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The Board of Education of the Northridge Local School District met in Special Session on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 7:45 AM, in the Northridge District Office 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. Mr. Clay Keith, Robertson Construction also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 A.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, absent*; Mr. Schrock, present; Mr. Hart, present.

District Vision and Mission Statements

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

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

*Mr. Pokorny entered the meeting at 7:54AM.

Recommendations

Superintendent's Recommendation

Recommendation # 1 – Approve Pre-Construction Design-Build Contract

Recommendation to consider approval of Modified Standard Form of Preliminary Agreement between Northridge Local Schools and Robertson Construction as submitted on September 5, 2019.

19-081 It was moved by Mr. Schrock and seconded by Mr. Burkholder to approve the above consent consideration recommendation.

Discussion included:

- Mr. Hart stated that there has been extensive work done on this document. The changes that this document has undertaken since I have first laid eyes on it have been dramatic. It probably would have worked as it was first laid out, but it didn't include some of the things that we know we are going to have to do. I felt it was important to get that included, the importance of having the document reflect exactly what we are planning to do. It wasn't clear to me from reading the original version that we were going to have all of the design work controlled by this document and once we get to the construction part of this project we are going to have a separate agreement that is called for under this document.
- Mr. Clay Keith (Robertson) stated that from the District's perspective the changes will add flexibility to this agreement. There will be amendments that are open to this agreement so that if there is a need we can make the change and fix issues as we move forward. This eliminates the need for change orders. For the complexity of this project and trying to put this into a square box, I think it came out pretty well.
- Mr. Hart commented that our attorney, Sylvia Gillis stated, "You are Northridge, kind of out there blazing a trail in your own unique way" with this process and document.
- Mr. Pokorny stated it does have the flexibility needed for this project and that the Board will not have to meet every time there is a needed change.
- Mr. Hart responded to Mr. Pokorny, "that is a great observation, I am really thrilled that that you were able to look at the document that quickly and get there, that tells me the work we put into this document was worth it, because we need to be able to understand it".
- Mr. Hart stated that it is important we keep the bond funds for the new building project separate from the income tax permanent improvement (PI) funds.
- Mr. Pokorny stated that this is critical for transparency.
- Mr. Hart responded that we need a clear paper trail that is transparent, clear and accurate so we can move forward on both fronts at once.
- Mr. Hart stated that he feels this document is at a point now, where if any stakeholders do not remain through the project, someone could pick up this document and understand and that has always been my goal with this agreement.
- Mrs. Bammerlin thanked everyone for their efforts on the document.
- Mr. Pokorny thanked Mr. Lewis, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Hart for your due diligence getting this taken care of, it was a mountain of work.
- Mr. Lewis personally thanked "Mr. Hart for all his efforts in helping us through this process and his expertise has been remarkable. There is a comfort knowing that we have another set of

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- eyes that can see the little things that we might miss as legal is not our profession. It is much appreciated the time and effort Mr. Hart has put into this process”.

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 # 2 – Approve Revised High School Student Handbook

Recommendation to approve the 2019-2020 revised High School Student Handbook as submitted on September 5, 2019.

19-082 It was moved by Mr. Pokorny and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to approve the above consent consideration recommendation.

- Mr. Hart asked Mr. Schmidt to elaborate more on what the meaning of being caught with your cell phone means, because I know they are allowed to have it on their person.
- Mr. Schmidt responded they are allowed to have it on their person. They are only to use their cell phone before school, after school or during lunch period (HS during lunch). MS is not allowed during lunch. This also includes listening to music etc.
- Mr. Hart asked what about Apple Watches.
- Mr. Schmidt replied that it currently is not a prevalent piece with the kids. But it will be treated the same, it falls under the wireless communications device policy. We don't want the students texting, talking on their cell phone, listening to music, we want them engaged in the instruction that is going on in class or if it is between classes being engaged in conversation with their peers.
- Mr. Pokorny stated that electronic devices was the number one distraction when he taught HS.
- Mr. Schmidt stated it is really giving kids permission to say I can't respond right now.
- Mr. Hart stated that reports he is hearing it is being received well by the kids. They are actually talking to each other and finding that enjoyable as opposed to talking to each other using their cell phones.
- Mr. Hart stated that in combination with enforcing getting to class on time and not being allowed to use their cell phones is putting a crimp in the opportunity for vaping and other possible illegal activity in restrooms. However much we hate to think illegal activity is not happening in our schools the reality it is. It is happening in every school in the country. The steps we are taking here should help curb that activity. The emphasis on vaping and other devices is all part of the focus we have this year on restricting that activity and this opioid crises and anything else we can do to cut back on all that is important.

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.

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

Regular Date: Monday, September 16, 2019 Time: 6:30 PM Location: High School Media Center

Reaffirm Time and Place of Next Committee Meetings:

Finance Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 Time: 6:00PM Location: District Office
Facilities Date: TBD?

Adjourn Meeting

19-083 It was moved by Mr. Pokorny and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to adjourn the meeting at 8:28AM. The president declared the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

_____ Board President
 _____ Treasurer

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