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The Board of Education of the Northridge Local School District met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:30 PM, in the Northridge High School Media Center in Johnstown, Ohio with the following individuals present: Mrs. Jayma Bammerlin, Mr. Rick Burkholder, Mr. Doug Hart, Mr. Chris Pokorny, Mr. Jeffrey Schrock, Board Members; Mr. Scott Schmidt, Local Superintendent; Mr. Britt Lewis, Treasurer; Building Administrators and other interested citizens and employees.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mr. Doug Hart, Board President followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call for attendance.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, present; Mr. Burkholder, present; Mr. Hart, present; Mr. Pokorny, present; Mr. Schrock, present.

District Mission and Viking Values Statements

Mission Statement: *Empowering all students to reach their fullest potential*

Viking Values: *Trust, Leadership, Communication, Collaboration, Accountability, Integrity, Respect*

We Adhere to: *See Something, Say Something* Campaign

Mr. Hart - I just want to call to your attention an item that is on our agenda tonight that should be of interest to anybody that pays taxes. Recommendation 14 from our Superintendent is to approve a resolution opposing the State of Ohio's Ed Choice Scholarship Voucher Program. Unknown to many people they tacked onto a bill silently without any notice, without any debate, a provision that allows charter schools under certain circumstances, generally when schools are failing, but the definition of failing is a terrible definition. It's way too easy for a school to have failed, there are 17 Licking County Schools failing, that's not believable. But, the consequence of that is for students that are going to private schools, they can request and the private schools are beating the bushes getting their parents to demand this stuff. They can demand from the private school from the public schools, about \$506,000 a year comes right out of our taxpayer dollars, not out of the state funds, out of our taxpayer dollars and send it to the public to these private and parochial schools. We're going to consider a resolution tonight that I expect we're going to pass unanimously opposing that. But I just want you to all know that and if you care to get in touch with your representative, and let them know what you think.

Approve Minutes

20-016 It was moved by Mr. Schrock and seconded by Mr. Pokorny to approve the minutes of Regular Session, Monday, December 16, 2019; Organizational Meeting, Monday, January 6, 2020; Special Session, Monday, January 6, 2020 and Special Session, Tuesday, January 14, 2020 as submitted on January 17, 2020.

Roll Call: Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Burkholder, aye; Mrs. Bammerlin, aye.

The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Overview of Consent Agenda Items
- B. Changes to the Agenda - None
- C. Approval of the Agenda

20-017 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mr. Pokorny to approve the agenda as submitted. The president declared the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Scheduled Visitors:

- Mr. Doug Hart – EdChoice
- Ms. Kim Miller-Smith, OSBA (Jeff Schrock – 10 Years as Board member)
- Board Members recognized for their service to District and community.
- Student of the Quarter – Mr. Brian Blum: Pre-K: Levi Oglesby; K - Angelo Hernandez; 1 - Skye Magers; 2 - Ben Wiggins; 3 - Ethan Hernquist; 4 - Nina Moore; 5 - Armando Rodriguez; 6 - Rhyana Eblin; 7 - Courtney BeVier; 8 - Ethan Payne; 9 - Tommy Diamond; 10 - Camryn Wigal; 11 - Maxwell Burton; 12 - Rebekah Kalas.

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Staff Comments Regarding Specific Agenda Items: None

Unscheduled Visitors (Maximum 30 minutes) Comments of Specific Agenda items: None

Discussion Items:

- **Treasurer**
 1. Finance Committee
 - a. K12 Increment/Decrement
 - b. Five Year Forecast tool
 - c. Joint Parks District
 - d. District Refresh Cycle (Increment/Decrement List)
 - e. State Vouchers
 2. Facilities Committee
 - a. Interior Color Options
 - b. Construction Schedule

- **Building/Department Reports**

Primary Building:

- PTO quarters for a cause is January 21-24th. All proceeds will go to help supplement the new building's library needs.
- Friday, January 24th we will be having a Family Movie Night at the Primary starting at 6:00pm. Thank you to Justin Kibler, Shirck Orthodontics, and our PTO for sponsoring this free event for our families.
- We are happy to welcome Christy Morgan to our team from AmeriCorp. Christy will be tutoring Primary students 6.5 hours a day in reading and writing throughout the rest of the school year. We appreciate AmeriCorp finding her for us and providing this free support for our students.
- Plans have been made to welcome our next incoming class of Kindergarteners on Tuesday, March 31 with our Kindergarten Kick-Off Night at the Primary.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on February 6.
- We continue to use half-day PD time in the building in January to create common Math Assessments to help guide teachers to plan instruction to meet the needs of each student.

