislative Report

3. Endowment Fund for Norwalk City Schools

The Endowment fund provides scholarships to Norwalk students and grants to Norwalk teachers. The main fundraiser is the Celebration of the Arts, to be held March 18, 2017 in the Art Gallery and Performing Arts Center at NHS. Best of the the Best Student Art Show & Entertainer Elec Simon (Elec is a former 10 year cast member of the off-broadway show STOMP and is currently a soloist for the Cleveland Cavaliers Qstix.)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ludwig moved, seconded by Mr. Lendrum to move into executive session for the purposes of:

The employment of an employee and details of security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body, when disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body.

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

The board moved into executive session at 8:47 pm.

Let the record reflect the board returned to open session at 9:15 p.m.

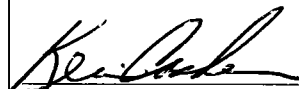
ADJOURNMENT


Mr. Ludwig moved, seconded by Mr. Lendrum to adjourn the meeting.

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

There being no other business, Mr. Cashen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:15


Kevin Cashen, President


Joyce Dupont, Treasurer