

**STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 6, 2021
REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular 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 Thursday, May 6, 2021, at the **Administration Building, Meeting Room, 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio**, by President, Richard O. Micko.

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: Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, Mrs. Housum, Mr. Micko, and Mr. Roberts.

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

DISTRICT GOALS

Student Achievement is the District's number one goal and is balanced against Financial Prudence. Helping with both goals is Community Engagement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. JoAnn Hudec, addressed the Board regarding her special education student and issues with transportation. She is concerned with the training of bus aides and asked that this be addressed. She has also requested video from her student's bus ride and has been unsuccessful in obtaining it. Mr. Micko asked Mr. Breckner to see that Ms. Hudec receives a copy of the video by tomorrow.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Bids for Depository Contracts

21-05-01 Moved by Mr. Roberts that a Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to use Cortland Bank, Dollar Bank, Huntington Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank, and US Bank for depository contracts for active and interim deposits be approved, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes;
Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mr. Micko, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

(Exhibit A)

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

B. Investment Management Services

21-05-02 Moved by Mr. Roberts that a Resolution authorizing the continued investment of interim moneys through Meeder Investment Management, Inc. and authorizing the execution of related agreements for such purpose, and ratifying and confirming prior actions be approved. The Board previously authorized investment of interim funds through Meeder on June 30, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes;
Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mr. Micko, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

(Exhibit B)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. SUPERINTENDENT

1. Discussion Item – Extracurricular Study

Dr. Ryba shared an update on the status of the exploration for extracurriculars at the elementary level, coaching levels for middle school and high school, and non-athletic extracurricular opportunities for middle school and high school levels. With results from this evening's discussion, Dr. Ryba will come back with a recommendation at the May 20th Board meeting.

The vision for extracurriculars for both elementary and secondary levels is to provide expanded opportunities for students to explore their interests, try something new, build connections with others, and develop their Model Mustang skills.

At one time, each elementary school had five extracurricular options. Currently, they each have Student Council. It was decided to add two additional options making three options at each elementary school. Dr. Ryba shared what each elementary school has proposed. The annual cost increase for next school year to provide ten additional elementary supplemental contracts would be \$27,972. Dr. Ryba shared next steps and answered questions. The goal is to be ready to implement these options at the start of the 2021-22 school year.

A study was done on athletic supplementals at both the middle school (SMS) and high school (SHS). The overarching vision is to define athletic opportunities and coaching levels that are needed for each SMS and SHS athletic team that is commensurate with athletic league standards and gives the District the opportunity to develop a premier athletics program. Recommendations and feedback was shared. The middle school is requesting one additional coach. The increase would be a little over \$6,000 for the school year. In terms of the high school, they are asking for six to seven additional coaches. Cost for the additional coaches would be between \$32,455 and \$38,890. There is also a recommendation to start a bowling club which is an OHSAA recognized sport. Initially there would be no cost to the District. Cost would be added if after a few years it becomes a recognized school sport. Dr. Ryba answered questions.

Many secondary extracurriculars are currently offered. Research was done. SMS and SHS would like to see a total of seven additional clubs; three at SMS and four at SHS. Dr. Ryba shared the proposal and ideas with the Board. He shared the cost would be an additional \$3,638 per supplemental contract for next school year. Dr. Ryba shared next steps and answered questions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

A. SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

2. Discussion Item – Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Breckner shared information with the Board on two options for improving air quality in the buildings. The discussion was based on whether the Board is comfortable with the air quality as it stands now or if they want to enhance or improve it. The air quality tests that have been done have come back with acceptable levels. If comfortable with the level of filtration and air quality, then the decision pathway is to stay the course. If improvement is needed, the two options available are Merv-13 filters or Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization. Guidance from the Board is to stay the course until or if it is mandated that improvements are needed or when new schools are built. Mr. Breckner fielded questions.

