

**STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2019
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING – WORK SESSION**

The joint Organizational and Regular Meeting – Work Session of the Strongsville Board of Education and any other items germane to the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the Administration Building, Meeting Room, 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio by the President Pro Tempore, Col. Duke Evans.

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: Col. 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; and Mr. Stephen Breckner, Operations Manager.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ELECTION AND OATH OF OFFICE – BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT TO ONE-YEAR TERM (ORC 3313.14)

19-01-01 Mr. Micko nominated Mr. Grozan for Board of Education President, seconded by Ms. Ludwig. Roll call was as follows:

Mr. Micko, yes; Mrs. Ludwig, yes; Col. Evans, no;
Mr. Grozan, no; Mr. Naso, no.
Motion defeated 2-3

19-01-02 Mr. Grozan nominated Mr. Naso for Board of Education President, seconded by Col. Evans. Roll call was as follows:

Mr. Grozan, yes; Col. Evans, yes; Mr. Micko, no;
Mrs. Ludwig, no; Mr. Naso, yes.
Motion carried 3-2

Mr. Anagnostou administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Carl Naso as President.

MEETING TURNED OVER TO BOARD PRESIDENT

ELECTION AND OATH OF OFFICE – BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT TO ONE YEAR TERM (ORC 3313.14)

Mr. Naso nominated Col. Evans for Board of Education Vice President, seconded by Mr. Grozan. Mr. Micko nominated Mr. Grozan for Vice President and Mrs. Ludwig seconded the motion.

19-01-03 Mr. Naso nominated Col. Evans for Board of Education Vice President, seconded by Mr. Grozan. Roll call was as follows:

Mr. Naso, yes; Mr. Grozan, yes; Mr. Micko, no;
Mrs. Ludwig, no; Col. Evans, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

ELECTION AND OATH OF OFFICE – BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT TO ONE YEAR TERM (ORC 3313.14) (continued)

As the Board unanimously voted in Col. Evans for Vice-President, no roll call was taken for the nomination of Mr. Grozan.

Mr. Anagnostou administered the Oath of Office to Col. Duke Evans as Vice President.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS TO COMMITTEES FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS

- A. City Council – Jane L. Ludwig, alternate Duke Evans
(Monthly, 1st and 3rd Monday, 8:00 p.m., City Council Chamber Office)
- B. Strongsville Education Foundation – Duke Evans and Carl W. Naso
(Monthly – 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., Administration Building, PD Room)
- C. Strongsville PTA Council – Jane L. Ludwig, alternate George A. Grozan
(Monthly, 1st Thursday of the Month - September through May, 9:30 a.m.)
- D. Ohio School Boards Association Legislation – Richard O. Micko
- E. Ohio School Boards Association Student Achievement – Jane L. Ludwig
(Meetings as needed)

19-01-04 Moved by Col. Evans to approve the appointment of liaisons to committees for one year terms as listed, seconded by Mr. Grozan and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

*** REAFFIRMATION – THIRD YEAR OF THREE-YEAR TERM OF MR. RICHARD O. MICKO’S APPOINTMENT TO POLARIS CAREER CENTER**

Resolution 19-01-05

BOARD COMMITTEE FORMATION – BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

19-01-06 Moved by Col. Evans to approve a new Board Committee – Business Advisory Council Committee, seconded by Mr. Grozan and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS

- A. Finance Committee – Duke Evans and Carl W. Naso
- B. Policy Committee – Jane L. Ludwig and Richard O. Micko
- C. Facilities Committee – George A. Grozan, alternate Carl W. Naso
- D. Business Advisory Council Committee – Richard O. Micko and Carl W. Naso

19-01-07 Moved by Col. Evans to approve the appointment of liaisons to committees for one year terms as listed, 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

***ESTABLISHMENT OF 2019 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES**

Resolution 19-01-08

Set date, time, and location of Board of Education meetings for calendar year 2019.

(Exhibit A)

***ROBERT'S RULES**

Resolution 19-01-09

Robert's "Rules of Order" will be used in the absence of Board Policy.

***ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE FUND FOR FY 2020**

Resolution 19-01-10

According to Section 3315.15 ORC, the Treasurer of the Board of Education has certified that the number of pupils enrolled in the Strongsville City School District is 5,519 as of December 1, 2018.

By law, a sum not to exceed two dollars for each child so enrolled or \$20,000, whichever is greater, may be set aside from the General Fund to be known as the "Service Fund" to be used only in paying the expenses of the members of the Board of Education actually incurred in the performance of their duties, or of their official representatives when sent out of the school district for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the schools under their charge (ORC 3315.15).

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that a service fund be established by the Board of Education in the amount of \$20,000.

***RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORIZING TREASURER**

Resolution 19-01-11

- A. To reinvest available funds for 2019 in accordance with Board Policy and established administrative procedures. Results of such investments will be reported in monthly financial reports throughout the year.
- B. To pay bills within the adopted appropriations in 2019.

LEGAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENTS

19-01-12 Moved by Col. Evans that the Superintendent of Schools and his designees be authorized to contact legal counsel as necessary for the successful performance of their duties. Legal counsel is designated to be: Squire Patton Boggs, L.L.P.; Pepple and Waggoner, Ltd.; Riley Law Firm, L.L.C.; Walter & Haverfield, L.L.P.; Brindza, McIntyre, & Seed, L.L.P.; Peters, Kalail, & Markakis, Co., L.P.A.; and Roetzel & Andress Law, 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

***BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 19-01-13

Provided that the Board of Education Members receive the minutes of previous meetings at least three or more days in advance of a meeting, authorization is given for the Board to waive reading of the minutes at that meeting.

***RESOLUTION REQUESTING NOTIFICATION**

Resolution 19-01-14

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resolution requesting that the Board of Education be notified by the Tax Commissioner of any application for exemption from taxation for any property located within the district. The resolution is pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5715.27.

***TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**

Resolution 19-01-15

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 be adopted.

(Exhibit B)

Mr. Anagnostou shared a presentation on the Tax Budget which must be filed with the County by January 15th.

***INVESTMENTS**

Resolution 19-01-16

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board authorizes the Treasurer to invest up to a maximum of forty percent (40%) of the District's interim funds in commercial paper notes in accordance with Board Policy 6144-Investments.

***DISTRICT CREDIT CARD LIMITS**

Resolution 19-01-17

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer that per Board Policy 6423, the annual credit card limits per cardholder and/or account be approved as listed in the exhibit.

(Exhibit C)

***HOUSE BILL 9 – OHIO PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING CERTIFICATION**

Resolution 19-01-18

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer that, to be in compliance with all Ohio Public Record Statutes and the Board of Education requirement, that the Treasurer, George K. Anagnostou, be the designee on behalf of the Board of Education for public records training.

***BROADCAST OF BOARD MEETINGS**

Resolution 19-01-19

In accordance with Board Policy 0169.3, Board authorizes the public broadcast of regular Board meetings during the calendar year.

***RESOLUTION FOR GROUP HEALTH, VISION, AND DENTAL INSURANCE FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

Resolution 19-01-20

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that Board Members may participate, at their own expense, in group health, vision, and dental insurance plans provided to employees of the district.

HIRING AUTHORITY

19-01-21 Moved by Col. Evans that the Strongsville Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to employ personnel on a temporary basis between Board meetings, 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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. TIMELY INFORMATION

Dr. Ryba gave an overview as to the process and where the District stands with regards to considering another levy. Dr. Ryba explained placing a levy on the ballot is a two-step process with the first step taking place this evening. Dr. Ryba presented the Board with a variety of recommendations which, when approved, will permit the Treasurer to ask Cuyahoga County to certify the total tax valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the additional levy. The second step is to actually vote on which levy will be placed on the ballot including timing, duration, and millage amount.

