

Northeastern High School

September 28, 2016

A. AGENDA

- A1 Northeastern Local Board of Education met in Special session on Wednesday, September 28th, 2016, at Northeastern High School, Room 36. Christopher James, President, called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.
- A2 Roll Call: Mr. Christopher James, Present
 Mr. Jeff Caivano, Present
 Mr. Joel Augustus, Present
 Mrs. Jill Parker, Present
 Mr. Steve Schwitzgable Present

Others present were John P. Kronour, PhD, Superintendent; Denise Robinson, Treasurer; Shawn Blazer, Assistant Superintendent; Steve Linson, Director of Pupil Personnel; John Schmid, Director of Technology; Ally Thurman, Principal of Northeastern High School; John Hill, Principal of Kenton Ridge High School; Rob Shaffer, Principal of Northridge Elementary School; Denise Jones, Principal of South Vienna Elementary School; Scott Blackburn, Principal of Rolling Hills Elementary School; Gary Miller, Principal of Northridge Middle School; Todd Justice, Principal of South Vienna Middle School; Vinnie Spirko, Assistant Principal Northeastern High School; Rob Linkhart, Assistant Principal Kenton Ridge High School; Belinda Banks, Educational Supervisor; Kris Spriggs, Athletic Director of Kenton Ridge High School; Tim Nijak, Senior Accountant; and one visitor.

- A3 The pledge of allegiance was led by President, Christopher James.

At this time, Dr. Kronour asked each of the administrators to update the Board on current activities in their respective buildings or departments.

Mr. Justice said that South Vienna Middle School is off to a great start and that they are planning a spring trip with Northridge Middle School this year.

Mr. Linson said that he recently met with all the district's intervention specialist and they have started on the Individual Education Plans for the district special needs students. He has also been working on the building safety drills.

Mr. Blackburn said that Rolling Hills Elementary is also off to a great start. He said that they have been working school-wide on celebrating differences.

Mr. Shaffer said that his staff is working on improving testing scores using various data driven tools.

Mrs. Thurman said that her, Mr. Hill, and their staffs have been working closely to align each other's curriculum and share resources and ideas to better serve our high schools. She said they have added extended response questions to all tests to help bolster the schools English Language Arts.

Mr. Spirko updated the Board on Edmentum (Virtual Technology curriculum).

Mr. Miller is also focusing on data driven analysis and is utilizing technology as much as he possibly can to support the curriculum. He said that each of his teachers now have fifteen chromebooks each to help support the district's initiatives.

Mrs. Banks said that she formed a science curriculum committee of seventeen teachers. She is excited about the district professional development day on October 17th. She created a menu of different training that staff can participate in.

Mrs. Jones said that she is currently working on her Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) plans to align with the district's goals. They are also using data driven tools to bolster their curriculum.

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Mr. Hill reiterated that Kenton Ridge High School and Northeastern High School have been collaborating between several departments. He feels this collaboration will improve both of the high schools and better serve our students. He talked about the College Credit Plus program participation and update the Board on Leo Club activities.

Mr. Blazer updated the Board on the new carpeting and layout of the Board of Education office. He said he has been working on new teacher training and looking at student intervention programs. He has also been helping the buildings to implement the new English Language Arts curriculum.

Mr. Linkhart has been involved in several Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) informational meetings.

Mr. Spriggs said Kenton Ridge has made several improvements to their athletic facilities. He said that he helped to secure an athletic trainer for all the middle school athletic events. He updated the Board on the progress of the fall sport programs.

Mr. Schmid is excited about the new on-line forms and is looking forward to next year when kindergarten registration will be able to be complete on-line as well. He is still working with each of the schools to upgrade their technology with the hope of each student having an electronic device.

Mrs. Robinson talked about the implementation of Arbitrator Pay (service used to pay game day officials). She said that things are going well and thanked the maintenance department for all their hard work in painting and rearranging the Board of Education office.

Dr. Kronour said that Mrs. Robinson recently put earned income tax and permanent improvement fund information on the district's website and he encourage the Board to review them. He said that he recently purchased t-shirts for all district personnel including the Board of Education. He thanked the administrators for the smooth start to the school year.

