

**STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MAY 2, 2019
REGULAR MEETING – WORK SESSION**

The Regular Meeting of the Strongsville Board of Education Work Session and any other items germane to the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the **Administration Building, Meeting Room, 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio**, by President, Carl W. Naso.

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: Colonel Evans, Mr. Grozan, Mrs. Ludwig, Mr. Micko, and Mr. Naso.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISTRICT GOALS

The Board has three stated goals; Student Achievement and Growth, Financial Prudence, and Community Engagement. All decisions made at Board Meetings support these three goals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Benjamin Bellucci, parent, addressed the Board regarding school safety.

Both Mr. Naso and Mr. Ryba responded and shared information regarding the District's policies and procedures. Mr. Ryba assured Mr. Bellucci and the community that the Administration works hand-in-hand with the Strongsville Police Department to ensure the best possible safety for our students and staff.

Mr. Ryba invited Mr. Bellucci to attend the upcoming Policy meeting. The safety policy is on the agenda to be discussed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. TIMELY INFORMATION

1. Presentation – OSBA Update – Mark Bobo, Ohio School Boards Association

Mr. Bobo shared an update on Ohio School Boards Association and the services they have to offer. OSBA has initiated the VISA Plan (Visionary Initiative for Strategic Action) which was designed to ensure that as needs change, OSBA is in a position to educate, challenge and support the work done by Boards of Education. Mr. Bobo shared details on the VISA Plan, various OSBA training opportunities, and a Legislative update. OSBA is currently recruiting Ambassadors for a community outreach program.

*2. Approval of Tuition Student

Resolution 19-05-01

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that Hope Schramm be accepted as a tuition student at Strongsville High School for the 2019-2020 school year, per Board policy, at the rate of tuition set by the State.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

A. TIMELY INFORMATION (continued)

***3. Resolution to Accept Memorandum of Understanding – School Resource Officer Program**

Resolution 19-05-02

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that a Memorandum of Understanding between the Strongsville Police Department and Strongsville City Schools for the operation of a School Resource Officer (SRO) program be approved, as stated in the Exhibit.

(Exhibit A)

Mr. Ryba reminded everyone to vote on May 7, 2019.

CONSENT CALENDAR

19-05-03 Moved by Col. Evans to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mrs. Ludwig and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Col. Evans, yes; Mrs. Ludwig, yes; Mr. Grozan, yes;
Mr. Micko, yes; Mr. Naso, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Micko commented on the MOU between Strongsville City Schools and the Strongsville Police Department. Thank you to the Police Department and Mayor Perciak for their support.

BOARD OF EDUCATION / OTHER

Board Members shared information on various upcoming community events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

19-05-04 Moved by Col Evans to adjourn the Strongsville Board of Education Regular Work Session, seconded by Mrs. Ludwig and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Col. Evans, yes; Mrs. Ludwig, yes; Mr. Grozan, yes;
Mr. Micko, yes; Mr. Naso, yes.
Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Carl W. Naso, President

George K. Anagnostou, Treasurer

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STRONGSVILLE POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS FOR THE OPERATION OF A
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) PROGRAM**

PURPOSE

SROs will be assigned to duty at Strongsville Schools for the purposes of responding to and investigating crimes that have taken place on school property, investigating other criminal cases involving juvenile suspects or victims, identifying juveniles that are "at risk", and making necessary referrals. They will also serve as an information source to school staff, providing classroom instruction on matters of safety and law enforcement, serving as a liaison between the schools, Juvenile Court, and the Police as well as developing positive relationships with the youth of our community.

I. FUNDING

- a. SROs will be full-time employees of the Strongsville Police Department, and their full salaries will be paid by the City of Strongsville.
- b. Overtime and extra activities will be approved and paid by the Police Department.
- c. Training, seminars, and conferences, including the forty (40) hours of specialized training for any SRO appointed on or after November 2, 2018, will be approved and paid by the Police Department.
- d. Order maintenance, premises security, private property traffic control, and special event security will be provided by others, and paid for by the school system. Should these needs arise, officers should be hired in a secondary employment capacity.