Intermediate:

- PTO quarters for a cause
- All teams have met to discuss data wall changes from the first I Ready Assessments versus the latest round of I Ready Assessments. Teams discussed Changes in Math and ELA, we discussed Title Services and progress of those students as well.
- Finalizing after school tutoring for math and ELA
- Set February 13 as our parent/teacher conference night

Middle School:

- Teacher teams have been analyzing and discussing our recent results of the winter i-Ready diagnostic.
- A staff survey was sent out to collect feedback and data on our current master schedule. Our building leadership team will be reviewing this information to identify strengths and areas of improvement of focus for next school year when making the master schedule.
- Mr. Pokorny visited the Middle School on Thursday, January 16. He spent the day observing the building and shadowing Mr. Grieger. Thank you for visiting.
- Our weekly video newscast, The Ridge Report, is becoming a very successful and positive program. Students film, edit and produce all aspects of the show. We view the weekly Ridge Report on Fridays during our Viking period.
- Student Leadership students are in the process of planning a recycling service project through *Crayola* to collect used or dried up markers. The recycling program turns the old markers into usable products and reduces waste.

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- Kim Brown, our State Support Team Representative met with us on Thursday, January 16 regarding our support and plan for progress. The middle school is now classified as Independent status. Kim has provided great support and resources to our building.

High School:

- Second-quarter wrapped up well and we have started the second semester with full steam.
- We have 2:6 students, who needed Alternative Pathways to graduate, have completed those in regards to that graduation requirement!
- Our Cross Categorical students have been participating in a variety of enriching field trips that are cross-curricular in nature and are providing them with a plethora of college and career readiness skills.
- Mrs. Garee's Juniors in her CCP courses have almost all have increased their ACT to college-ready scores! We are super excited and hope to see this reflected in our Junior Administration of ACT on March 10th.
- PBIS Rewards continues to roll along well and we have the data available around the building on our Data Walls
- AERIAL Interns started Monday 1/13 and we now have 8:8 accepted to the program.
- Eighteen Teachers were nominated for the Coughlin Make a Difference Award! From Mr. Hayes, a first year teacher, to veteran teachers as well and congrats to Mr. Jay Campbell this year's winner.
- We are looking at our Gifted student data and developing a plan to increase their performance on the Spring EOC tests to help with our state report scores in that area.
- We are working with Deputy Hossler and student volunteers on See Something, Say Something and that will be especially important during National See Something, Say Something Week in March.

Athletics:

- The swim team hosted the Viking Classic Invitational in December. 26 teams competed with over five hundred swimmers. It was a great event and Northridge received great feedback.
- The girls basketball team is currently tied for first place in their division after beating Utica 54-51.
- Record boards have been updated with all Fall records.
- Boys basketball is playing with a young team and building for the future.
- Athletic Boosters are streamlining a process to provide new uniforms for all HS/MS.
- Wrestling received new uniforms.
- Swim received new Parkas.
- New football jerseys are being ordered.
- Athletic schedule posters were introduced for the first time.
- Baseball and softball are working out getting ready for the Spring Season.
- Football has been lifting three days a week.

Special Education:

- The team is busy meeting, preparing and planning for Northridge to have our own Preschool.
- New Horizons is expanding within Northridge as they are now able to reach students who are not Medicaid eligible. The therapist is able to help teachers understand trauma with their students, do home visits, and guide teachers with ways to best serve their students in the classroom.
- The department is working and preparing for caseloads next year and the best way to serve students.

Instructional Services:

- Teacher teams are analyzing the recent iReady information to determine the progress of academic interventions.

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- All accommodation requests for the juniors taking ACT were successfully submitted. We are awaiting the decision from ACT.
- Professional development is scheduled for February 14th.

Technology:

- We are still working with multiple phone companies investigation our best options for a new system, this is a summer 2020 focus project
- We are working with video surveillance designs for the new building and MS/HS renovations, this project will probably not be done this summer
- We will be taking E-Rate bids for the upgrade of the switches in the current buildings to prepare for the phone and video projects

Food Services:

- All balances at the primary were taken care of by a donation from an anonymous donor. This is always though a moving target.
- We are still working with ODE on a procurement review, thus will probably take a few months to complete, however I do not foresee any issues. We have turned in all of the requested documents, however we have not yet heard back from ODE.
- There is a group in Johnstown working with us about donating money towards outstanding lunch balances. The good news is our negative balances are not very high.
- The PTO hosted the Santa breakfast on Friday, December 20. It was a great turnout and a lot of fun for everyone involved.

