

ST. CLAIRSVILLE-RICHLAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2020

The meeting convened at 7:00 a.m. at the St. Clairsville-Richland City School District Board of Education Office with President Mike Jacob presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call:	Mike Jacob	- Present
	Mike Fador	- Present
	James Cook	- Present
	Pam Jones	- Absent
	F. William Zanders	- Present

Also present were: Christina Sirbaugh, Justin Sleutz, Luke Nelson, Diane Thompson, Amber Shepherd-Smith, Sharon Harrison, Amy Porter, and Walt Skaggs

Approve Treasurer’s Items

Mr. Zanders moved and Mr. Cook seconded that the Board approve the following Treasurer’s items:

- A. Board minutes for the January 14, 2020 Organizational Meeting and January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting, as presented by the Treasurer.
- B. Financial Reports for January, 2020, including the Financial Report and Appropriation Summary, Annual Spending Plan, and Budget vs Actual Spreadsheet, as presented by the Treasurer, which disclosed the following balances on the FINSUM Report:

General 001	\$1,176,964.85	Student Activities 200	\$ 46,385.27
Bond Retirement 002	0.00	District Managed 300	260,562.20
Permanent Improvement 003	33,911.69	Auxiliary Services 401	40,480.89
Building 004	0.00	Data Communication 451	0.00
Food Service 006	93,167.06	Student Wellness and Success 467	37,175.76
Expendable Trust 007	54,444.93	Miscellaneous State Grant 499	7,487.74
Kara Fador Corrections Scholarship 008	12,500.13	IDEA Part B 516	-43,471.74
Uniform School Supplies 009	4,792.06	Title I 572	-620.04
Principal 018	41,642.27	IDEA Preschool Handicapped 587	0.00
District Agency 022	4,539.69	Improving Teacher Quality 590	0.00
Self Insurance 024	176,643.85	Schoolwide Building Program 598	-333,797.87
Underground Storage Tank 031	11,000.00	Misc. Federal Grant Fund 599	-0.01
		TOTAL	<u>\$1,623,808.73</u>

- C. The list of bills paid in January, 2020, as presented by the Treasurer. A list of bills (CHEKPY report) is on file in the Treasurer’s office.
- D. The following transfers to the Schoolwide Pool Fund (598) for the instructional cost at the St. Clairsville Elementary School:

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From	To	Amount
General Fund 001	Schoolwide Pool Fund 598-9020	\$309,022.09
Title I Fund 572-9020	Schoolwide Pool Fund 598-9020	\$18,502.64
Title II-A Fund 590-9020	Schoolwide Pool Fund 598-9020	\$3,430.99
Title IV-A Fund 599-9020	Schoolwide Pool Fund 598-9020	\$1,561.93

E. The following donations made during January, 2020:

<u>Name</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Susan & Paige Hess	In Memory of Dorothy Blatnik	\$ 50.00
YourCause	H.S. Principal's Fund	20.00
Swan's Sport Shop	H.S. Principal's Fund	125.20
Box Tops	Elementary Principal's Fund	41.30
Vocal Music Boosters	H.S. Vocal Music	796.74
Red Devil Club	H.S. Athletic Dept.	1,636.00
Boys Soccer Booster Club	H.S. Athletic Dept.	5,000.00
Civin Murray	Weight Room Acct - Locker	450.00
Rodd & Stacy Thoburn for Cole Thoburn	Weight Room Acct - Locker	450.00
Unified Bank	Weight Room Acct - Lockers	6,750.00
Swan's Sport Shop	H.S. Girls Basketball	250.25
Swan's Sport Shop	H.S. Boys Basketball	1,352.19
Jim Miller Construction	H.S. Swim Team	200.00
	TOTAL	\$17,121.68

F. The following advances:

From	To	Amount
General Fund 001	Fund 499 9920	\$472.76
General Fund 001	Fund 587 9020	753.08

G. Engagement contract with Rea & Associates for verification of data reported on the Medicaid School Program Agency Cost Report for fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021.

