

NILES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

At 6:00 PM, on January 16, 2020, the Niles City School District's Board of Education met in Regular Session with the following members present upon roll call: Kimberly Barrell, Christopher Chieffo, Michele Lamb, and Mary Ann McMahon, with Tony Perrone presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Reflection

Res. No. 20-13

Adopt the Agenda

Mrs. McMahon moved to adopt the Agenda. (Minute File 20-13)

Seconded: Mrs. Lamb

Roll call: Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Barrell, Mr. Chieffo, and Mr. Perrone—Yes
Motion carried

Res. No. 20-14

Approve the Minutes

Mr. Chieffo moved to approve the Minutes for the following meetings: (Minute File 20-14)

- December 17, 2019 Regular Board of Education Meeting
- December 21, 2019 Special Board of Education Meeting
- December 30, 2019 Special Board of Education Meeting
- January 2, 2020 Organizational Meeting

Seconded: Mrs. McMahon

Roll call: Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. Lamb, and Mr. Perrone—Yes
Motion carried

Recommendations, Commendations, and/or Presentations

- School Board Recognition Month—Mrs. Thigpen read a recognition letter from the Governor's office and referenced certificates provided by the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA). Mrs. Thigpen thank the Board Members on behalf of the District and community for their services.

Board Recommendations--None

Board Committee Reports

- Athletic Council—A meeting was set for January 22, 2020 at 3:00 PM
- Facilities Maintenance Committee—A meeting was tentatively set for January 21, 2020

- Finance Committee—Pre-Commission Meeting was held on January 15, 2020 at 12:00 PM
- Legislative Liaison to OSBA—None
- Student Achievement—Mrs. Barrell congratulated the Gold and Silver Key Art Award Winners
- TCTC School Board—Mrs. Longacre emailed the following report: Career days will be held January 23rd and 28th. Niles is scheduled for the January 28th session with 67 students registered. This visit allows them to experience TCTC before making their final decision for their junior and senior years. TCTC has once again received the Apple Distinguished School Award for 2019-2022. Apple representatives will be at TCTC on February 6th to make the presentation.

Board Discussion of Current School Issues

- Procedural Discussion—Mr. Perrone stated that if there is anything that the Board would like addressed he would prefer that they provide their questions prior to the board meeting so that he can address questions accurately.
- Mr. Perrone explained the procedures for board discussion on agenda items.
- Mr. Chieffo commented on the timeliness of the agenda and why it was not made available to union officials and the public earlier.

Communications to the Niles City Board of Education

- a. Written Communications--None
- b. Public Comments

George Kuriatnyk welcomed new Board members and complimented Bobby Seifert for attending even though he was not re-elected to the Board.

Katie Fallo commented on when the agendas were made available to the public in the two districts that she has worked for.

Treasurer's Business Recommendations

Res. No. 20-15

- a. Mrs. Barrell moved to approve the following Financial Reports for December 2019:
(Minute File 20-15)
 - December Bank Reconciliation Report
 - Ohio Cash Position Report
 - Check Register by Fund
 - Annual Spending Report (SM-2)

Seconded: Mrs. McMahan

Roll call: Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. McMahan, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Lamb, and Mr. Perrone—Yes
Motion carried

Discussion: There was conversation regarding the five-year forecast, healthcare savings and administrative pay freezes

Res. No. 20-16

b. Mrs. Lamb moved to approve the following Donations:

- To Niles McKinley High School Choir from the Lions Club, \$75.00
- To Niles McKinley High School Choir from the Niles McKinley Memorial Library, \$100.00

Seconded: Mr. Chieffo

Roll call: Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Res. No. 20-17

c. Mrs. McMahon moved to approve the following purchase orders:

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FUND NAME & ACCT
Lincoln Investment/Legend Group	Severance Payments to retired employees	\$116,395.10	General & SWSF 001 & 467
Singer Equipment Company	NSLP Grant	\$26,284.48	Fund 599
Ohio Auditor of State	FY 2019 Audit	\$26,404.00	General Fund
Strategic Literacy Coaching LLC	On site Professional Development	\$75,000.00	School Quality Improvement Grant (SQIG) FY20
Strategic Literacy Coaching LLC	On site Professional Development	\$75,000.00	Striving Reader's Grant
DeLucia's	Prom Hall Rental & Catering	\$6,500.00	2009420100
Keys to Literacy	Routine Support & Travel/In Bldg. coaching	\$6,280.00	Striving Reader's Grant
Dell	EqualLogic Maint. Renewal 1 Yr. Storage	\$7,528.64	General Fund 11110
CDW Government Inc.	Microsoft Office/Windows License renewal	\$17,669.83	General Fund 1113200
CDW Government Inc.	60 Chrome books; license; charging carts	\$17,740.00	School Quality Improvement Grant (SQIG) FY20
CDW Government Inc.	40 doc camera/60 Chrome books; license; carts	\$34,940.00	Striving Reader's Grant
CDW Government Inc.	VxRail Server Node	\$24,999.98	Title IVA Student Support & Academic Enrichment
ComDoc	Lease equipment expenses FY20 DW	\$38,450.45	General Fund 1113200; 1241500;1119000
Gingo & Bair Law, LLC	Legal Services FY20	\$20,000.00	General Fund 1249000
NEOMIN	Internet, Efinance Fees Jan-June 2 nd half, FY20 (contract approved)	\$62,000.00	Maintenance 0349000

The following are scholarship funds to be paid to schools of recipients choice:

TBD	William D. Bauman Memorial Music Scholarship	\$10,000.00	7900311300000
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Discussion: Mr. Chieffo mentioned separating each purchase order in order to vote on them separately, and he also questions the legal services.

