

**STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 1, 2018  
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 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2018, 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, Mrs. Ludwig, Mr. Micko, and Mr. Naso. Mr. Grozan was not in attendance.

Others present were: Mr. 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. George Applebee and Mr. Tom Dzurko spoke in favor of Issue 8 and urged Strongsville citizens to support the District's school levy. It's not only an investment in our students but also an investment in our home values. The best school districts have higher home values. Both gentlemen thanked the Board and Administration for all they do to make Strongsville a premier district.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. DISCUSSION ITEM**

1. Impact of Increased Math/ELA Instructional Time at Strongsville Middle School

Discussion was had last year in regards to needing more instructional time for Math and ELA especially at the sixth grade level. Working internally, the instructional time for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math and ELA was increased from 39 minutes a day to 84 minutes a day. Mr. Ryba introduced four of the sixteen, 6<sup>th</sup> grade middle school Math and ELA teachers, to share what an 84 minute block of instructional time entails and the positive impact it has had on the students. Kathryn Turek, Ginette Quien, Jamie Hrabnicky, and Holli Ruman in turn shared a Power Point presentation on classroom rules, problem solving, daily schedules and agendas, goals, and student successes.

Thank you to all these teachers for a phenomenal job in taking an idea/structure and bringing it to life.

Significant improvement is already being realized with a 12% to 13% increase in one school year. Sixth grade has made tremendous gains and should continue to do so.

Discussion was had; questions asked and answered.

When asked what the Board could do to help, the response was to get more Chromebooks–1:1 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION / OTHER**

Col. Evans shared some upcoming PTA events:

November 9 – Rockin’ at the Rec dance, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

November 20 – DARE Ice Skating party, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

November 29 – *Don’t be a Victim* Workshop, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Rec. Center

December 14 – Semi-formal Rockin’ at SMS for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Veteran’s Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. Strongsville has some very active Veteran organizations who are very helpful to the community. They donate for many activities across the City including the Christmas light display. Please take a moment to thank a veteran.

Friday, Strongsville’s football team travels to Mentor and the girls’ soccer team plays in the regional finals on Saturday.

Remember to vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**18-11-01** 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. Micko, yes; Mr. Naso, yes.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Carl W. Naso, President

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George K. Anagnostou, Treasurer