B. REVIEW DISTRICT GOALS FOR THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The District draft goals are:

1. Improve student achievement across the district.
 - a. Increase our indicators met on the State Report Card from 10 to 15.
 - b. Increase our Performance Index Score from 83 to 90.
 - c. Maintain current grade or improve in all other areas of the State Report Card.
2. Engage the community in a facilities planning project.
 - a. Hold stakeholder meetings to develop a master facility plan.
 - b. Survey the community on the validity of the master facility plan.
 - c. Plan for the implementation of the master facility plan with the Ohio Schools Facility Commission.
3. Continue our communications plan, focusing on engaging stakeholders.
 - a. Continue to share information as we have in the past with our stakeholders – Newsletters, Twitter, Facebook, website.
 - b. Engage in ongoing two-way communication.
 - c. Survey our community to see how effective our communications efforts have succeeded.

Dr. Kronour asked for discussion on the district goals or on any of the administrator updates.

Mr. Caivano complimented Mrs. Banks for her “menu of classes” for the upcoming district professional development day and complimented Mrs. Thurman and Mr. Hill on collaborating between the two high school staffs.

Dr. Kronour said that Mrs. Thurman and Mr. Hill were trying to achieve district goal number one.

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Mr. Spirko said that they were also working on vertical curriculums – for example, an 8th grade science teacher collaborates with the 9th grade science teachers on exactly what skills/knowledge the 8th grade students will need before they reach high school level science courses.

Mr. Schwitzgable asked that “Survey our community” be changed to “Survey our stakeholders” so that we know that we have the goal of surveying our staff also.

Mr. Caivano asked about what the administrators have hear from the community concerning building new facilities.

Mrs. Thurman said that she has mostly gotten positive feedback from community members.

Mr. Linkhart and Mr. Miller also said that they have had mostly positive feedback.

Mr. Shaffer said that good communication to the district residents is very crucial for when the time comes that the Board of Education decides to discuss finalizing facility plans.

C. DISCUSSION REGARDING PLANS FOR NEW FACILITIES

Dr. Kronour said that community involvement is critical to planning for and passing a new levy for facilities. He said that he has been working very closely with Megan Anthony, the district’s Public Relations Specialist (shared service through the Clark County ESC), to come up with a communications plan.

Mr. Augustus thought we should consider taking our facility’s plan to the community (i.e. basketball games).

Dr. Kronour said that his only concern with that idea is we would only get a small portion of our community.

Mr. Caivano reminded the other Board members that November 2017 seems far away, however, he feels they should be raising funds now to finance an effective campaign.

Dr. Kronour feels confident in Dr. Crankshaw and the levy committee in their ability to raise funds.

Mr. James is worried that the Board is not getting enough feedback from the community as to what they will support.

Mr. Schwitzgable said that he thinks our community cares about education but is concerned because many of them do not want to pay additional money to fund it.

Dr. Kronour believes that we will be able to communicate our plan with the community and that it is important that we get our regular supporters to support new facilities also.

Mrs. Parker said that the social media buzz says that the Board of Education is pushing for consolidating the high schools. She said there are currently no plans to consolidate – the Board of Education has not decided on anything yet.

Mr. James said that many community members have asked him questions about new facilities.

Mr. Augustus said that he feels the biggest obstacles facing the Board is that people are worried about the location of new facilities and distance and also if the plan is eventually consolidation, then the decrease in extracurricular opportunities.

Mr. Caivano said he has heard similar comments as Mr. Augustus.

Dr. Kronour reiterated that we should work closely with Mrs. Anthony to devise an appropriate communication plan so these concerns can be addressed by the Board of Education.

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D. ADJOURNMENT

Item 40-2017.

Mr. Caivano moved and Mr. Augustus seconded to adjourn at 8:13 P.M., until the next regular meeting of the Board of Education. Roll Call: Ayes – Caivano, Augustus, Schwitzgable, Parker, James. Nays – None. Motion carried.

President, _____

Treasurer, _____