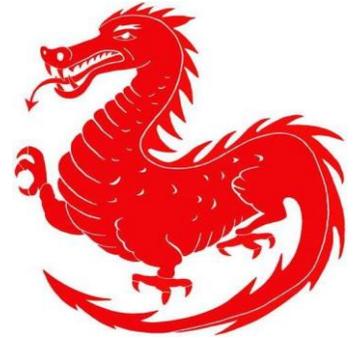


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Monday, December 30, 2019

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4:30 PM Special Board Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Our Mission Statement--The mission of the Niles City School District is to instruct a defined curriculum in a safe, educational environment. The district will ensure the opportunity for all students to become responsible learners, critical thinkers, and problem solvers as productive members of a democratic society.

Our Vision Statement--To continually prepare students and staff for technological advancements. To maintain a positive, cohesive school community which encompasses the board, administration, staff members, students, parents or guardians, and all school volunteers. To establish and sustain a collaborative relationship with the community. To unify instruction within the Niles City Schools through the continuous development and use of curriculum guides in the best educational environment.

This is a public meeting of the Niles City Board of Education for the purpose of conducting the school district's business. This is not to be considered a community meeting. Time has been allotted for public participation during the meeting as indicated.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

_____ DePanicis _____ Longacre _____ Perrone _____ Seifert _____ McMahon

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Moment of Reflection

5. Adopt the Agenda

_____ DePanicis _____ Longacre _____ Perrone _____ Seifert _____ McMahon

6. Executive Session

Each executive session discussion must be limited to the purpose or purposes stated below. It is unlawful to state only one purpose for an executive session, but to then discuss a second topic (although an executive session may be called for the purpose of discussing several topics).

- The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing.
- The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding.
- Conferences with the board's attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.
- Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.

- Specialized details of security arrangements.
 - a. Under the provision of O.R.C. 121.22, the Niles City Board of Education will recess to Executive Session at _____ P.M. to discuss:
 - 1. Conferences with the board’s attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

_____ *DePanicis* _____ *Longacre* _____ *Perrone* _____ *Seifert* _____ *McMahon*

Reconvene the Board Meeting at _____ P.M.

_____ *DePanicis* _____ *Longacre* _____ *Perrone* _____ *Seifert* _____ *McMahon*

7. Communications to the Niles City Board of Education

- a. Written Communications
- b. Public Comments

According to the Niles City School District Board Policy (0169.1), the Niles City Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- a. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business, before the Board takes official action on any issue of substance, and/or at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- b. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting.
- c. Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting.
- d. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- e. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration, unless extended by the presiding officer. Public participation shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes total per board meeting.
- f. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- g. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

Please note that Public Comments is not a time for dialogue with the Board of Education. It is an opportunity to share a comment with the Board of Education. In addition, by law, administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we may not respond to comments, all input shared with the Board of Education is taken very seriously, and will inform future deliberations and work by the Board of Education and its committees.

8. Treasurer’s Business Recommendations

- A. It is recommended to the Board of Education that it accept and/or approve the following:
 - 1. Approve the following purchase orders:

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FUND NAME & ACCT
Various	BWC Grant	\$18,491.66	General Fund (no cost to district as funds have already been received.)

_____ *DePanicis* _____ *Longacre* _____ *Perrone* _____ *Seifert* _____ *McMahon*

9. Board Recommendations

a. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH THE DIRECTIVE REGARDING TREASURER LEAVE ISSUED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BY THE FINANCIAL PLANNING AND SUPERVISION COMMISSION FOR THE NILES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION FROM EMPLOYMENT VIA ABANDONMENT OF HER POSITION

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2019, the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission for the Niles City School District (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 3316.13 of the Revised Code, directed the Board of Education to provide its Treasurer, Lori Hudzik, with immediate verbal and written notice that the Board action granting her additional leave from on or about October 8, 2019 through November 18, 2019 was not approved by the Commission, and to further provide Ms. Hudzik notice that her leave is exhausted and that she must return to work no later than December 27, 2019 and that failure to return to work may result in dismissal; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2019, at its special meeting, the Commission further resolved that it will not approve any Board action granting the pending request from Ms. Hudzik for additional leave from November 18, 2019 through December 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the December 16, 2019 Commission directive and resolution, the Board of Education did not approve Ms. Hudzik’s request to extend her leave from November 18, 2019 through December 23, 2019 as reflected in Board Resolution No. 19-241 and, on December 21, 2019, provided Ms. Hudzik with notice of its disapproval of her request for additional leave and with notice concerning her leave status and requirement to return to work no later than December 27, 2019 as directed by the Commission in compliance with Section 3316.13 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of December 26, 2019, Ms. Hudzik submitted a request to extend her leave of absence from December 23, 2019 through January 27, 2020 and did not return to work on December 27, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commission by Chapter 3316 of the Revised Code and the December 16, 2019 Commission directive, the Board of Education of Niles City School District hereby acknowledges the Commission’s assumption of the powers of the Board of Education, and in recognition of Section 3316.13 of the Revised Code, does not approve Lori Hudzik’s request for an additional extension of leave on or about December 23, 2019 through January 27, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commission by Chapter 3316 of the Revised Code and the December 16, 2019 Commission directive, the Board of Education of Niles City School District hereby acknowledges the Commission’s assumption of the powers of the Board of Education, and in recognition of Section 3316.13 of the Revised Code, hereby acknowledges that Ms. Hudzik failed to report to work by December 27, 2019, and hereby accepts Ms. Hudzik’s voluntary resignation from employment with the District through the abandonment of her position as Treasurer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and Interim Treasurer to execute the terms of this Resolution faithfully and to issue any and all written notices and other documents as may be required to bring about the legal effect of the terms of this Resolution.

_____ *DePanicis* _____ *Longacre* _____ *Perrone* _____ *Seifert* _____ *McMahon*

10. Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations

A. Resignations, Retirements, Non-Renewals

Certified

1. Approve Christopher Chieffo’s resignation as a classroom teacher, effective December 31, 2019, as previously distributed.

_____ *DePanicis* _____ *Longacre* _____ *Perrone* _____ *Seifert* _____ *McMahon*

11. Adjourn at: **PM**

_____ *DePanicis* _____ *Longacre* _____ *Perrone* _____ *Seifert* _____ *McMahon*