Maintenance:

- Attended meeting regarding the stadium renovation possibilities
- Assisted and monitored storm drain installation
- Worked with Air Solutions to repair the main boiler at the primary
- Attended Licking County Safety Council Meeting
- Attended Safety and Security Meeting
- Monitored the demolition at Homer
- Researched, tested, and gathered quotes for various tractor options
- Worked with new custodians, provided further training on equipment usage
- Met with Metro Group to complete the annual water sampling of the boiler loops at the main campus and primary
- Met with Spectrum to discuss moving the fiber line
- Monitored all buildings during Christmas break
- Responded to multiple weekend calls: fire alarm, mechanical failure, fire alarm panel
- Attended various construction project meetings
- Superintendent
 1. Board Recognition
 2. Wellness Grant Money – Michelle McJessy
 3. Modern Learning Facility Update
 4. Joint Recreation District
- Board
 1. Community Committees – Key Pillars
 - a. Doug Hart commented on the Key Pillars:
 - i. Financial
 - ii. Facilities
 - iii. Academic
 1. Restart the focus on Academic Committee
 2. Establish Community Committee/Key Communicators

Consent Agenda

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Treasurer’s Report and Recommendations

Recommendation # 1 - Approve Monthly Financial Reports

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Financial Reports as approved by Finance Committee as submitted on January 14, 2020.

Recommendation # 2 – Approve Donations

Recommendation to approve the following donations:

- Sons of AmVets Squadron, \$50.00 – in memory of Tommy Hay (previous employee)
- Ladies Auxiliary Post 1776, \$40.00 – In memory of Tommy Hay (previous employee)

Superintendent’s Recommendations

Recommendation # 1 – Approve Athletic Resignation

Recommendation to approve the following athletic resignation for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Richard Farrington, Middle School 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- Kelly Charles, High School Assistant Varsity Track Coach

Recommendation # 2 – Approve Athletic Supplemental Coaches

Recommendation to approve the following Athletic Supplemental positions for the 2019-2020 school year pending a favorable report on the content of the BCI and/or FBI check and meeting all other employment requirements.

First	Last	Position	Step	Rate of Pay
Richard	Farrington	7 & 8 th Gr Combined Girls Basketball Coach	10	\$3,981.00
Trent	Olds	HS Assistant Track Coach	4	\$3,535.00

Recommendation # 3 – Approve Additional Hours for Classified Staff

Recommendation to approve additional hours, not to exceed three (3) three hours, for High School and Middle School Educational Aides, at their hourly rate of pay, for attending Professional Development on February 14, 2020.

Recommendation # 4 – Approve Classified Substitutes for the 2019-2020 School Year

Recommendation to approve the following substitute personnel on an as-needed basis at the hourly rate determined by Board approved sub pay rates per position for the 2019-2020 school year pending favorable reports of the content of the BCI/FBI check and meeting all other employment requirements.

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Kevin	Hull		

Recommendation # 5 – Approve 2019-2020 Field Trips

Recommendation to approve the following Field Trips for the 2019-2020 school year as submitted on January 17, 2020:

- HS Quiz Bowl Team Match – C-Tec – January 24, 2020 rescheduled from November 12, 2019 (previously approved on December 16, 2019)
- HS/Mrs. Rauchenstein – Event Speaker – McCoy Center, New Albany, Ohio – January 28, 2020
- HS FFA – FFA Leadership Workshop – Carrollton, Ohio – February 13, 2020
- MS – 7th Grade End of Year Trip – Kings Island, Mason, Ohio – May 22, 2020

Recommendation # 6 - Approve 2019-2020 Fund Raisers

Recommendation to approve the following fund-raisers for the 2019-2020 school year as submitted on January 17, 2020:

- HS National Honor Society – Talent Show Tickets – March 1-31, 2020

Recommendation # 7 – Approve New Horizons Agreement

Recommendation to approve agreement with New Horizons Mental Health Services for intervention services through May 31, 2020 as submitted on January 17, 2020.

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Recommendation # 8 – Approve Graduation Alliance, Inc. Agreement (Then and Now)

Recommendation to approve master services agreement with Graduation Alliance, Inc. for dropout intervention services through May 31, 2020 as submitted on January 17, 2020. (Then and Now.)

