

**STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JUNE 18, 2020  
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 Thursday, June 18, 2020, at the **Administration Building, Meeting Room, 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio**, by President, Richard O. Micko via BoxCast, a livestream online broadcast.

The direct link is <https://www.strongnet.org/Page/12692> or can be viewed from the Strongsville City Schools Channel on the BoxCast app available on Apple TV, Roku, Amazon fire TV/Stick.

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. Housum, Mr. Micko, and Mr. Roberts.

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**20-06-16** Moved by Mrs. Housum to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a Board of Education Member, seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Housum, yes; Mr. Roberts, yes;  
Mrs. Bissell, yes; Mr. Micko, yes.  
Motion carried 4-0

Entered into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

Resumed public session at 7:40 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

**A. Resolution to Fill Board of Education Vacancy (RC 3313.11)**

**20-06-17** Moved by Mr. Roberts to approve the following resolution:

Whereas a vacancy has been caused on the board of education by reason of resignation; and

Whereas this board of education has the legal authority to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term thereof;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by a majority vote of all the remaining members of the board of education of the Strongsville City School District that Sherry Buckner-Sallee be and hereby is, appointed to serve as

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY** (continued)

### **A. Resolution to Fill Board of Education Vacancy (RC 3313.11)** (continued)

a member of the board of education of this school district for the unexpired term of June 18, 2020, ending on December 31, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes;  
Mrs. Bissell, yes; Mr. Micko, yes.  
Motion carried 4-0

Twelve candidates applied for the position and all twelve were qualified. The Board chose the person they believe is best for this Board and this school district at this time. Welcome to Sherry Buckner-Sallee who will share her insight as a business owner, as a CPA, and as an adjunct professor at a University.

### **B. New Board of Education Member Oath of Office**

Mr. Anagnostou administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Sherry Buckner-Sallee.

Mrs. Buckner-Sallee took her place at the table and thanked the Board for the appointment.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. SUPERINTENDENT**

#### **1. Discussion Item – Planning for the 2020-2021 School Year**

Dr. Ryba shared an update on the planning for the 2020/2021 school year. Dr. Ryba explained that plans are being made for three completely different environments: In Person and In Building Learning; Blended Learning; and Completely Remote Learning. Dr. Ryba shared what each scenario could potentially look like and some of the challenges to overcome. The District's goal is the preferred environment of In Person and In Building Learning. With the restrictions in place, the District has to select a scenario that meets the best interests of the majority. The structure used to make these decisions allows for parental feedback and community feedback which means the process may take longer to complete. Decisions will be shared as they are made. The Work Group updates and discussion topics can be found on the District's website – [www.strongnet.org](http://www.strongnet.org). Next, Dr. Ryba shared that the Ohio Department of Health has shared a draft list of Health and Safety Requirements. The two big items are wearing face coverings at all times and maintaining six feet of social distancing. There are rumors that these restrictions may be lessened. Within the next ten days, the Governor should release the finalized Health and Safety Requirements which will be a major decision point as to what school will look like next year.

Dr. Ryba shared information on each scenario and discussed the following questions:

#### **In Person/In Building Learning**

- What will be the social distancing requirement? Will it look the same as school in prior years?
- What about renting office space or other available space in the city?
- Will there be any prioritization given to certain grade-levels and/or students?

#### **Blended Learning**

- Not all students will go to school every day because of the social distancing requirement.
- Still working on options.
- Student schedule will be shared on Tuesday with Dr. Ryba's Community Conversation.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** (continued)

**A. SUPERINTENDENT** (continued)

1. Discussion Item – Planning for the 2020-2021 School Year (continued)

Remote Learning

- Current focus of work groups as a component of a blended or completely remote environment.

Strongsville Online Learning Option (SOLO)

- Plan being finalized for K-12.
- Interest survey (no commitment) will be sent to parents on Tuesday.
- Commitment would be a full semester.

Miscellaneous Items

- Recommended adjustments to the 2020/21 district calendar will be shared on Tuesday.
- Potential costs for staffing, technology, furniture, etc.
  - Possible one extra teacher at Whitney; additional custodial staff for disinfecting
  - Additional furniture to allow for social distancing

Some of the costs will be covered by funding from the CARES Act Funding. The District will receive approximately \$372,000.

Dr. Ryba stated, “In all these decisions, we have competing interests and ultimately, we need to decide which interest provides the greatest benefit to the greatest number of students”.

As decisions are made for the planning of next school year, they will be shared with the community. Dr. Ryba will hold “Community Conversations” beginning with Tuesday, June 23 and then every other Tuesday through August 18<sup>th</sup> (6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18). All of the meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m. Links to each Community Conversation will be emailed prior to the meeting. The meetings may vary with some having Dr. Ryba talking and may not be interactive, some may have others talking besides Dr. Ryba, and some may be interactive.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**20-06-18** Moved by Mr. Roberts to enter into Executive Session to consider matters to be kept confidential by law, seconded by Mrs. Buckner-Sallee and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Entered into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Resumed public session at 8:59 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**20-06-19** Moved by Mrs. Bissell to adjourn the Strongsville Board of Education Special Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Buckner-Sallee and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Richard O. Micko, President

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George K. Anagnostou, Treasurer