

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Norwalk City Board of Education

## Regular Meeting

Minutes of

Held

August 12, 2014

The Norwalk City Board of Education met in REGULAR SESSION at the Norwalk High School, on August 12, 2014. Board President John Lendrum called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members answering roll call: Mr. Kevin Cashen, Mr. John Lendrum, Mr. Steve Linder, Mr. Rob Ludwig, and Mr. Ralph Ritzenthaler. The invocation was given by Pastor Vince Cooper of Oasis Church. Mr. Lendrum led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Also in attendance: Dr. Will Folger, Interim Superintendent; Mrs. Sue Lehmann, Treasurer; Mr. Dustin Brown, Director of Support Services; Ms. Kelly Ross, Food Service Director/Asst. Director of Support Services; Cary Ashby of the *Norwalk Reflector*; Alissa Widman-Neese of the *Sandusky Register*, building principals; teachers; staff members; and community members.

Roll Call  
Invocation  
Pledge

### ADOPTION OF THE BOARD AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

Mr. Linder made a motion to add item 13 under IV. Personnel; Employment of Dr. Sue Goodsite as interim superintendent, one year contract, 240 days, effective August 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Mr. Ritzenthaler seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mr. Linder, Mr. Ritzenthaler, Mr. Lendrum. Voting no: Mr. Cashen, Mr. Ludwig. MOTION PASSED, 3-2

Addition of  
Item to the  
Agenda

Mr. Ludwig moved for adoption of the Board Agenda and Addendum, separating IV. Personnel, items 3 and 4 to be voted on together, IV. Personnel, items 5, 6 and 7 to be voted together, and IV. Personnel, item 13 to be voted singly. Items 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are to be voted together. Mr. Cashen seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Cashen, Mr. Linder, Mr. Ritzenthaler, and Mr. Lendrum. MOTION PASSED, 5-0.

Agenda and  
Addendum

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Duane Moore, 22 Falcon Crest, Norwalk, OH spoke regarding the two resolutions contained in the agenda. He asked the board president to read the resolutions prior to voting. He also questioned whether one of the resolutions would make the action taken on July 29, 2014 null and void. If that was the case, he requested the board reconsider their earlier decision and take action to employ Dr. Sue Goodsite as Interim Superintendent of the district.

Public  
Participation

Mr. Bob Germond, 116 Hasbrock Road, Norwalk, OH spoke in regard to the board's action to hire Dr. Will Folger as Interim Superintendent on July 29, 2014. Mr. Germond questioned the board of the circumstances around this offer of employment. He stated that Dr. Sue Goodsite had been offered the position and within 48 hours the decision to hire Dr. Will Folger instead was made. Dr. Folger had never applied for the position through North Point E.S.C. and instead his resume was handed over by exiting superintendent, Dennis Doughty.

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Public  
Participation

Ms. Rachel Hipp, 13 Patricia Drive, Norwalk, OH addressed the board and requested that her three minutes of public participation be relinquished to Mr. Germond to speak further. Mr. Germond stressed the important of honesty and truth by the board and shared two readings. He expressed his belief that the board had lost the trust of the community and believes that the district has been set back since there has been great difficulty passing levies.

A Westwind Drive resident addressed the board to express his opinion that the board had brought a dark cloud over the district and requested the resignation of three board members.

Mrs. Barb Widman, 213 Whittlesey Avenue, Norwalk, OH spoke on behalf of the hiring of Dr. Folger and integrity of the three board members under criticism.

### TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

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#### Approved Items

1. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of:

Regular Session	July 10, 2014	Special Session	July 15, 2014
Special Session	July 17, 2014	Special Session	July 22, 2014
Special Session	July 24, 2014	Special Session	July 26, 2014
Special Session	July 28, 2014	Special Session	July 29, 2014

Financial  
Reports

Donation

2. July 2014 financial reports

Adjusting Entry

3. \$100 donation to the middle school band from the Norwalk Lions Club for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
4. An adjusting entry of \$2616.59 to correct petty cash records.

