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Minutes of Clermont Northeastern Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Held in the Board of Education Office January 15, 2009

The Clermont Northeastern Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 15, 2009 at the Board Office. The meeting was called to order by Board President Mrs. Huxel at 7:00 p.m. All in attendance said the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Mummert, Mrs. Huxel, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Hoerth.

Absent: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mrs. Spencer seconded that the Board adopt the agenda as presented and approve the financial statements..

21.09 VOTE: All yeas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None tonight.

MOMENT OF EXCELLENCE

Superintendent Neil Leist introduced Jim Rodgers who is in charge of the final phase of technology at the Ford Transmission Plant in Batavia. Jim and his wife also happen to be residents of our district. Mr. Rodgers has been instrumental in the District receiving several thousands dollars worth of computer equipment and technology over the last six months. We have been able to completely upgrade five of our computer labs and many of our servers with this equipment. Jim has also been able to provide many crucial items that has kept our network in operation such as a battery back up drive and rolls of CAT 5 wire. The Board thanked Jim Rodgers for his support of CNE schools, presented him a certificate of recognition and shook his hand.

Superintendent Leist then introduced Andy Seals and Stephanie Hoepfner, the District's technology specialists. Mr. Leist stated he has virtually started a competition between Andy and Stephanie on who could obtain the most donated computers and technology items. They are constantly scanning State and Federal websites and contacting companies who are disposing of their equipment soliciting donations to the school. They have received donations from NIOSH, and have been to Cleveland, Medina, and Louisville picking up items. The Board thanked Andy and Stephanie for their work, presented them a certificate of appreciation and shook their hands.

Superintendent Mr. Leist stated in late November the Middle School received preliminary test results from the Making Middle Grades Work testing assessment. Tonight, Linda Radtke, with High Schools That Work/Making Middle Grades Work is here is discuss those test results. Mrs. Radtke stated our Middle School is receiving a National Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievement in 2008. The CNE Middle School ranked 4th place in Math and 8th place in Science out of 309 schools spread over 19 states. In Southwest Ohio, CNE Middle School is in the top 1% in Math and the top 2% in Science. The test measures knowledge of 8th grade students and how prepared they are for the 9th grade and for a college prep curriculum. Over 83% of the CNE Middle school students tested scored above average. Over 50% of the CNE Middle School students tested met or exceeded standards in math and are finished with Algebra I. Mrs. Radtke stated the Making Middle Grades Work Program and the Southwest Ohio High Schools That Work Program is proud to recognize the achievements of the Clermont Northeastern Middle School students, staff and parents. Mrs. Radtke went on to say that Principal leadership and Central Office support was crucial to achieving this award. The Board thanked Mrs. Radtke for her appearance and congratulated and shook the hands of the Middle School Staff in attendance tonight. Superintendent Leist stated in lieu of receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Board, the Middle School staff would be receiving a congratulatory luncheon from the Board.

Board President Mrs. Huxel stated that words do not show how much we, as a Board, appreciate the time and efforts of our teaching staff. Your time and efforts are priceless. We are so tied up with state testing and state report card scores, that to be honored with a

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National Achievement Award like this is very impressive and shows the hard work our staff and Administration put forth for the benefit of our kids.

The Board requested that a banner be designed and placed in the Middle School proclaiming the achievements of the students on this test.

OLD BUSINESS

The issues list was reviewed. The smoking policy issue was discussed. Significant improvement has been made since this first became an issue and the Board decided to remove this item from the list.

NEW BUSINESS

Board President Mrs. Huxel handed out a binder on the Board's Goals and the CIP. She stated the Board needs to put strategies and actions into play. A progress report should be developed that marries goals to the CIP. She asked the Board Members to complete the Board Assessment page and return them to her. Mrs. Huxel stated the Board would discuss the Superintendent's contract in Executive Session tonight. Board Member Mrs. Spencer said the Board may want to revisit the goals they had set prior and revise or update these goals if they have been accomplished and maintained.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Treasurer Mrs. Switzer stated all of his items tonight are Resolutions requested by the Bond Levy Attorney in order to place our issue on the May 2009 ballot.

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mrs. Spencer seconded that the Board bundle and approve the Treasurer's Recommendations tonight.

22.09 VOTE: All yeas.

The Board granted permission to exceed the 4% and 9% debt limitation on the building project.

23.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved the Certificate of Maximum Maturity of Bonds.

24.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved the Certificate of Average Annual Levy.

25.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved the Notice of Election Certificate.

26.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved the Resolution to Proceed with the Bond Issue.

27.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved a special Board Meeting for February 2, 2009 for the purpose of finalizing documentation for the May levy and other pertinent business.

28.09 Approved by consent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS-PERSONNEL

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mrs. Mummert seconded that the Board bundle and approve the Superintendent's Recommendations-Personnel tonight.

29.09 VOTE: All yeas.

The Board approved Robert Tharp as a substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year to be used in the District on an as needed basis.

30.09 Approved by consent.

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The Board approved Jason Tackett as High School Dean of Students effective January 16, 2009 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year to be paid a per diem stipend based on \$5,000.00 annually.

31.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved Charlie Tackett as Athletic Director effective January 16, 2009 through July 31, 2009 to be paid the per diem rate based on \$42,436.00, Administrators' Salary Schedule, Athletic Director, Step 2. Vacation, personal and sick leave will be prorated accordingly.

32.09 Approved by consent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS-OTHER

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mr. Hoerth seconded that the Board bundle and approve the Superintendent's Recommendations-Other tonight.

33.09 VOTE: All yeas.

The Board approved the 2009 commencement exercise to be held May 29, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro, Ohio.

34.09 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted a donation of two (2) Ohio State vs. Indiana basketball tickets valued at \$56.00 from Brian Switzer to be raffled off with half of the proceeds going to the athletic fund and half to the superintendents' 018 account.

35.09 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted a donation of \$20.00 from Mrs. R.C. Johnson for use by the Middle School.

36.09 Approved by consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Member Mrs. Spencer moved and Board Member Mrs. Mummert seconded that the Board recess to Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's contract and other personnel issues. The Board may conduct business when it returns. Time 7:38 p.m.

37.09 VOTE: All yeas.

The Board reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mrs. Mummert seconded that the Board offer the Superintendent Mr. Leist a new five year contract effective August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2015. Further, effective February 1, 2009 the Superintendent's salary will be raised to \$110,000 per year and his salary will be reviewed yearly after the end of teacher negotiations and the release of the State Report Card or its successors. Any year in which the District as a whole reaches an Excellent Rating or equivalent to an Excellent Rating, the Superintendent can earn a 5% bonus on his base salary. Effective February 1, 2009 the Board will pay 100% of the Superintendent's Medical and Dental Insurance.

38.09 VOTE: All yeas.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Mrs. Mummert moved and Board Member Mr. Freeman seconded that the Regular Meeting of the Clermont Northeastern Board of Education be adjourned. Time 8:47 p.m.

39.09 VOTE: All yeas.

Attest: _____

Treasurer

Board President