Dr. Ryba and Mr. Anagnostou are recommending the levy be placed on the May, 2019 ballot. As a result of feedback from the community and staff, and the time sensitive nature of the process, a variety of resolutions with differences in millage rates are being presented for approval. The duration for all the levy recommendations on this evening's agenda is the same at a five-year limited operating levy.

Approval of the first resolution, permitting the Treasurer to certify tax valuations, requires a majority vote of the Board. The second step, approving the millage, timing and duration, will require two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board and should take place at the next Board Meeting on January 24th. The deadline for all paperwork to be submitted to the Board of Elections for items to be placed on the May, 2019 ballot, is 4:00 p.m., February 6, 2019.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

A. TIMELY INFORMATION (continued)

Dr. Ryba reviewed each levy listed.

1. Resolution of Necessity Requesting an Additional 6.5-Mill Five-Year Operating Levy

19-01-22 Moved by Col. Evans to approve a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional tax 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 an additional 6.5-mill operating levy for a period of five years, pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 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 D)

2. Resolution of Necessity Requesting an Additional 6.9-Mill Five-Year Operating Levy

19-01-23 Moved by Col. Evans to approve a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional tax 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 an additional 6.9-mill operating levy for a period of five years, pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Grozan and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

(Exhibit E)

3. Resolution of Necessity Requesting an Additional 7.5-Mill Five-Year Operating Levy

19-01-24 Moved by Col. Evans to approve a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional tax 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 an additional 7.5-mill operating levy for a period of five years, pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Grozan and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

(Exhibit F)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

A. TIMELY INFORMATION (continued)

Col. Evans shared a few words about the very difficult situation the District is in financially and the difficult decisions the Board must make. He asks for the community's support of the decisions that must be made.

4. Resolution of Necessity Requesting an Additional 7.9-Mill Five-Year Operating Levy

19-01-25 Moved by Col. Evans to approve a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional tax 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 an additional 7.9-mill operating levy for a period of five years, pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the Revised Code, seconded by Mrs. Ludwig. Motion defeated on a roll call vote as follows:

Col. Evans, no; Mrs. Ludwig, no; Mr. Grozan, yes;
Mr. Micko, no; Mr. Naso, no.
Motion defeated 1-4

(Exhibit G)

Dr. Ryba stated if the Board would like additional millage amounts considered, this would be the time to do so.

Mr. Micko asked that three more resolutions be approved. One for 6.0-Mills, 5.5-Mills, and 5.0-Mills.

5. Resolution of Necessity Requesting an Additional 6.0-Mill Five-Year Operating Levy

19-01-26 Moved by Mr. Micko to approve a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional tax 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 an additional 6.0-mill operating levy for a period of five years, pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the Revised Code, seconded by Col. Evans and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

6. Resolution of Necessity Requesting an Additional 5.5-Mill Five-Year Operating Levy

19-01-27 Moved by Mr. Micko to approve a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional tax 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 an additional 5.5-mill operating levy for a period of five years, pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Grozan and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

A. TIMELY INFORMATION (continued)

7. Resolution of Necessity Requesting an Additional 5.0-Mill Five-Year Operating Levy

19-01-28 Moved by Mr. Micko to approve a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional tax 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 an additional 5.0-mill operating levy for a period of five years, pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Grozan and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

B. BUSINESS SERVICES

*1. Transportation for Non-Public Students (001-General Fund)

Resolution 19-01-29

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that school bus transportation for the listed students be declared impractical.

The time and distance require to provide transportation, the cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration, and the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules.

Be it further resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education, in lieu of providing transportation, pays parents of students attending these schools. This reimbursement will be based on the amount allotted by the State.

AL ISHAN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Selena Hasan – Grade 1

HOLY NAME

Chloe Morris – Grade 2

Madeline Morris – Grade 6

ST. AMBROSE

Jayde Papineau – Grade 1

Lily Papineau – Grade 5

C. STUDENT SERVICES

*1. KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center (001-General Fund)

Resolution 19-01-30

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Strongsville Board of Education enters into a contract with KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center for placement of a student with disabilities for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$78,000.00 per year, prorated for a start date of January 7, 2019, per the attached exhibit.

