STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION APRIL 1, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Strongsville Board of Education and any other items germane to the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at the Administration Building, Meeting Room, 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio, by President, Richard O. Micko.

All members of the Board and media were notified of this meeting in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C., effective November 28, 1975.

The following Board Members answered Roll Call: Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Housum, Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, Mr. Micko and Mr. Roberts.

Others present were: Dr. Cameron Ryba, Superintendent; Mr. George Anagnostou, Treasurer; and Mr. Stephen Breckner, Operations Manager.

This meeting was videotaped and is part of the official minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISTRICT GOALS

Student Achievement is the District's number one goal and is balanced against Financial Prudence. Helping with both goals is Community Engagement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. <u>SUPERINTENDENT</u>

1. <u>Discussion Item – Responsible Restart</u>

Data is trending in the right direction. The building dash board has been updated.

2. <u>Discussion Item – Strategic Planning</u>

Operations Manager, Steve Breckner shared information on two items his department is working on. 1. Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization (NPBI) – HVAC. NPBI is a commercially available technology that produces a stream of ions that can capture gaseous and particulate contaminants in the air, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and odors. NPBI units generate a high voltage field that creates positive and negative ions. These ions travel through the airstream and actively target contaminants in the air field, strips them of hydrogen and reduces them to harmless base compounds. Mr. Breckner explained the following:

- What we know about COVID
- Recommendations to improve air quality
- Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value Rating (MERV)
- Issues with MERV13
- The equation that makes a difference $-MERV8+NPBI \ge MERV13$
- Reasons for recommendation now
- List of school districts that are investing in NPBI
- Pricing estimates which have already increased by 8% (possibly using ESSER funds)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

2. <u>Discussion Item – Strategic Planning (continued)</u>

2. Bus Wash

Mr. Breckner recommended delaying the building of a bus wash complex as he feels now is not the right time for this investment. He recommends adding it to the five-year plan to be done in the future.

Dr. Ryba supports Mr. Breckner's recommendation.

Questions were asked and answered regarding NPBI. Mr. Breckner will send additional information to the Board. Mr. Breckner will get a cost quote to upgrade the middle school to MERV13. Mr. Breckner will do a side by side comparison of NPBI and MERV13.

The Board understands putting the bus wash on pause, but would like to revisit the project. Should this project proceed in the future, it may be placed where the old Pupil Services building was as the property already has a sewer line.

Dr. Ryba summarized the discussion. The bus wash complex project will be revisited this summer.

Dr. Ryba spoke and cautioned the Board about utilizing ESSER funds. Dr. Ryba would like an update at April 15th meeting. Mr. Anagnostou shared an update on ESSER funds. ESSER II funding has been released which is about \$1.9 million. ESSER III funds have not been released but are estimated to be approximately \$4.5 million. ESSER II funds must be spent by September 30, 2023 and ESSER III funds must be used by September 30, 2024.

B. <u>BUSINESS SERVICES</u>

*1. <u>Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Winter Use Contract for the Ohio Department of</u> <u>Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program for Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt) (001-</u> <u>General Fund)</u>

Resolution 21-04-01

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Operations Manager enters into an agreement between Strongsville City Schools and the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purpose of bidding for Sodium Chloride (rock salt). Contract to be in effect beginning September 1, 2021 and terminating April 30, 2022. Funding to be from the General Fund-Supplies/Materials for Custodial.

(Exhibit A)

2. <u>Business Services New Equipment Purchase (001-General Fund)</u>

21-04-02 Moved by Mr. Roberts that the Operations Manager be authorized to purchase new equipment from Buckeye Cleaning Center in the amount of \$59,482.41. General Fund will be reimbursed with ESSER funds if available, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes; Mr. Micko, yes. Motion carried 5-0

(Exhibit B)

Mr. Breckner shared a list of equipment to be purchased.

<u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u> (continued)

C. <u>CURRICULUM</u>

*1. <u>Apex Learning (001-General Fund)</u>

Resolution 21-04-03

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that Strongsville City School District pays for tutorial licenses to be used in the secondary summer school program at a cost of \$67,250.00. General Fund will be reimbursed with ESSER funds if available.

Dr. Ryba shared the software can be used throughout the year and shared some examples. It has a huge course catalog but will start being used this summer. It is a one-year contract with an unlimited subscription.

CONSENT CALENDAR

21-04-04 Moved by Mr. Roberts to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes; Mr. Micko, yes. Motion carried 5-0

BOARD OF EDUCATION / OTHER

Mrs. Buckner-Sallee reminded senior students interested in applying for the PTA Scholarship to go the guidance counselor website to do so.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21-04-05 Moved by Mr. Roberts to enter into Executive Session to consider the employment or discipline of a public employee, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes; Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mr. Micko, yes. Motion carried 5-0

Entered into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Resumed public session at 8:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

21-04-06 Moved by Mr. Roberts to adjourn the Strongsville Board of Education Regular Work Session, seconded by Mrs. Housum and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Roberts, yes; Mrs. Housum, yes; Mrs. Bissell, yes; Mrs. Buckner-Sallee, yes; Mr. Micko, yes. Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Richard O. Micko, President

George K. Anagnostou, Treasurer

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2021

WHEREAS, the Strongsville City Schools, Cuyahoga County (hereinafter referred to as the "Political Subdivision") hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon of award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and

b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT's signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and

c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees to hold the Department of Transportation harmless for any claims, actions, expenses, or other damages arising out of the Political Subdivision's participation in the road salt contract; and

d. The Political Subdivision's electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and

e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 90% of its electronically submitted salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period; and

f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and

g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, April 30 by 5:00 p.m. The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: <u>Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov</u> by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision's participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision's participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision's request to rescind its participation agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the following authorized person(s) that this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized, and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation on the ODOT salt contract:

 (Authorized Signature)	_ Approval Date
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THIS RESOLUTION MUST BE UPLOADED TO THE SALT PARTICIPATION WEBSITE BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT TYPED SIGNATURES. PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS SUBMITTED WITH TYPED SIGNATURES WILL BE INVALID AND INELIGIBLE FOR APPROVAL. YOU CANNOT SUBMIT A WORD DOCUMENT VERSION OF THIS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT. NO EXCEPTIONS. EXHIBIT B

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