

Northeastern High School

February 22, 2016

A. AGENDA

- A1 Northeastern Local Board of Education met in Special session on Monday, February 22nd, 2016, at Northeastern High School, Room 36. Christopher James, President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 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; Randy Phares, Director of Operations; Kelly Rebernak, Educational Supervisor; Brad Kayata, Educational Supervisor; 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; Kris Spriggs, Athletic Director of Kenton Ridge High School; Tim Nijak, Senior Accountant; and two visitors.

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

B. REVIEW DISTRICT GOALS

The District approved goals are:

1. Maintain district-wide focus on Student Achievement at every level to preserve Northeastern's tradition of excellence in education.
2. Advocate for consistent and thorough safety and wellness initiatives in each school.
3. Uphold our ongoing commitment to long-term fiscal responsibility by concentrating on fiscal solvency and transparency.
4. Enhance our commitment to open and transparent engagement throughout the community through the development of a comprehensive strategy for communications.
5. Evaluate the state of facilities throughout the district to determine safety, structural and repair needs, and engage the community to determine the best method to address facility needs.

Dr. Kronour led the discussion throughout the meeting. He informed the Board and staff that we would not go in depth on each goal or sub-goal of the District. He said instead, we would focus on what he believes needs to be focused on based upon discussion with the Board and administrators. He also said that 9:00 P.M. is the ending time of the meeting.

Under student achievement, one of the sub-goals is to retain high-performing staff and attract high-quality candidates for hire as positions become available. Mr. Blazer and Mr. Linson briefly explained to the Board how they are addressing this specific goal.

Under student achievement, one of the sub-goals is earn a grade of B or higher on all graded areas on the State of Ohio Report Card. Each building administrator briefly explained to the Board how they are addressing this goal. Professional Development and technology enhancements (specifically, an electronic device for each student) were the main focus of the discussion. Mrs. Jones talked specifically about her and other administrators visiting Chillicothe City School District and how they have increased technology in the classroom to the point where textbooks and workbooks are hardly used.

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Dr. Kronour asked Mr. Linson to update the Board on safety and wellness initiatives in each of the buildings. Mr. Linson talked about where we are in our Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying program. He will continue to report to the Board once a year as required under Board policy. He says we have expanded our communication and planning with local law enforcement to include updating each buildings Crisis Plan on a regular basis. He also said that the updates to camera/security systems will be completed soon.

Dr. Kronour also said that Jean Ark's Wellness Coordinator budget has been approved and things are going well.

Under Fiscal goals, Mrs. Robinson said the district has implemented the Ohio Treasurer of State's on-line checkbook program whereby citizens have easy access to our expenditures. She said that the E-VAS and E-PAS software has been implemented to monitor general checking and payroll expenditures.

Mr. Phares said that the capital plan has been updated and said much of our equipment (food service, transportation, boilers) needs to be replaced and will be costly.

Under communication goals, Dr. Kronour reminded the Board of the hiring of Megan Anthony (through the Clark ESC) to coordinate and communicate the district's messages to the community. He said they recently finished a community survey that will be ready for the public that in part address how the public thinks how effective we are communicating to them.

Mr. Caivano thinks we need to come up with a more comprehensive communication plan to address our needs for possible future levy monies for our facility concerns. There was much discussion on how the district could do this including a YouTube channel, public access channel, and doing additional surveys.

For evaluating the state of facilities throughout the district to determine safety, structural and repair needs, and engage the community to determine the best method to address facility needs, there was much discussion. Dr. Kronour asked the Board for their perspective on consolidation and/or new facilities. He said the recently passed one percent earned income tax is not enough revenue for a long term solution. He said that he can research Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) options.

Mr. Caivano is worried that the competitiveness of the district will suffer if we do not address the facilities. He said that most of the districts in the county have new buildings and it may be hurting us when it comes to open enrollment amongst the districts.

Dr. Kronour asked the Board if maybe we should form a committee of community members to look at OSFC options.

Mr. Phares informed the Board that the facilities have to be addressed because of major repairs need to the roofs and other items as noted in the capital improvement plan.

Mr. Schwitzgable said that he would need more information before he could make a decision.

Mr. James said that he is for two high schools, however, he would consider other options based upon what the community wants.

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C. ADJOURNMENT

Item 121-2016.

Mr. Caivano moved and Mr. Augustus seconded to adjourn at 9:00 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, _____