(Exhibit H)

CONSENT CALENDAR

19-01-31 Moved by Col. Evans to approve the Consent Calendar, 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

BOARD BYLAWS AND POLICIES

A. Second Reading

Revised Bylaw 0131 – Legislative
Revised Bylaw 0141.2 – Conflict of Interest
Revised Bylaw 0164 – Notice of Meetings
Revised Bylaw 0165.1 – Regular Meetings
Revised Bylaw 0165.2 – Special Meetings
Revised Bylaw 0165.3 – Recess/Adjournment
Revised Bylaw 0166 – Executive Session
Revised Bylaw 0168 – Minutes
Revised Bylaw 0169.1 – Public Participation at Board Meetings
Revised Policy 1240.01 – Non-Reemployment of the Superintendent
Revised Policy 1422 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
(Administration)
Revised Policy 1541 – Termination and Resignation (Administration)
Revised Policy 1662 – Anti-Harassment (Administration)
Revised Policy 2111 – Parent and Family Engagement
Revised Policy 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity
Revised Policy 2261 – Title I Services
Revised Policy 2261.01 – Parent and Family Member Participation in Title I Programs
New Policy 2261.03 – District and School Report Card
New Policy 2370.01 – Blended Learning
Rescinded Policy 2700 – School Report Card
Revised Policy 3122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
(Professional Staff)
Revised Policy 3140 – Termination and Resignation (Professional Staff)
Revised Policy 3362 – Anti-Harassment (Professional Staff)
Revised Policy 4122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
(Classified Staff)
Revised Policy 4140 – Termination and Resignation (Classified Staff)
Revised Policy 4162 – Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders and
Other Employees Who Perform Safety Sensitive Functions
Revised Policy 4362 – Anti-Harassment (Classified Staff)
Revised Policy 5408 – Academic Acceleration, Early Entrance to Kindergarten,
and Early High School Graduation
Revised Policy 5517 – Anti-Harassment (Students)
Revised Policy 5610 – Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent
Exclusion of Students
Revised Policy 5610.02 – In-School Discipline
Revised Policy 5610.03 – Emergency Removal of Students
Revised Policy 5611 – Due Process Rights
Revised Policy 6320 – Purchasing and Bidding

BOARD BYLAWS AND POLICIES (continued)

A. Second Reading (continued)

Revised Policy 6325 – Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds

Revised Policy 6423 – Use of Credit Cards

Revised Policy 8141 – Mandatory Reporting of Misconduct by Licensed Employees

New Policy 8403 – School Resource Officer

BOARD OF EDUCATION / OTHER

The PTA Rockin' at the Rec Dance is tomorrow, January 11, 2019.

January 23, the SCS Hockey Team will be playing at the Q.

Boosters' Night at the Races fund-raiser is February 9th.

The new Athletic Director, Denny Ziegler, has begun his position with SCS.

January 22nd is the Strongsville Historical Society Soup Supper from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Wizards Basketball Team is coming to Strongsville on January 29th.

January 16th is the High School Polaris Day. Their open house is January 17th.

Mr. Micko mentioned student stress during testing and would like the District to consider looking at ways to alleviate some of the stress. He also suggested the Board have a discussion on allowing non-Strongsville School students to participate in curricular programs prior to it going to the Policy Committee. It will be added to a future agenda for discussion. The Policy meeting scheduled for January 16th will be cancelled.

The Girls' Swim Team won the GCC Contest and the Boys' Team came in third place.

MEETING NOTIFICATION

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, **January 24, 2019**, 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19-01-32 Moved by Col. Evans to enter into Executive Session to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; and to consider matters required to be kept confidential by Federal Law or regulations or State statute, 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

Entered into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Resumed public session at 8:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

19-01-33 Moved by Col. Evans to adjourn the Strongsville Board of Education Regular Meeting, 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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Carl W. Naso, President

George K. Anagnostou, Treasurer