

November 27, 2018

The Board of Education of the Northridge Local School District met in Special/Work Community Forum Session on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 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, Board Members; Mr. Scott Schmidt, Local Superintendent; Mr. Britt Lewis, Treasurer; Building Administrators and other interested citizens and employees. Mr. Jeffrey Schrock, absent Board Member (Mr. Schrock informed Board he would not be able to attend).

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. Pokorny, present; Mr. Schrock, absent; Mr. Hart, present.

Vision, Mission, and Viking Values Statements

Vision Statement: *Our Vision is to ensure that every student reaches their fullest potential.*

Mission Statement: *Our Mission is to empower all students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be college and career ready.*

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

Community Forum

Mr. Hart introduced the Community Forum item on the agenda, explaining that the forum had been structured as a special board meeting to allow for Board participation without violating the State's Sunshine Laws. Mr. Hart turned the floor over to Mr. Schmidt, stating that the Board members present would observe and participate in the forum activities with restraint, and committed that there would be no further formal action from the Board until it was time to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Schmidt provided brief background information regarding the process that had informed previous levy decisions. Mr. Schmidt proceeded to explain the plan for the forum, indicating that those present were being offered four ways to participate:

1. Submit ideas/questions/comments on notecards
2. Participate in small group discussions at their tables focused on four issues
3. Participate in an open forum with the entire assembled group
4. Place "sticky" dots indicating degrees of support on charts capturing suggestions

Mr. Schmidt proceeded to present four successive topics for small group table discussion allowing approximately five to ten minutes, emphasizing that the topic details were merely intended to be examples and should not limit other discussion generally related to each topic. Following the small group discussions of each topic, Mr. Schmidt elicited from group volunteers summaries of any consensus the groups reached regarding the topics. The suggestions were captured on large paper charts that had been hung on walls in the room.

Following the small group discussion, Mr. Schmidt opened the forum for general comments, questions and suggestions, capturing suggestions on the large charts.

One participant stated that it is difficult to support a levy without some detail regarding the nature of the building that was being contemplated. A couple of participants vowed to oppose the levy if no changes were made to the proposal. Neither provided any indication of the nature of the changes that were needed to gain their support.

Mr. Burkholder, after thanking the participants for attending the forum, informed the audience that approximately one year ago that he had proposed a plan that, if implemented, he believed would allow the District to pass a levy. His plan involved all District staff taking less money from the school going forward. In response to Mr. Hart's question if Mr. Burkholder could provide additional details underlying his plan? Mr. Burkholder advised that he had none.

Mr. Schmidt closed the open forum by inviting participants to place the "sticky" dots on the various suggestions that had been captured on the large charts after the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn Meeting

18-113 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mr. Pokorny to adjourn the meeting at 8:31PM. The president declared the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

_____ Board President

_____ Treasurer

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