3. Discussion Item – Behavior

Dr. Ryba added a discussion item not currently on the agenda. He shared an update on work being done at the middle school addressing unacceptable behavior from some students, specifically related to hate based comments and speech. Dr. Ryba shared details. The Middle School Administration has done a wonderful job of addressing these issues both proactively and reactively. Plans are being made on how to address the issue for the last weeks of school as well as moving forward to next school year. Mrs. Boytim, Principal, shared a communication with all parents, had a staff meeting, and then met with all the students to share clear expectations for behavior and what is expected of a school community. This is an ongoing focus at the Middle School. Feedback from students and staff has been positive. Dr. Ryba will keep the Board updated as we continue to work through this.

B. CURRICULUM

*1. Summer School Dates for 2020-2021

Resolution 21-05-03

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that elementary and secondary summer school for the school year of 2020-2021 be approved for the following dates:

Elementary Summer School

June 7 - July 1, 2021 Monday-Thursday

Secondary Summer School

June 7 - July 1, 2021 Monday-Thursday

Mrs. Pelko shared information on the summer school programs.

*2. Second Step Programs (001-General Fund)

Resolution 21-05-04

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that Strongsville City School District pays to purchase five-year licenses to Second Step Programs to promote social-emotional development of students in grades K-8 at a cost of \$37,665.00. General Fund will be reimbursed with ESSER funds when available.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

C. STUDENT SERVICES

1. Settlement Resolution (001-General Fund)

21-05-05 Moved by Mr. Roberts to approve the Settlement Agreement as found in Exhibit C, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes;
Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mr. Micko, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

(Exhibit C)

2. Settlement Resolution (001-General Fund)

21-05-06 Moved by Mr. Roberts to approve the Settlement Agreement as found in Exhibit D, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes;
Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mr. Micko, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

(Exhibit D)

D. HUMAN RESOURCES

*1. Resignation – Certificated (001-General Fund)

Resolution 21-05-07

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following certificated resignation be accepted:

Nicholas Maier, School Psychologist, assigned to Kinsner and Whitney Elementary Schools. Effective June 30, 2021.

*2. Retirement – Leadership (001-General Fund)

Resolution 21-05-08

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following leadership retirement be accepted:

Lorinda Greenland, Executive Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Department. Effective July 31, 2021.

*3. Unpaid Leave – Certificated

Resolution 21-05-09

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following certificated unpaid leave be approved:

Vincent Isaac

2021-2022 School Year

CONSENT CALENDAR

21-05-10 Moved by Mr. Roberts to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes;
Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mr. Micko, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

BOARD OF EDUCATION / OTHER

No additional items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21-05-11 Moved by Mr. Roberts to enter into Executive Session to consider the employment, dismissal, or discipline of a public employee, to consider the investigation of complaints against students, and to confer with an attorney for the Board of Education concerning disputes involving the Board that are subject to court action, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes;
Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mr. Micko, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

Entered into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Resumed public session at 11:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

21-05-12 Moved by Mr. Roberts to adjourn the Strongsville Board of Education Regular Work Session, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes;
Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mr. Micko, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Richard O. Micko, President

George K. Anagnostou, Treasurer

The Board of Education of the Strongsville City School District met in regular session on May 6, 2021, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Office at 18199 Cook Avenue, with the following members present:

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 DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES OF
PUBLIC MONEYS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with a resolution, adopted by this Board on March 18, 2021, and Chapter 135 of the Revised Code, applications have been sought from banks, savings associations, savings and loan associations and savings banks having an office in the School District and certain other eligible institutions to serve as depositories of the public moneys of this School District during the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, eligible institutions have indicated to the Treasurer their interest in serving as depositories of the public moneys of this School District; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary that action be taken to designate depositories of the public moneys of the School District for that period as in this resolution provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Strongsville City School District, Counties of Cuyahoga and Lorain, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The applications to serve as depositories of the active moneys of this School District which have been received from the financial institutions identified below, all of which are hereby determined to be eligible institutions for the deposit of such moneys, are hereby found to be in conformity with law, including Chapter 135 of the Revised Code, and those financial institutions are hereby designated as public depositories of the active moneys under the control of this Board for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026; provided, however, that none of such institutions shall be permitted to receive and have on deposit at any one time an amount of active deposits of moneys of this School District greater than the maximum amount, if any, specified in its application for the same. On the basis of the operating needs of this School District, the first \$25,000 of the active moneys subject to the control of this Board shall, in accordance with Section

