

MINUTES

**Norwalk City School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 7:30 pm - 9:53 pm
Norwalk High School**

I. OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Board President John Lendrum called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The following members answered on roll call: Mr. Kevin Cashen, Mr. John Lendrum, Mr. Steve Linder, Mr. Robert Ludwig and Mr. Ralph Ritzenthaler.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Lendrum led the attendees in the pledge.

C. Adoption of Agenda

Move: Robert Ludwig Second: Kevin Cashen Status: Passed

Yes: John Lendrum, Robert Ludwig, Steve Linder, Kevin Cashen, Ralph Ritzenthaler

II. EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT

Norwalk High School students - trip to Scotland

A presentation was made by Alyssa Tuttle and Rilee Horowitz on attending the Richard Michael's Jazz Camp in Scotland. The trip was funded by GeoTrac.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Each person who wishes to address the Board will be asked to give his/her name and address. Remarks should be limited to three minutes in length. If after everyone who wishes to do so has had an opportunity to speak, additional comments can be made up to a total allotted time of thirty minutes.

Mr. Bob Germond, 116 Hasbrock Road, Norwalk, OH posed multiple questions to Mr. Lendrum, Mr. Linder and Mr. Ritzenthaler.

Mr. Roger George, 22 West Elm Street, Norwalk, OH took a survey before the meeting of the attendees as to whether they would like to see prayer back at the meetings. The results were 2-No, 25-For and 4-No opinion.

Mr. Duane Moore, 22A Falcon Crest Drive, Norwalk, OH addressed the board, stating in the past they have negotiated with the NTA first, he is of the opinion they should give teachers what they deserve.

Ms. Lori Bennett, 29 Oakwood Drive, Norwalk, OH addressed the board on the topic of the transition of the treasurer and compensation during this time.

Ms. Lisa Wick, 83 Eastwood Drive, Norwalk, OH expressed concern regarding the compensation of the

interim treasurer. She also questioned the topic of testing in regard to Safe Harbor and whether the board has sent a resolution to Columbus.

Ms. Tracey Livingston, 22 Cortland Street gave her 3 minutes of floor time to Mr. Germond. Mr. Germond then made one final statement that he supports teachers 100% on a new contract.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORTS

A. Items for Approval

1. September 2015 Financial Reports
2. Waive the reading of and approve the minutes of:
Regular Meeting - Sep 8, 2015
3. Renewal of Property, Automobile, and Liability Insurance with Dawson Insurance for \$79,161.
4. Five year forecast for FY16-20 with assumptions
5. Increase appropriations as attached

Move: Robert Ludwig Second: Kevin Cashen Status: Passed

Yes: John Lendrum, Robert Ludwig, Steve Linder, Kevin Cashen, Ralph Ritzenthaler

B. Items for Discussion

1. General Fund Revenue and Expenses
2. Five Year Forecast

V. PERSONNEL

A. Items for Approval

1. Correction
Devon Schneiter - hired Oct. 2015 with 2 years of experience. Verification only shows 1 year of experience.
2. Resignation(s)
Lisa Fried, Cheerleading Asst. Advisor (fall) at NHS
3. Employment - Interim Treasurer
Larry Hanneman, \$45 per hour as needed effective Nov. 1, with transition hours from Oct. 1-31, 2015
4. FMLA
Abbey Korbass, from approximately Oct. 19 to Nov. 30, 2015
5. A/B Contracts - the following are all B contracts - Involuntary:

Kim Caprara
Petrina Kotsopoulos
Katy Laser
Tiffany Lloyd
Leah Schuster
Kerry Steffanni

6. Employment - Substitutes - Certified

Jennifer Chapin
Leonard DeCarmine
Steve Gray
Caitlyn Polta
Kim Woodruff

7. Employment - Home Instruction Tutor

Rebecca Nickoli

8. Employment - Substitutes - Classified

Delia Anderson
Sam Bundren
Leonard DeCarmine
Cynthia L. Eaton
Elizabeth Gilbert
Laurie Holmer
Charles Wansitler
Sanchia Mersereau
Kathleen Mirtes
Shirley Williams

9. Employment - Swim Monitor, as needed for 3rd grade swim program at \$10 per hour

Mike Roberts

10. Volunteers (Classroom)

June Baker
Lyndsey Barnes
Michael Bochman
Deborah Bowers
Erin Brown
Heather Chandler
Heather Coder
Caryn Colahan
Brooke Gruhike
Heather Kreischer
Sarena Johnstone
Lynn Kleis
Brandi Metzger
Jaime Moore
Heather Moskus
Katharine Mowrey
Crystal Norris
Anita Osborn
Jennifer Peeples
Carol Phillips
Tiffani Reiter
Deborah Thomas
Joyce Whidden

11. Employment - Supplemental/Special Contracts

Luke McCoy - Academic Advisor - Main St. School - code 16, step 0

Amanda Feliciano - Asst. Cheer Advisor - Winter - code 15, step 0 (classes for Pupil Activity Permit will be completed 10/20/15)

Judith Sommers - Academic Challenge Advisor - NMS - code 16, step 9

Nate Whaley - Girls Bowling - Head Coach - code 6, step 0

12. Volunteer Coach(es)/Advisor(s)

Brian Harvey - NMS Wrestling

John McConegly - NHS Boys Bowling

Jeff Phillips - NMS - Wrestling

Fred Seville - NHS Boys Basketball

Tracy Sommers - NMS Academic Challenge

Move: Ralph Ritzenthaler Second: Kevin Cashen Status: Passed

Yes: John Lendrum, Robert Ludwig, Steve Linder, Kevin Cashen, Ralph Ritzenthaler

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

A. Items for Approval

1. Interagency Agreement Between Norwalk City School District and Huron City School District - FBO Firelands Montessori - Title I Services
2. North Point ESC requests approval by the NCSD Board of Education that employees listed below be authorized by the NCSD Board of Education to suspend students from the North Point programs should their behavior/activities be severe enough that merit said response:

Jim Balotta

Tracey Foos

Kristen Graham

Julie Kijowski

Marcie Muntz

Sherri Parent

Catherine Puster

John Ruf

Karen Ruf

Mary Schaeffer

Andrea Smith

Amy St. Marie

Christine Standing

Bob Toney

Page Warner

3. North Point ESC requests approval by the NCSD Board of Education of the North Point ESC's student handbook that applies to students who are in programs operated by North Point ESC.

Move: Robert Ludwig Second: Kevin Cashen Status: Passed

Yes: John Lendrum, Robert Ludwig, Steve Linder, Kevin Cashen, Ralph Ritzenthaler

B. Items for Discussion

1. Board Policies - first reading

2. ODE "Support Schools"
3. Freedom From Religion (prayer at school board meetings)

C. Items for Information

1. EHOVE News
2. Legislative Report
3. Enrollment as of 9/30/2015

2901

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move: Kevin Cashen Second: Ralph Ritzenthaler Status: Passed

Yes: John Lendrum, Robert Ludwig, Steve Linder, Kevin Cashen, Ralph Ritzenthaler

A. For the following purposes:

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); and
2. Matters required to be kept confidential by State statutes or Federal law; and
3. Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; and
4. In-person conferences with an attorney for the Board concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

The board adjourned into executive session at 8:09 p.m.

Mr. Cashen moved to adjourn upon completion of executive session discussion and Mr. Ludwig seconded.

By a vote of ayes, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer