

**STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2019
REGULAR MEETING – WORK SESSION**

The Regular Meeting of the Strongsville Board of Education Work Session and any other items germane to the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2019, at the **Administration Building, Meeting Room, 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio**, by President, Carl W. Naso.

All members of the Board and media were notified of this meeting in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C., effective November 28, 1975.

The following Board Members answered Roll Call: Colonel Evans, Mr. Grozan, Mrs. Ludwig, Mr. Micko, and Mr. Naso.

Others present were: Dr. Cameron Ryba, Superintendent; Mr. George Anagnostou, Treasurer; Ms. Jenni Pelko, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Stephen Breckner, Operations Manager; and Ms. Erin Green, Director of Curriculum.

This meeting was videotaped and is part of the official minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISTRICT GOALS

The Board has three stated goals; Student Achievement and Growth, Financial Prudence, and Community Engagement. All decisions made at Board Meetings support these three goals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Andy Hartman, parent and President of the Instrumental Music Boosters, addressed the Board regarding the Phase 2 and Phase 3 cuts. He asked the Board and Administration to make the proposed cuts known to the public as soon as possible.

In response, Mr. Naso stated Phase 1 cuts will be shared this evening and Phase 2 and 3 will be shared at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Stephenson, parent, also addressed the Board regarding the proposed cuts and the importance of letting the citizens know what voting no for the levy will do to the school, the community, and home values. She shared how wonderful the District's music program is and implored the Board and Administration to reach out to the music teachers for their input before making decisions to reduce the music program.

Mr. Naso assured the community that the music program is not being singled out. The cuts are across the board. Everything is being done to minimize the impact to students and staff. Mr. Naso implored the audience to help get the word out to the community about the importance of passing the levy.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. TIMELY INFORMATION

1. Resolution for an Additional 5.9-Mill Five-Year Tax Levy for the Purpose of Current Expenses

19-02-01 Moved by Col. Evans to approve A Resolution determining to proceed to submit to the electors of the Strongsville City School District the question of an additional 5.9-mill five-year tax levy for the purpose of current expenses, pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, seconded by Mrs. Ludwig and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Col. Evans, yes; Mrs. Ludwig, yes; Mr. Grozan, yes;
Mr. Micko, yes; Mr. Naso, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

(Exhibit A)

Anyone interested in helping can contact the Levy Committee. All help is greatly needed and appreciated.

2. Discussion Item – Phase I Reductions

In November, the 7.9-mill levy was turned down by the community. The compromise with asking for a lower, 5.9-mill levy, is to also make cuts in the amount of \$1.1 million to offset the difference. This first round of cuts will be made regardless of the outcome of the levy. Cuts will be made to athletics, music, technology, textbooks, staffing and transportation. Dr. Ryba shared how difficult these decisions are but are necessary in order to address the looming deficit. Dr. Ryba shared a list of reductions that will begin with the 2019/2020 school year.

Area of Focus	Description	Projected Savings
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduction of three 8th Grade Sports Teams	\$16,500
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indefinite delay of textbook adoption	\$311,627
District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduction of budgets and policy/procedural changes	\$55,000
Staffing – District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduction of work days and department elimination	\$251,796
Staffing - SHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduction of Certified and Support staff and supplemental contracts	\$168,475
Staffing - SMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduction of Certified and Support staff	\$114,600

Student Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of funding for educational supports for our students 	\$142,000
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of funding for curricular/student resources 	\$26,800
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of selected SCS and Parochial routes 	\$62,000
Savings:		\$1,148,798

At the Board Meeting on February 21, 2019, Phase II reductions will be shared. These reductions will be implemented if the levy does not pass in May.

Board Members commented on the reductions and implored the citizens to support Strongsville City Schools.

BOARD POLICY

A. Second Reading

New Policy – Part-Time Enrollment

The Board as a whole will discuss this new policy at a future Board Meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION / OTHER

Mr. Micko shared a shout out to the swimmers and divers who are attending the Sectionals this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

19-02-02 Moved by Col. Evans to adjourn the Strongsville Board of Education Regular Work Session, seconded by Ms. Ludwig and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Col. Evans, yes; Mrs. Ludwig, yes; Mr. Grozan, yes;
Mr. Micko, yes; Mr. Naso, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Carl W. Naso, President

George K. Anagnostou, Treasurer

The Board of Education of Strongsville City School District, Ohio (the "Board"), met on February 4, 2019, commencing at 6:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room in the Administrative Offices, 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio, with the following members present:

<u>Carl W. Naso</u>	<u>Duke Evans</u>
<u>George A. Grozan</u>	<u>Jane L. Ludwig</u>
<u>Richard O. Micko</u>	

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

_____ moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2019, this Board adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code declaring it necessary to levy an additional **5.9**-mill tax outside the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses and requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that additional levy; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2019, that Fiscal Officer certified that the total current tax valuation of the School District is \$1,625,734,530, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be produced by that additional **5.9**-mill levy would be \$9,591,834 annually, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Strongsville City School District, Counties of Cuyahoga and Lorain, Ohio, not less than *two-thirds of all members* of that Board concurring, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised by this Board within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Strongsville City School District, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation at the rate of **5.9** mills for the purpose of current expenses for five years.

Section 2. The question of such an additional 5.9-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses, for five years, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2019, the proceeds of which levy first would be due and collected and available to the School District in the calendar year 2020, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code to the electors of the Strongsville City School District at an election to be held therein on May 7, 2019, as authorized by law. That election shall be held at the regular places of voting in the School District as established by the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. The Treasurer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of that election as provided by law.

Section 4. The Treasurer be and is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered (i) a certified copy of the resolution of this Board referred to in the first preamble to this resolution; (ii) the certificate of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer referred to in the second preamble to this resolution; and (iii) a certified copy of this resolution, to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections before the close of business on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

Section 5. Having determined to proceed to submit to the electors of the School District the question of the additional property tax levy for current expenses at the rate set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, this Board hereby repeals the following prior Resolutions adopted on January 10, 2019: No. 19-01-22; No. 19-01-23; No. 19-01-24, No. 19-01-26, No. 19-01-27 and No. 19-01-28. Other Board resolutions relating to the May 7, 2019 election failed for lack of the statutorily required supermajority affirmative vote.

Section 6. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

_____ seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting held on February 4, 2019, of the Board of Education of the Strongsville City School District, Ohio, showing the adoption of the resolution hereinabove set forth. Written notice of the time and place of the meeting was served personally upon, or actually received by, each Board member at least two days in advance of such meeting; and notice of the time, place and purpose(s) of that meeting, was, at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the time of such meeting, given to and received by all news media that had heretofore requested notification of such meetings pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the procedures established by the Board for that purpose.

Treasurer, Board of Education
Strongsville City School District, Ohio

Dated: February _____, 2019