

**STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

The Special Meeting 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 Monday, September 19, 2016, 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 Duke Evans, Mr. George Grozan, Ms. Jane Ludwig, Mr. Richard Micko, and Mr. Carl Naso.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Grozan shared a factual power point presentation regarding the Drake Elementary School property. The property is divided into three parcels. Parcels 2 and 3, which house the building and the driveway and measures 7.7 acres, are zoned public use. Parcel 1, which is 3 acres, is zoned residential. To demolish the building would cost the District \$291,000. The highest bid received at auction was \$200,000.

Three options were reviewed. The District can accept the bid. The District can reject the bid and go to public sale. The District can reject the bid and demolish the building.

Mr. Naso explained that usually at a Special Board of Education Meeting Public Comment is not included on the agenda. Mr. Naso added Public Comment to this evening's agenda. Four people asked to speak.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (added to agenda)

Ms. Sara Marxen asked what the high bidder's intent is for the property. She then stated it was believed all three parcels were zoned Public Use and it is very concerning to find out one parcel is zoned residential.

Ms. Colleen Henke asked the Board why Drake Elementary was chosen to be sold. She shared her concerns about flooding issues.

Mr. Dale Henke asked if it was guaranteed the bidder would use the property for an assisted living facility. He also expressed concerns over flooding.

Mr. James Morison expressed his concerns about the homes in the neighborhood flooding with new construction.

The Board and Administration responded to the comments and questions.

It was stated business would be conducted upon return from Executive Session.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**16-09-40** Moved by Col. Evans to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the sale of property at competitive bid, 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 7:50 p.m.

Resumed public session at 8:28 p.m.

## **DRAKE AUCTION RESOLUTION**

**16-09-41** Moved by Col. Evans that the Strongsville Board of Education accepts the high bid received at the auction conducted on September 15<sup>th</sup> for Dexter F. Drake Elementary School, 20566 Albion Road, 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

Mr. Naso stated, "One of our stated District goals is financial prudence, which guides our decision-making as a Board. Our fiduciary responsibility was to weigh the facts and consider the reward, as well as the risk in making this decision for the Drake Elementary property. This decision was made with much discussion and consideration, including our respect and acknowledgement of the impact this sale has for those in the immediate vicinity and neighborhood of this building and property. We are confident that the buyer's intended use of the property will benefit our community, and as a District, we are also gaining \$491,000 in revenue which will further assist in future improvement projects for our existing facilities".

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**16-09-42** Moved by Col. Evans to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Strongsville Board of Education, 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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Carl W. Naso, President

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George K. Anagnostou, Treasurer