

**STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
APRIL 30, 2018  
SPECIAL MEETING – WORK SESSION  
STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION/STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
JOINT MEETING**

The Special Meeting of the Strongsville Board of Education together with the Strongsville City Council Joint Meeting-Work Session and any other items germane to the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2018, at the **Strongsville Middle School Auditorium, 13200 Pearl Road, 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.

The following Members of City Council answered Roll Call: James E. Carbone, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, Matthew A. Schonhut, Gordon C. Short, Mayor Perciak and Mr. Neal Jamison, Law Director.

Others present were: Mr. Cameron Ryba, Superintendent; Mr. George Anagnostou, Treasurer; and Ms. Jenni Pelko, Assistant Superintendent.

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

Council Member, Mr. DeMio, stated this is a historic meeting as the City and School Board have not held a joint meeting in all the years he has been a part of the City of Strongsville. He stated the City Council wanted to reach out to the School Board and hopes this meeting is the first in a new track for the two entities in Strongsville.

Mr. Naso welcomed the City Council, Mayor Perciak, and Law Director, Mr. Jamison. The City and School District share a common cause in continuing to maintain the high quality in both the city and the schools that the citizens of Strongsville are accustomed to. Both the City and District have the same goal – to make a better Strongsville. The School District has three goals which are stated at every Board Meeting; Student Achievement and Growth, Financial Prudence, and Community Engagement.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Student Safety**

Mr. Naso thanked the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the City Council for helping the District with their safety plan. Mr. Ryba shared the changes that will be implemented to increase safety within the District. Mr. Ryba thanked the Mayor and Police Chief for providing a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Middle School. An SRO was already in place at the High School. Chief Fender and Mr. Ryba have worked together to place off-duty city officers at each of the elementary and pre-school buildings. They will have designated times where they will be stationed at those buildings.

Another area of security the District is working on is looking at how families, students, and visitors enter and exit the buildings and making sure entrances are secure and that the protocols used to screen visitors as they come in are significant. Along with the Raptor system already in place that screens and keeps a database of all the visitors to the District, secure vestibules will be constructed this summer in the buildings that don't already have one.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS** (continued)

### **A. Student Safety** (continued)

The District, in conjunction with the Police Department, offers comprehensive safety training for the staff. Mr. Ryba shared details.

During March and April, Mr. Ryba personally visited every building and department in the District. He personally met with staff who wanted to share security concerns and suggestions. The feedback was compiled and a team was established who are developing security checklists for each building. Based on criteria and feedback the lists will be audited monthly by building staff to not only make sure we have good procedure and policy in place but to make sure they are being adhered to on a daily basis.

Discussion was had between the City Council panel and School District panel.

### **B. Facilities and Property**

Mr. Grozan shared details of the District's Facilities Development Committee; member make-up of the committee, how and why it was formed, and the development of a 30-year plan. Mr. Ryba reviewed enrollment projections. In August, 2021, the District will take a realistic look at possibly redistricting elementary boundaries. Mr. Ryba explained the reasons for waiting until 2021 to make boundary adjustments. Mr. Grozan shared a snapshot of plans for the District's buildings, focusing on the elementary buildings. Kinsner Elementary was built in 1997, but the other buildings are between 40 and 60 years old. While they are in good condition now, they may not be in 10 years. It may be more cost-efficient to replace Chapman, Surrarrer and Whitney while doing some renovations to the front half of Muraski along with some work at the board office. Funding for construction would likely come from a bond issue. To save money on design costs, the District could choose to build the exact same structure on each property. The Facilities Development Committee's 30-year plan sees five neighborhood, K through grade 5, elementary schools; one in each quadrant of the city and Muraski centrally located. In regards to the Early Learning Preschool, additional classes will be added and held at Chapman Elementary School. The full day kindergarten program was discussed.

Questions were answered and discussion was had regarding both the City's and School District's intention regarding sale of property and the financial impact of the new charter school.

*Mr. Short had to excuse himself at 8:00 p.m.*

### **C. Financial Outlook**

Mr. Anagnostou shared a brief update on the District's current financial outlook. He shared a few slides from the District's Five-Year Forecast. Mr. Anagnostou shared revenue generating ideas along with the District's cost saving efforts – past, present, and future. It is likely the District may place an additional levy on the November, 2018, ballot in order to avoid deficit spending. The District has lost \$9 million in funding over the last five years, due to State funding cuts. The last time a new operating levy was passed was in 2007; this does not include the bond issue passed to build the middle school and renovate the high school. Discussion will be had regarding a levy at the May 3, 2018 BOE meeting and then if decided to proceed, the first resolution would be presented at the June 7, 2018 BOE meeting. Mr. Ryba, with the Board's and City Council's blessings, offered to attend the City Council meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> to share the District's recommendation and details of the District's financial status.

### **D. Continued Operational Coordination between Strongsville Schools and Strongsville City Council**

Mayor Perciak shared his thoughts and comments. Discussion was had regarding retail and private business. Strongsville City Schools and Strongsville City Council and Mayor Perciak will continue to communicate. Mr. DeMio proposed to close Council.

## ADJOURNMENT

**18-04-39** Moved by Col. Evans to adjourn the Strongsville Board of Education Regular Session, seconded by Mr. Grozan and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

**18-04-40** Moved by Mr. Daymut to conclude Council, seconded by Mr. Carbone and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Daymut, yes; Mr. Carbone, yes; Mr. DeMio, yes;  
Ms. Kosek, yes; Ms. Roff, yes; Mr. Schonhut, yes.  
Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Short left the meeting at 8:00 and so was not called.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Carl W. Naso, President

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George K. Anagnostou, Treasurer