#### Items for Discussion

Recap of General Fund Spending July, 2014  
Revenue received July 2014 and anticipated revenue FY15  
Petty Cash investigation and adjustment  
November OSBA Conference

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

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### PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Will Folger, Mr. Cashen moved, seconded by Mr. Ludwig for the approval of the following:

1. Accept the resignation of **Kathy Hassee**, as a building secretary and building assistant, effective August 19, 2014.
2. Accept the resignation of **Donna Fairfax**, ABLE coordinator, due to the program's fiscal agent change from Norwalk City District to EHOVE.
8. Employ **Rosetta Wise**, 1685 Settlement Rd., Norwalk, transportation assistant, 4.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, 187 days per year, step 0, effective August 20, 2014.
9. Employ the following **home instruction tutors** for the 2014-2015 school year, as needed, at member rate:

Cari Beers	Ken Broz	Andy Garrick
Steve Gray	Lori Griffith	Melanie Zerman

10. Employ the following to conduct **kindergarten screening assessments**, at member rate, not to exceed 5 hours each:

Jeanette Roth	Katie Sholes	Lindsey Silverwood
Julie Weyer		

11. Employ the following as **certified and classified substitutes** for the 2014-2015 school year:

Christine G.	Anderson	Certified
Megan	Andrews	Classified
Myisha	Atkins	Certified
Tom	Austin	Classified
Meghua P.	Balgude	Certified
Kristin M.	Barbas	Certified
William	Bennett	Cert & Class
Joe	Bilgen	Certified
Jeremy	Bliss	Certified
Gail	Booth	Classified
Deborah	Bowers	Certified
Robyn	Brady	Certified
Kristen	Bryant	Certified

Kathy Hassee

Donna Fairfax

Rosetta Wise

Home  
Instruction  
Tutors

Kindergarten  
Screening

Classified and  
Certified Subs  
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Rosalynn	Campbell	Certified
Lewis	Carbone	Certified
Linda	Carino	Certified
Susan	Carlisle	Certified
Kimberly	Chase-Brennan	Certified
Cynthia	Collins	Classified
Mike	Cooperrider	Classified
Amy	Crase	Certified
Diane	Deiderick	Certified
Jordan	Delapp	Certified
Cobey	Elmer	Certified
Lynn	Espvik	Certified
Jennifer	Evans	Certified
Carol	Felver	Certified
Maryanne	Fletcher	Certified
Jean	Frederick	Classified
Amber	Freeman	Certified
Alan	Furey	Certified
Zoe	Gastier	Certified
Karin	Hale	Cert & Class
Melanie E.	Hall	Certified
Denese	Hall	Classified
Jessica	Hamernik	Certified
Diane	Hammersmith	Certified
Donna J.	Herd	Classified
Courtney	Hinckley	Certified
Katherine	Hipp	Certified
Pamela	Hoon	Classified
Angela	Horn	Cert & Class
Nicholas	Jarrett	Certified
Mary Ann	Kaple	Certified
Kimberly	Kaseman	Certified
Jannan	Kaszonyi	Certified
Leah A.	Kelley	Certified
Jackie C.	Kelley	Classified
Elizabeth	Koba	Certified
Robert	Koehn	Cert & Class
Elizabeth	Krupp	Certified
Mark A.	Kuhnle	Certified
Carol	Kula	Certified