135.04 of the Revised Code, be deposited in U.S. Bank, Cleveland, Ohio and the active moneys of this School District in excess of such \$25,000 shall be deposited in the following institutions in the following maximum amounts:

<u>Depositories of Active Moneys</u>	<u>Maximum Amount</u>
U.S. Bank	All Eligible Deposits
Cortland Bank	\$15,000,000
Dollar Bank	\$30,000,000
Huntington Bank	\$30,000,000
JP Morgan Chase Bank	All Eligible Deposits

Section 2. The applications to serve as depositories of the interim moneys of this School District which have been received from the financial institutions identified below, all of which are hereby determined to be eligible institutions for such deposit of such moneys, are hereby found to be in conformity with law, including Chapter 135 of the Revised Code, and those financial institutions are hereby designated as public depositories of the interim moneys under the control of this Board in the following maximum amounts for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026:

<u>Depositories of Interim Moneys</u>	<u>Maximum Amount</u>
U.S. Bank	All Eligible Deposits
Cortland Bank	\$15,000,000
Dollar Bank	\$30,000,000
Huntington Bank	\$30,000,000
JP Morgan Chase Bank	All Eligible Deposits

The Treasurer is authorized to determine from time to time the amount of funds available for investment or deposit as interim moneys, to select the date or dates for investment or deposit of such interim moneys, and to select the classifications of obligations for the investment or deposit of such moneys as provided in Section 135.14 of the Revised Code; provided that if such moneys are determined to be deposited as interim deposits (evidenced by a certificate of deposit) in accordance with Division (B)(3) of Section 135.14 of the Revised Code, the same shall be deposited with the financial institution specified above which offered to pay the highest permissible interest rate with respect to like time certificates of deposit or in case two or more such institutions offered to pay the same highest permissible interest rate, as nearly as practicable among such institutions on an equal basis, taking into account, however, the amount of moneys from time to time to be deposited, the amount required to be deposited to obtain the highest permissible interest rate, and maturity dates and rights of redemption with respect to the respective deposits, and any applicable provisions of Chapter 135 of the Revised Code; and provided further that the Treasurer shall within thirty days after classifying any public moneys as interim moneys notify this Board of such classification and of the investments or deposits made pursuant to this section.

Section 3. The award of public moneys herein made is subject to (i) the provisions of Chapter 135 of the Revised Code, including the limitations imposed by, and the variations permitted by, Sections 135.03, 135.12 and 135.20 thereof; (ii) the School District's investment policy, and (iii) the execution by the respective designated depositories of forms of memoranda of understanding for active and interim funds and collateral security agreements in forms satisfactory to the School District. Subject to the those provisions, policies and requirements, deposits of moneys shall be made pursuant to this resolution from time to time in accordance with the financial requirements of this Board.

Section 4. The Treasurer is hereby directed to keep all such applications on file in the Treasurer's office.

Section 5. The Treasurer is hereby directed to forward to the financial institutions herein designated as public depositories of this School District certified copies of this resolution and the School District's current investment policy, and the President and Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of this Board and the School District such memorandum agreements relating to the designation of such institutions as public depositories and the securing of deposits therein as are required, authorized or permitted by law.

Section 6. A copy of this resolution is hereby certified to the Treasurer of the Board in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 135.12(B).

Section 7. As stated herein, the five-year depository designation period is from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026, during which period active and interim moneys of this School District shall be deposited in a bank or banks or a savings association or associations or a savings and loan association or associations or a savings bank or banks offering, with such institution or institutions offering the highest rate of interest per year on interim deposits of such funds being designated as the depository or depositories of such funds, subject to Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code; any provision to the contrary in any prior related proceedings is hereby amended to reflect same and all actions taken in conformance herewith are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 8. 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 that 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.

_____ seconded the motion.

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

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

The above is a true and correct extract from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Strongsville City School District, Ohio, held on May 6, 2021, showing the adoption of the resolution hereinabove set forth. The time, date and place of this regular meeting (as shown above) were established at the Board's organizational session held in January 2021.