Seconded: Mr. Chieffo

Roll call: Mrs. McMahon (yes), Mr. Chieffo (no), Mrs. Barrell (yes), Mrs. Lamb (yes), Mr. Perrone (yes)

Motion carried

Res. No. 20-18

- d. Mrs. Barrell moved to approve the resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. (Minute File 20-18)

Seconded: Mrs. Lamb

Roll call: Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Res. No. 20-19

- e. Mrs. McMahon moved to approve the engagement letter between the Auditor of State and the Niles City School District. (Minute File 20-19)

Seconded: Mrs. Barrell

Roll call: Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Barrell, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations

Res. No. 20-20

- A. Resignations, Retirements, Non-Renewals

Classified

- 1. Mrs. Barrell moved to approve Sherry Stiffler’s request for intermittent FMLA from her position as an Administrative Assistant at the Administration Building, through February 29, 2020.

Seconded: Mrs. McMahon

Roll call: Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Res. No. 20-21

- B. Employment of Personnel/Salary Adjustments

Certified

1. Mrs. McMahon moved to approve the TCESC Substitute Teachers for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. (Minute File 20-21)

Seconded: Mrs. Barrell

Roll call: Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Barrell, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

2. Mrs. Lamb moved to employ Cynthia Orslene as an Assistant Cook, 3 hours per day, at Niles Middle School, step 0, effective January 23, 2020. Pending successful Drug Screen. Cost neutral (movement in the workforce)

Seconded: Mrs. Barrell

Roll call: Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Barrell, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO EMPLOY A NON-LICENSED INDIVIDUAL
FOR COACHING OR DIRECTING PUPIL-ACTIVITY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Niles City Board of Education has posted supplemental positions as being available to employees of the district who hold educator licenses, and no such employee meeting all of the Board’s qualifications has applied for, been offered, and accepted such positions, and

WHEREAS, the Niles City Board of Education then advertised these positions as being available to licensed individuals not employed by this District, and no such person meeting all of the Board’s qualifications has applied for, been offered, and accepted such positions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following non-licensed individual(s) be employed as indicated:

Supplemental

3. Mr. Chieffo moved to approve the appointment of the following individuals in their respective activity and/or athletic supplemental positions, for the 2019-2020 school year, and grant each a One-Year Personal Service Contract, as per the NEA Master Contract:

POSITION	% of the base salary	NAME
Track—Assistant Boys	8	Mark Greene
Track—Assistant Boys	8	Robert “Bo” Greene
Track—7 th & 8 th Grade Girls	7	Lough, Kyle
Track—7 th & 8 th Grade Boys	7	Marc Chiarello
Baseball—Assistant Boys	8	Cameron Carson

Seconded: Mrs. McMahon

Roll call: Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Superintendent’s Business Recommendations

Res. No. 20-22

- a. Mrs. McMahon moved to approve the extension of the Agreement with Education Funding Group as it pertains to the districts E-rate funding. (district cost - 10% of all category one funds procured or 7.5% of all category two funds procured.) (Minute File 20-22)

Seconded: Mr. Chieffo

Roll call: Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Res. No. 20-23

- b. Mrs. Barrell moved to approve the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant in the amount of \$27,000.00. (Minute File 20-23)

Seconded: Mrs. Lamb

Roll call: Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Discussion: There was discussion regarding the amount of grant money Holly Hanni, Nutrition Group has brought into the district.

Res. No. 20-24

- c. Mrs. McMahon moved to approve the following resolution:

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 will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended Niles City Schools or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to Niles City Schools or any other public schools, and

WHEREAS, Niles City School’s state funding will be unjustly decreased 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, and

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

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 Niles City School District Board of Education that this Board 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 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 Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

Seconded: Mrs. Lamb

Roll call: Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Barrell, Mr. Chieffo, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Discussion: Mrs. Lamb commented that Niles is not the only district affected by the vouchers. Mrs. Thigpen concurred stating that eight other Trumbull County Districts are affected by this.

Res. No. 20-25

- d. Mrs. Barrell moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Niles City School District and Kent State University in regards to the College Credit Plus Program. (Minute File 20-25)

Seconded: Mr. Chieffo

Roll call: Mrs. Barrell, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Discussion: Mr. Chieffo commented on Kent State providing CCP services in the past. Mrs. Barrell explained that they have been providing CCP services for a few years now.

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.

At 6:45 PM, Mrs. McMahon moved that, under the provision of O.R.C. 121.22, the Niles City Board of Education will recess to Executive Session to discuss:

1. The purpose of considering the employment of a public employee/official of the school district.

Seconded: Mr. Chieffo

Roll call: Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

At 8:23 PM, Mrs. McMahon moved to reconvene the Board Meeting.

Seconded: Mr. Chieffo

Roll call: Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Board Recommendations

Res. No. 20-26

- a. Mrs. McMahon recommended to amend the agenda to include an addendum (Minute File 20-26)

Seconded: Mrs. Barrell

Roll call: Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Barrell, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Res. No. 20-27

- b. Mrs. McMahon moved to approve a 3.5 year Administrative Treasurer Contract with Rhonda Amorganos, effective February 3, 2020 thru July 31, 2023 at a salary of

\$90,000. Final contract terms to be negotiated by the Board of Education President, Interim Treasurer and Ms. Amorganos (Minute File 20-27)

Seconded: Mrs. Barrell

Roll call: Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Barrell, Mr. Chieffo, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

Adjourn

At 8:25 PM, Mrs. Lamb moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Mrs. McMahon

Roll call: Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Barrell, Mr. Chieffo, Mr. Perrone—Yes

Motion carried

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Tony Perrone, President

Craig Yaniglos, Interim Treasurer