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Chas	Lang	Certified
Carissa	Laroche	Certified
Robin	Larson	Classified
Carol	Laser	Classified
Kimberly	Leto	Classified
Cory	Lieber	Classified
Dustin	Lieber	Classified
Tracey	Livingston	Cert & Class
Roland	Loolen	Classified
Lura	Magi	Certified
Kayliann	Matter	Certified
Barbara	McDonald	Certified
Kathleen	McNeal	Certified
Mary	Morgan	Certified
Jordan	Myers	Classified
Amanda	Nebergall	Classified
Lori	Neuberger	Certified
Tom	Neuberger	Classified
Jennifer	Norman	Cert & Class
Anne	Obermiller	Certified
Nancy	Opper	Certified
Doris	Peterson	Classified
Linda	Pippert	Classified
Patricia	Reda	Certified
Sandy	Reineck	Classified
Caitlin	Reynolds	Certified
Lori	Rickert	Cert & Class
Rochelle	Riddle	Classified
Ashley	Riley	Classified
Susan J.	Rogers	Certified
James R.	Roth	Certified
Karen	Schaechterle	Classified
Timothy	Scheel	Classified
Amy	Schnurr (Whyde)	Certified
Leslie	Simon	Certified
Hali	Sindlinger	Classified
Tyler M.	Smith	Classified
Barbara J.	Smith	Classified
Nancy Ann	Smith	Certified

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Terry	Snyder	Classified
Malinda L.	Sommers	Certified
Kellen	Spies	Certified
Barbara	Spino	Certified
Kathy	Staples	Classified
Jennifer	Stephens	Certified
Stacy	Stoll	Certified
Wilmer	Timmons	Certified
Sarah Ann	Toomey	Certified
Jeanne	Tucker	Cert & Class
Richard	Wade	Certified
Jacob E.	Wasiniak	Certified
Mary Jo	Weilnau	Certified
Laurie	Wilson	Certified
Marilyn	Zadell	Certified
Lindsey	Ziemke	Classified

12. The following **volunteer coaches**:

David Bodde, MS Football  
Dillan Mullins, HS Football  
Dan Helton, MS Football

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

A motion was made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. Cashen to adopt:

3. A **resolution** addressing the hiring of interim superintendent **Dr. Will R. Folger**, and additional work days for assistant superintendent, **Dr. Sue Goodsite**.
4. A **resolution** addressing the hiring of technology coordinator, **Jeff Braumberger**.

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

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A motion was made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. Cashen to:

5. Employ **Dr. Will Folger** as interim superintendent, one year contract, 240 days, effective August 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, contingent upon receipt of BCI/FBI background checks, TB test results, and other appropriate paperwork.
6. Five additional work days for **Dr. Sue Goodsite** as asst. superintendent, for the purpose of assisting with new superintendent transition.
7. Employ **Jeff Braumberger**, technology coordinator (pending paperwork) at step 3 of the Middle Management salary schedule, two year contract.

Will Folger

Sue Goodsite

Jeff  
Braumberger

On roll call voting yes: Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Cashen, Mr. Lendrum. Voting no: Mr. Linder, Mr. Ritzenthaler. MOTION PASSED 3-2

A motion was made by Mr. Ritzenthaler and seconded by Mr. Linder to:

13. Employ **Dr. Sue Goodsite** as interim superintendent, one year contract, 240 days, effective August 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Sue Goodsite

On roll call voting yes: Mr. Ritzenthaler, Mr. Linder. Voting no: Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Cashen, Mr. Lendrum. MOTION FAILED 2-3

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Folger, Mr. Ludwig moved, seconded by Mr. Cashen to approve the following Superintendent items:

1. Bus Routes for the 2014-15 school year.
2. Student handbook – Norwalk Middle School
3. Acknowledgement of a gift from the Reagan family towards the NHS Athletic Booster funded All Sports complex and to add the Reagan name to that complex. NHS Boosters are granted permission to begin construction.
4. Payment in lieu of transportation for a student attending Huron Montessori School.

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Complex

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### Items for Discussion

Conduct building tours starting Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. beginning with the Main Street building.

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

### Items for Information

1. EHOVE News: Classes begin August 19, 2014.
2. All School Alumni Reunion – Sunday, August 17, 2014, from 2 pm. to 5 p.m. at Norwalk High School.
3. Opening Day/Staff Work Day – August 19, 2014, 7:30 a.m. at Norwalk High School.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ludwig moved, seconded by Mr. Cashen 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).

**Purpose 6.** Conferences with an attorney for the Board concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of imminent court action.

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

The board moved into executive session at 8:22 p.m.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Mr. Lendrum declared the meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:50 p.m.