Treasurer, Board of Education
Strongsville City School District, Ohio

Dated: May 6, 2021

The Board of Education of Strongsville City School District, Ohio, met in regular session on May 6, 2021, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Office at 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio, with the following members present:

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 AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED INVESTMENT OF INTERIM MONEYS THROUGH MEEDER INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED AGREEMENTS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING PRIOR ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 135, this Board may invest interim moneys of the School District in eligible securities; and

WHEREAS, Meeder Investment Management, Inc. ("Meeder") provides investment management services to entities and organizations, including school districts and other public entities in the State; and

WHEREAS, this Board has previously authorized investment the interim funds of the School District through Meeder by resolution adopted on June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this Board now desires to authorize the continued investment of interim moneys of the School District through Meeder, as an investment manager, and to authorize and ratify the execution of related agreements with Meeder for such purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Strongsville City School District, Counties of Cuyahoga and Lorain, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Authorization of Investment Management Services. The continued investment of interim moneys of the School District through Meeder Investment Management, Inc. ("Meeder"), as an eligible investment manager registered with the Security and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 135.14(N) of the Revised Code, is hereby authorized.

Section 2. Investment of School District Money. All moneys of the School District invested by Meeder pursuant to the authority of this Board shall be invested at all times pursuant to and in compliance with Chapter 135 of the Revised Code, including Section 135.14 thereof,

and the School District's Investment Policy adopted by this Board (as may be amended from time to time), which shall be provided to and signed by Meeder thereby acknowledging its receipt of the Investment Policy and its comprehension of the provisions thereof.

Section 3. Approval of Related Agreements. The President, Vice President and the Treasurer of the Board are hereby authorized to sign, acknowledge and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the School District, contracts between this Board and Meeder for the purpose of investment of interim moneys, as set forth in Section 1 above, including but not limited to the Discretionary Investment Management Agreement ("Agreement"), and contracts between this Board and U.S. Bank National Association for custody of related investment accounts, all in substantially the form as are on file with the Treasurer. Such agreements shall be in a form permitted by law and as approved by those officials, provide that such agreements shall not be materially inconsistent with this Resolution and not be substantially adverse to the School District. The approval of any such agreement and any changes thereto, and that any such agreement is not materially inconsistent with this Resolution and not substantially adverse to the School District, shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of said agreements by those officials.

Section 4. Approval of Related Matters. The President and Treasurer of this Board, the Superintendent or other School District officials as shall be designated by those officials, as appropriate, are each further authorized and directed to provide such relevant information and sign any documents and instruments, and to take such other actions as are desirable, advisable, necessary or appropriate, to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution and the Agreement.

Section 5. Prior Acts Ratified and Confirmed. Any actions previously taken by School District officials or agents of this Board in furtherance of the matters set forth in this Resolution are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. 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 that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

_____ seconded the motion.

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

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Dated: May 6, 2021

Treasurer, Board of Education
Strongsville City School District, Ohio

RESOLUTION

The Board of Education of the Strongsville City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, met in Regular Work Session on May 6, 2021, with the following members present:

Michelle Bissell

Sherry Buckner-Sallee

Richard O. Micko

Seth Roberts

Laura Wolfe-Housum

_____ moved and _____ seconded the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised on behalf of a student under federal and state laws governing the provision of a free and appropriate education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes it is in the best interest of the Strongsville City School District to enter into an expeditious and reasonable resolution of that dispute.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Strongsville City School District that the Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer, directly or through their designee(s), to take any action necessary to effectuate this Resolution and the terms surrounding the resolution of the concerns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Education in compliance with the law.

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

<u>Mrs. Bissell</u>	_____	<u>Mrs. Buckner-Sallee</u>	_____
<u>Mr. Micko</u>	_____	<u>Mr. Roberts</u>	_____
		<u>Mrs. Wolfe-Housum</u>	_____

The foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the May 6, 2021 of the Board of Education of the Strongsville City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio showing the adoption of the Resolution set forth above.

George Anagnostou, Treasurer

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<u>Mrs. Bissell</u>	_____	<u>Mrs. Buckner-Sallee</u>	_____
<u>Mr. Micko</u>	_____	<u>Mr. Roberts</u>	_____
		<u>Mrs. Wolfe-Housum</u>	_____

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