II. SUPERVISION OF SRO AND SCHOOL CAMPUS

- a. SROs will be under the direct supervision of the *Day Shift OIC*, and subject to the Police Department chain of command.
- b. School principals are in charge of the school campus, school staff, and the student population. Disciplinary actions and order maintenance will be handled at the direction of school employees.
- c. The Police Department will assume control over any area that is determined to be a crime scene, following an incident involving a criminal act.

III. ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- a. Use a community policing approach within the school setting.
- b. Investigate criminal activity on or adjacent to school property and request a road officer to complete an incident report when needed.
- c. Counsel students in special situations when requested by principal/designee, parents, or other school staff.

- d. Answer questions students may have about criminal or juvenile law.
- e. Act as a resource to the principal in investigating criminal law violations occurring on school property.
- f. Assist with problems of a law enforcement or crime prevention nature.
- g. Confer with principal to develop plans and strategies to prevent or minimize dangerous situations on or near school grounds.
- h. Participate in school safety plans and conduct security surveys and offer advice.
- i. Be aware at all times of the responsibility to improve the image of the uniformed law enforcement officer in the eyes of the students and community.
- j. Maintain regular and predictable attendance.

IV. SCHEDULING

- a. Two Officers will be assigned to full-time duty as an SRO; one at Strongsville High School and one at Strongsville Middle School during student school days.
- b. SRO schedules will remain flexible to accommodate other duties, assignments, and scheduled time off.
- c. If the officer who is assigned to SRO duty is absent, every effort will be made to have an alternate officer assigned.
- d. SROs will notify school administrators whenever they are arriving or leaving school grounds.
- e. If the presence of an SRO is requested for certain events or circumstances, notification to the SRO will be made as early as possible so that Supervisory authorization can be obtained.
- f. If there is a special need to "call out" the SRO, the on-duty police department OIC should be contacted for approval of the call-out and notification of the SRO.

V. OFFICE AND SUPPLIES

- a. The School System will supply a centrally-located office area, conducive to a good working atmosphere in which the SRO can interview and assist students.
- b. The office will be equipped by the school system with general office supplies, such as a desk, telephone, and filing cabinet. A portable school radio will also be provided to the SRO, if such communications equipment is in use in the school.
- c. The Police Department will supply personal equipment such as report forms, pens, folders, etc.

VI. DISCIPLINARY, INCIDENT, AND ARREST PROCEDURES

- a. School staff will handle all routine discipline and order-maintenance.
- b. Should an incident escalate to create a risk to persons or property, the SRO may be called to maintain safety, and make an arrest if appropriate. If the SRO is unavailable, the zone officer will respond.
- c. In emergency situations, school staff should summon help via 911 first, then notify the SRO.
- d. SROs will be notified of incidents involving criminal violations, to which they will respond and take appropriate action. If the SRO is not available, crimes should be reported immediately to Strongsville Police dispatch.
- e. The Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure and Police Department policy will be followed in all arrest situations. The SRO will consider safety, location, time of day, disruption of school activities, and other factors when making an arrest.

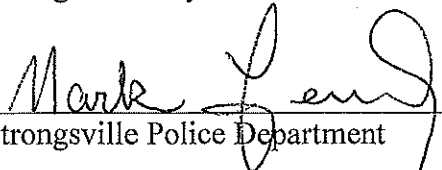
VII. ACCESS TO RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- a. SROs will only be provided with records or information which is permitted by state law and School Board policy.
- b. School employees will only be provided with records and information which is permitted by state law and Police Department policy.
- c. Records or information may be released by either party, if such notification is necessary for the emergency safeguard of persons or property.

VIII. AGREEMENT PERIOD

- a. This memorandum of understanding will be in effect commencing on the last date on which this memorandum of understanding is executed and will automatically renew on a year-to-year basis on the same conditions set forth in this memorandum of understanding, unless either of the parties provides written notice of intent to terminate and/or alter the memorandum of understanding. Such notice must be provided to the other party in writing not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date on which the initiating party intends to terminate and/or alter the memorandum of understanding.

Strongsville City Schools


Strongsville Police Department

Date

4-26-2019
Date