H. The following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

WHEREAS, the county auditor of Belmont County will certify that the estimated amount to be received from current tax revenues from February 12, 2020, or the date of certification (whichever results in the shorter period) until June 30, 2020, from all settlements of taxes for fiscal year 2019-20 as estimated by the budget commission, other than taxes to be received for the payment of debt charges and less all advances, is at least \$2,000,000 (herein the "Revenues");

WHEREAS, this board of education deems it necessary to issue notes in anticipation of the collection of the Revenues, pursuant to Section 133.10© of the Uniform Public Securities Law of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of \$1,000,000 to provide funds to be used only for the purposes for which the Revenues are levied, collected, distributed and appropriated;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education (hereinafter called the "Board of Education") of the St. Clairsville-Richland City School District (hereinafter called the "School District" or the "District"), County of Belmont, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That it is necessary to issue notes of the Board of Education in the principal sum of \$1,000,000 in anticipation of the Revenues, for the purposes for which the Revenues are levied, collected, distributed and appropriated, under authority of the general laws of the State of Ohio, particularly Section 133.10© of the Uniform Public Securities Law of the Ohio Revised Code. Said notes shall be dated February 19, 2020, shall bear interest at the rate of three and five-hundredths (3.05%) per centum per annum, and shall mature on June 30, 2020. The aggregate amount of said notes shall not exceed one-half of the Revenues. Said notes may be issued in such denominations of \$100,000 or integral multiples of \$5,000 in excess of \$100,000 thereof.

SECTION 2. That said notes shall be executed by the President or Vice-President and Treasurer of the Board of Education. Said notes shall be designated "Tax Anticipation Notes, Series 2020" shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of applicable law of the State of Ohio and this resolution.

SECTION 3. That for the payment of said notes and the interest thereon, the amount of the Revenues necessary to pay the principal of and interest on said notes as they mature shall hereby be deemed appropriated for such purposes, and this Board of Education further covenants that it will levy all property taxes to be collected in the calendar year following the current calendar year that are anticipated herein. Said notes are special obligations of the Board of Education payable solely from the moneys received from the Revenues, which are hereby irrevocably pledged therefore.

SECTION 4. That it is hereby determined that all acts, conditions and things necessary to be done precedent to and in the issuance of said notes in order to make the same legal, valid and binding special obligations of the Board of Education, have been done, have happened and have been performed in regular and due form as required by law, and that said notes do not exceed any limitations fixed by law.

SECTION 5. That said notes shall be sold by the Treasurer of this Board of Education to Huntington Public Capital Corporation, upon such terms and at such interest rate as she shall determine, within the limitations set forth in this resolution, without the need for further action by this Board of Education. The Treasurer is further authorized to execute an agreement with such purchaser setting forth the terms of the notes and the sale thereof. The proceeds from the sale of said notes, except the premium and accrued interest, if any, shall be used for the purpose aforesaid and for no other purpose. The premium and accrued interest, if any, shall be transferred to the bond retirement fund to be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on said notes in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. That this Board of Education, for and on behalf of the District, hereby covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the notes hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent, if any, and take such other action as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the debt is incurred, so that they will not constitute obligations the interest on which is subject to Federal income taxation or "arbitrage bonds" under Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the regulations prescribed thereunder. The Treasurer of the Board of Education or any other officer having responsibility with respect to the issuance of the notes is authorized and directed to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the District, on the date of delivery of the notes, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances and reasonable expectations pertaining to the use of the proceeds thereof and the provisions of said Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 and regulations thereunder. The notes are designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purposes set forth in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

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SECTION 7. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board of Education, and that all deliberations of the Board of Education and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 8. That the Treasurer of this Board of Education be and is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Belmont County Auditor, as required by law.

