

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Norwalk City School District Board of Education

Minutes of

Regular Meeting

Held

March 13, 2018

The Norwalk City Board of Education met in **REGULAR SESSION** at the Norwalk High School, on March 13, 2018. Board President Lisa Wick 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. Ralph Ritzenthaler, Mrs. Beth Schnellinger and Mrs. Lisa Wick. Board President Wick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Also in attendance: George Fisk, Superintendent; Joyce Dupont, Treasurer; Cary Ashby of the *Norwalk Reflector*; teachers, community members, students and parents.

ADOPTION OF THE BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Lendrum moved, seconded by Mrs. Schnellinger , to adopt the Board Agenda. On roll call, voting yes: Mr. Lendrum, Mr. Linder, Mr. Ritzenthaler, Mrs. Schnellinger, and Mrs. Wick. MOTION PASSED, 5-0.

EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

"Ohio Means Jobs" Readiness Seal - Sandi Stewart, high school guidance counselor, shared with the Board the new OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal that is available for the graduating classes of 2018 and beyond. This is a formal designation that will be printed directly on Ohio diplomas and transcripts and also counts toward graduation options for students in the class of 2018.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Duane Moore read a statement in regards to the upcoming property tax levy that is expiring. Mr. Moore would like the Board to consider changing both the property tax levy and the traditional income tax levy to an earned income tax levy only.

Kevin Kaltenbach and Kathy Cring both voiced approval for providing guns to teachers.

Sharon Linder voiced disapproval for providing guns to teachers.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

1. February 2017 financial reports.

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2. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the

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3. Amounts and rates as determined by the Huron County Budget Commission for FY19:

SCHEDULE A				
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES				
FUND	Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to Be Levied	
			Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
VAL: 315,713,386				
1. Sinking Fund				
2. Bond Retirement Fund	1,057,640			3.35
3. General Fund	7,003,346	1,546,996	4.90	37.65
4. Library Fund	171,524			.55
5. For Permanent improvement	451,877			3.00
6. State				
Total	8,684,387	1,546,996	4.90	44.55

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SCHEDULE B LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

Fund	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
General Fund		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on 1976 & 1977 for not to exceed Cont years	26.70	4,172,161
Current expense levy authorized by voters on 11-3-87 for not to exceed Cont years	6.00	1,268,404
Emergency Levy authorized by voters on 5-6-14 for not to exceed 5 years	4.95	1,562,781
Perm Imp FUND: Levy authorized by voters on 11-8-16 for not to exceed Cont years	3.00	451,877
Library FUND: Levy authorized by voters on 3-6-12 for not to exceed Cont years	.55	171,524

4. Per ORC 5704.41(D) a then and now approval for purchase order 280178 for \$9,685.00 to Institutional Diversified. Invoice date 9/5/2017, purchase order date 3/1/2018 for student chairs and tables at Pleasant Elementary.
5. Three year contract with Rea & Associates for compilation of the financial statements for fiscal year end June 30, 2018 at a cost of \$5,100, for fiscal year end June 30, 2019 at a cost of \$5,200, and fiscal year end June 30, 2020 at a cost of \$5,300.
6. Join Ohio Schools Council (OSC) at a cost of .18 per adm +200 per district. Life insurance will run through the OSC preferred partner program as of May 1, 2018.

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

DISCUSSION

The upcoming emergency operating levy was discussed and Board members asked for more detail on all levy options and funds raised at the next meeting.

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PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of George Fisk, Superintendent, Mr. Ritzenthaler moved, seconded by Mr. Lendrum, to approve the following personnel recommendations:

1. Family Medical Leave Act for **Miranda Sullivan**, 3/11/2018 through 6/1/2018.
2. Administrative contract, three (3) year contracts for **Pat Kania**, Assistant Principal at Norwalk High school, effective 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2021.
3. Employment of **Denise Knight**, MA, step 10, effective March 2, 2018, for remainder of the 2017-2018 school year as a French Teacher.
4. Employment of **Kathleen Sheller**, step 0, effective March 14, 2018, as a transportation assistant.
5. The resignation of **Jeanette Beabout**, teacher, effective June 1, 2018 pending employment for the 2018-19 school year, under Part II, Section F "Working as a Retiree - Retirement Incentive".
6. Kindergarten screening at member rate:

Lisa Berry
Brenna Davis
Angela Enderle
Jessica Enderle
Katie Sholes
Petrina Kotsopolous

Amanda Steinwart
Stephani Underwood
Julie Weyer
Roger Wilhelm
Laura Winkler

7. The employment of **Barb Moore** as a certified substitute teacher for the 2017-2018 school year.
8. The employment of the following as classified substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year:

Ashley Absher
Angela Chaffee
Lauren Steffanni

Camryn Bickerstaff
Sandra Meagrow

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9. The employment of the following as volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year:

Hope Gockstetter, NHS softball
Brian Harvey, NHS baseball

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Upon the recommendation of George Fisk, Superintendent, Mrs. Schnellinger moved, seconded by Mr. Lendrum, to approve the following:

1. 2018-2019 Norwalk City School District school calendar
2. NOECA contract for leased lit fiber
3. NOECA contract for internet access

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussion was held about the summer permanent improvement items, support for local vendors and the Drug Free Clubs of America.

HB512, a bill to consolidate the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation into one agency headed by an appointee of the Governor was discussed. Board member Lendrum asserted that if this is allowed to happen that locally elected school boards will be the next target.

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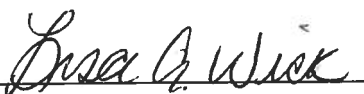
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Mrs. Wick declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:34 PM.



Lisa Wick, President



Joyce Dupont, Treasurer