

MINUTES

**Norwalk City School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 8:20 pm - 9:20 pm
Norwalk High School**



I. OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

President Robert Ludwig called the meeting to order at 8:10pm

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, Mrs. Lisa Wick

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ludwig led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Adoption of Agenda

Move: Kevin Cashen Seconded: Lisa Wick Status: Passed
Yes: Kevin Cashen, Lisa Wick, John Lendrum, Steve Linder, Robert Ludwig

II. RECOGNITION

A. Debbie A. Balduff, 25 years of loyal service to the Norwalk City School District

Mr. Corey Ream introduced Debbie A Balduff and read off her many accomplishments, value to the school district, and then presented her with gift for her 25 years of loyal service to the students, staff and taxpayers of the Norwalk City School District.

B. School Board Recognition Month

Ohio Governor, John Kasich's proclamation states:

"The service provided by the members of Ohio's city, village, local and joint vocational boards of education and educational service centers' governing boards is critical to ensuring high quality public education for Ohio's schoolchildren. Through partnership with teachers, school administrators, staff and parents, school board members provide vital leadership and support for schools, and we thank you for your service and for the positive difference you make throughout our state."

Superintendent George Fisk read the above proclamation in support of School Board Recognition Month and presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Board members.

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.

There was no public participation.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORTS

A. Items for Approval

1. December 2015 Financial Reports
2. Waive the reading of and approve the minutes of:
Regular Meeting - December 15, 2015
3. Accept a grant donation from the Fund for Huron County in the amount of \$3,750
(several District teachers applied for and were awarded grants in the amount of \$250 each)

Mr. Lendrum gave a brief history of the Fund for Huron County and indicated Norwalk City School District's portion is the largest of any of the participating public entities.

4. Accept a grant donation from the Schlink Foundation in the amount of \$9,100 to be awarded to:
 - \$2,300 Lunch Bunch
 - \$1,600 Envirothon
 - \$5,200 Stomping Grounds

Move: Kevin Cashen Seconded: John Lendrum Status: Passed items 1 thru 4
Yes: Kevin Cashen, John Lendrum, Steve Linder, Lisa Wick, Robert Ludwig

B. Items for Discussion

1. Audit Update

The Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2015 was started Jan. 12th with a preliminary completion date of Jan. 31st

2. Ohio School Facilities Commission

We have not received any notification/update to date.

V. PERSONNEL

A. Items for Approval

1. A military leave-of-absence for Jessica Raymond, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, in accordance with state and federal laws
2. Home Instruction Tutor(s)
*Mark Sindlinger
3. Employment - Substitute(s) - Classified
*Paul J. Smith
*Sabrina J. Wright

Move: John Lendrum Seconded: Kevin Cashen Status: Passed
 Yes: John Lendrum, Kevin Cashen, Steve Linder, Lisa Wick, Robert Ludwig

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

A. Items for Approval

1. Appointment to the Board of Education of the EHOVE JVS School District for a term of three years:
 Jan 1, 2016 - Dec 31, 2018

Mrs. Lisa Wick volunteered to represent Norwalk City Schools on the EHOVE JVS Board. A Resolution will be completed and sent to EHOVE Career Center.

2. 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:
 - *Jeff Braumberger
 - *Ken Moore
 - *Kelly Ross
3. NHS Program of Studies for 2016-2017
4. Allow for 3 NHS students to accompany Mrs. Carol Mason to Glasgow, Scotland for the purpose of attending the Richard Michael summer Jazz Festival, from June 27 - returning July 9, 2016 (This trip is funded by the Geotrac Foundation.)
5. Allow Sunday participation in state tournaments, in cases of inclement weather
6. Reduction of the vacant NMS cook position from an 8 hour to a 6 hour position

Move: Kevin Cashen Seconded: John Lendrum Status: Passed
 Yes: Kevin Cashen, John Lendrum, Steve Linder, Lisa Wick, Robert Ludwig

B. Items for Discussion

1. Board Policies - second reading
 - EEA - Student Transportation Services
 - EEAA - Eligibility Zones for Pupil Transportation
 - EEAC - School Bus Safety Program
 - EEACC (Also JFCC) - Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation
 - EEACC-R (Also JFCC-R) - Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation (Regs)
 - EEACCA - Recording Devices on Transportation Vehicles
 - EEACD - Drug Testing for District Personnel Required to Hold a Commercial Driver's License
 - EEAD - Non-Routine Use of School Buses
 - EEAE - Student Transportation in Private Vehicles
 - IGBE - Remedial Instruction (Intervention Services)
 - JEA - Compulsory Attendance Ages
 - JECOA - Admission of Homeless Students
 - JECOA-R - Admission of Homeless Students (Enrollment Dispute Resolution Process)
 - JFCC (Also EEACC) - Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation
 - JFCC-R - (Also EEACC-R) - Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation (Regs)
 - IGBL - Parental Involvement in Education

2. Board Policies - first reading

AFC-1 (Also GNC-1)

AFC-2 (Also GNC-2)

GNC-1 (Also AFC-1)

GNC-2 (Also AFC-2)

3. Fab Lab at Norwalk Middle School

Mr. Corey Ream presented two options/locations to place the Fab Lab. After great discussion, the Board was asked to consider approval at the February Board Meeting. The Board requested that information and costs be presented and that this must be a program that will follow all students into High School in future years.

4. 2016-2017 School Calendar - public discussion will be held at Feb. board meeting

C. Items for Information

1. EHOVE News

There was no update at this meeting.

2. Legislative Report

Superintendent Fisk asked the Board to follow a bill that has been introduced to eliminate "Pay to Participate" fees in public schools which would have financial implications for all districts including Norwalk City School District.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. For the following purposes:

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


Matters required to be kept confidential by State statutes or Federal law.

There was no need for an Executive Session - tabled.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Kevin Cashen moved to adjourn the meeting and John Lendrum seconded.

By a votes of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.



President



Interim Treasurer