The roll call vote was:

Aye: Cook, Fador, Zanders, Jacob.
Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Skaggs reported on the following:

- Mr. Cook, Mrs. Sirbaugh and I attended a press conference at the state house regarding EdChoice yesterday. Mr. Cook did an outstanding job as the lone board member that presented. We are going back to the State House on Friday to testify.
- Continuing transition to Final Forms.
- Our new website and app (Apptegy) is live. In the Apple Store or Play Store, search "STC Schools, OH".
- Staff and students are gearing up for testing on March 24th and runs until May 8th.
- Open Enrollment begins March 2nd.
- Kindergarten Registration is March 3rd, 4th, and 5th.
- HS Scheduling will take place March 2nd thru March 5th for the next school year.
- All HS Students have been trained in Stop the Bleed in partnership with Wheeling Hospital.
- Draft graduation seals for new Class of 2023 graduation pathways have been completed. Currently consulting with other county districts.
- PlugSmart installing controls in classrooms. Goal is to complete the installation by March 1st.

Dates to Remember

- February 13, 2020 - HS/MS Parent Teacher Conferences 2:30-5:30
- February 17, 2020 - No School - President's Day/Official Conference Day
- February 20, 2020 - ALICE Drills
- February 24, 2020 - NHS Tapping Ceremony

Approve Personnel Items

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Skaggs, Mr. Fador moved and Mr. Zanders seconded that the Board approve the following:

1. The following teachers for the Administrative Supplemental Dean of Students position, effective August 1, 2020:

Mark Bonar	-	High School
Ben Frye	-	High School
Eric Bush	-	Middle School
Gene Mozena	-	Elementary School
Jeff Vass	-	Elementary School

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2. The following certified substitutes for the 2019-2020 school year, on an as needed basis, pending receipt of proper paperwork:

Kari Phillipovich - Teacher, Tutor, Aide
Natalie Hawthorne - Teacher, Tutor, Aide
Denise Stephens - Teacher, Tutor, Aide

3. The following classified substitutes for the 2019-2020 school year, on an as needed basis, pending receipt of proper paperwork:

Annette Kozel - Educational Aide
Kody Skinner - Secretary
Reneé Zani - Cafeteria Worker, Educational Aide, Secretary

4. Diane Riethmiller - Non-Public Speech Pathologist at a rate of \$45/hour to be paid out of Auxiliary IDEA-B funds, effective January 6, 2020.

5. The following Pupil Activity Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year: Pending receipt of all required documentation. This documentation must meet the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code, regulations of the Ohio High School Athletics Association, and policies of the St. Clairsville-Richland City Schools' Board of Education.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Moriah Agnew	Co-Jr. High Track & Field Asst. Coach	4 yrs.	\$ 801.50
Eric Gay	Reserve Baseball Coach	2 yrs.	2,315.00

The roll call vote was:

Aye: Fador, Zanders, Cook, Jacob.
Motion carried.

Approve Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Skaggs, Mr. Fador moved and Mr. Zanders seconded that the Board approve the following recommendations:

- 2020-2021 School Calendar. A copy is on file in the Superintendent's office.
- Memorandum of Understanding with The University of Akron to provide instructional services to qualifying students for University credit, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Summer School Algebra II course (dependent on student numbers).
- The following resolution:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO EdCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended St. Clairsville-Richland City Schools or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to St. Clairsville-Richland City Schools or any other public schools, and

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Approve Recommendations (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, St. Clairsville-Richland City Schools' state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, the estimated loss of revenue to the St. Clairsville-Richland City School District over the next four (4) years is \$350,000 which would devastate the District's finances, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this St. Clairsville-Richland City School District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for ALL children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

5. Chamber Choir, Sweet Harmony, and St. C Singers trip to Walt Disney World on March 11-16, 2020.

The roll call vote was:

Aye: Zanders, Cook, Fador, Jacob.
Motion carried.

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Executive Session

Mr. Fador moved and Mr. Jacob seconded that the Board go into executive session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1)(8). The roll call vote was:

Aye: Cook, Fador, Zanders, Jacob.
Motion carried.

Time In: 7:26 A.M.

Time Out: 7:36 A.M. - Announcement made to come out of executive session

Adjournment

There being no further business brought before the Board, President Jacob adjourned the meeting at 7:36 A.M.

The next scheduled Board of Education meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

President

Treasurer