Recommendation # 9 – Approve Amend LACA Internet Services Agreement

Recommendation to approve amending LACA Internet Services Agreement LACA20W-NR (entered into July 1, 2019) to consolidate with LACA18W-NR to create one contract which will expire June 30, 2024 as submitted on January 17, 2020.

Recommendation # 10 – Approve Home Instruction Service

Recommendation to approve home instruction service, not to exceed 50 (fifty) hours, at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour, upon submission of time sheet, for the 2019-2020 school year.

Recommendation # 11 – Approve NCCER Curriculum Sponsor Agreement

Recommendation to approve training and certification through the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) training process and Registry for Haley Sherman, Vo-Ag Teacher as submitted on January 17, 2020.

Recommendation # 12 – Approve Leaders for Learning Grant

Recommendation to approve the Leaders for Learning Grant in the amount of \$500.00 to Kelly Charles, Intermediate School Teacher.

20-018 It was moved by Mr. Pokorny and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to approve the above consent recommendations.

Roll Call: Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Burkholder, aye; Mrs. Bammerlin, aye.

The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

Stand Alone Superintendent Recommendations:

Recommendation # 13 – Approve Easement and Right of Way

Recommendation to approve easement and right of way with Licking Rural Electrification, Inc. to install electric service for the new Pre-K – 5 elementary building as submitted on January 17, 2020.

20-019 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mr. Pokorny to approve the above recommendation #13.

Roll Call: Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Burkholder, aye; Mrs. Bammerlin, aye.

The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

Recommendation # 14 - Approve Resolution Opposing the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship (Voucher) Program

Recommendation to approve 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, which are not currently available to Northridge Local School residents as we do not currently have any buildings on the eligibility list, could become available in the future to families and students who have never attended Northridge Local Schools or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to Northridge Local Schools or any other public schools and,

WHEREAS, the decrease in funds 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, would be detrimental to the District's finances, jeopardizing survival as a District;

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

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WHEREAS, private/parochial schools are not subject to the ethical obligations, public disclosure requirements or other processes designed to insure that funds provided via state and local tax dollars are expended for proper purposes in accordance with the strict requirements to which public schools are appropriately subjected; thus, the expenditures made by private/parochial schools with the subsidized public tax dollars will not be protected in a manner reasonably comparable to the protections applicable to the public school expenditures, 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 Northridge Local School District Board of Education 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, with respect to any and all moneys paid by the State of Ohio or any political subdivision thereof ("Public Funds") to any private/parochial school, this Board respectfully requests the State legislature and the Governor to enact legislation subjecting any private/parochial school recipient of Public Funds to the same ethical obligations, public disclosure requirements or other processes designed to insure that Public Funds are expended for proper purposes in accordance with the strict requirements to which public schools are appropriately subjected.

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 Instructions and Governor of the State of Ohio.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

The above is a true and correct extract from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Northridge Local School District, Licking County, Knox County and Delaware County, Ohio, held on January ____, 2020 commencing at 6:30PM in the Northridge High School Media Center, 6066 Johnstown-Utica Road, Johnstown, Ohio 43031, showing the adoption of the resolution hereinabove set forth.

Dated: _____

Britt Lewis, Treasurer/CFO Board of Education
Northridge Local School District, Licking County
Knox County, Ohio and Delaware County, Ohio

20-020 It was moved by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to approve the above recommendation #14 with inserted paragraphs provided by Mr. Hart.

Roll Call: Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Burkholder, nay; Mrs. Bammerlin, aye.

The President declared the motion carried. 4-1.

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Business Initiated by Members of the Board: None

Unscheduled Visitors (Maximum 30 minutes, including Item IX): None

Announcements:

-Mr. Pokorny commented the Mock Trail group is doing a great job. Quiz Bowl will be competing on January 24, 2020. Power of the Pen on February 26, 2020.

Reaffirm Time and Place of Next Board of Education Meeting(s):

Special Date: Thursday, January 30, 2020 Time: 7:00PM Location: District Office
Regular Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 Time: 6:30 PM Location: High School Media Center

Reaffirm Time and Place of Next Committee Meetings:

Academic Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 Time: 6:30PM Location: District Office
Facilities Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 Time: 6:30PM Location: District Office
Finance Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 Time: 6:00PM Location: District Office

Executive Session: Did not enter into Executive Session

Adjourn Meeting

20-021 It was moved by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Burkholder to adjourn the meeting at 9:15PM. The president declared the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

_____ Board President

_____ Treasurer

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