

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

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Wednesday, March 30, 2016  
Special Board Meeting  
6:00 pm

RIPLEY UNION LEWIS HUNTINGTON  
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
502 S. Second St.  
Ripley, Ohio

1. Welcome/Opening

Subject        A. Roll Call  
Meeting       Mar 30, 2016 - Special Board Meeting  
Category      1. Welcome/Opening  
Access        Public  
Type          Procedural  
Absent - Mr. Cluxton  
Yea - Mrs. Huff  
Yea - Mr. Sims  
Yea - Mr. White  
Yea - Mr. Wilson

Also in attendance were Superintendent - Dr. Linda Naylor, Treasurer - Jeff Rowley, HS Principal - Susie Skinner, Pam Fannin, Casey and Cheyenne Fowler, Wade Linville, and a few other guest.

Subject        B. Pledge of Allegiance  
Meeting       Mar 30, 2016 - Special Board Meeting  
Category      1. Welcome/Opening  
Access        Public  
Type          Procedural

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,  
and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

2. Public Comments/Visitors

Subject        A. Public Comments  
Meeting       Mar 30, 2016 - Special Board Meeting  
Category      2. Public Comments/Visitors  
Access        Public  
Type          Information

In order to address the board, please sign in.

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Those signed in included Cheyenne Fowler, and John Schwierling.

Cheyenne Fowler, wish to speak to the Board in support of the RULH Cheerleaders. He and his wife believes cheerleading provides those who participate leadership and confidence, and that Mrs. Bradford is very good at what she does with the girls. Mr. Fowler wished to know why it is that cheerleaders are required to pay Pay-2-Play fees, if the board does not consider cheerleading a sport? He also wished to know why if the girls are paying these fees, the board is limiting them on the number of events and competitions they may compete in?

John Schwierling, then spoke in regards to both cheerleading and the process in place for the selection of coaches. He noted that he has children at each building in the district, and takes interest not only in the District, but his children as well, and wants to see them have the opportunities and experiences to learn and develop in the activities they participate in. He believes that that the RULH Cheerleaders should be allowed to be involved in as many competitions and sporting events as they wish, and they he and many of the other parents are willing to pay any cost that cannot be covered by the District to allow them to do that. He also wished to make a statement saying that he nor his wife had any involvement with what has gone on with the local Reporter and the inquiries/comments being made on social media. He also asked about the procedures in place in the selection of coaches, and felt that the parents should have a say in the selection of the coaches. Mr. Schwierling also wished to make note of the fact that he and others did not think it right that there are students who have paid pay-to-participate fees, who did not get to play or compete.

On a separate matter, Mr. Schwierling wanted to know what the District policy is in regards to notifying everyone, including the public, about the board holding a meeting. He noted that if it had not been for the local chatter, he nor several others would have never know about tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Fowler commented that the board needs to do a better job of notifying the public regarding its meetings, maybe by using the one-call.

#### File Attachments

 [Public Participation at Board Meetings \(1\).pdf \(65 KB\)](#)

#### Executive Content

Following the public comments, Board Member - Glenda Huff read a statement from the board, signed by the Board President address the comments made at the last regular board meeting, and the recent comments being made on social media regarding RULH Cheerleading.

*To All concerned parents, cheerleaders and residents in the RULH district:*

*The Board of Education would like to clear up a few misunderstandings regarding the recent concerns regarding cheerleading.*

1. *We do consider Cheerleading a sport. It is a sport that must be treated the way all other sports in our district are treated. Therefore the limit of cheerleading competitions is due to the fact that NO other sport in the district is allowed unlimited access to tournaments, competitions, leagues or camps. We are a poorer district and each individual sport must pay for all costs associated with participation in activities outside the normal activities of the school sport events. This includes all fees, meals, boarding and transportation costs associated with the event. This has been the requirements for several years now. Believe us, the Golf team, Track and Cross Country teams, Soccer teams, Volleyball teams, Baseball, Softball, boys and girls Basketball teams would love to go to extra events, but we can not afford to allow this, that is why there is a limit to what the school district can afford to pay for. Cheerleading is associated with the Boys Basketball season.*
2. *Pay to participate does help defray costs of athletics but it in no way covers all the costs associated with sports participation and activities in Jr. High and the OHSAA requirement level. All students must pay to participate, sometimes there are sponsors for students or sports and as these are usually anonymous we respect the individual that is willing to help students out. Just as we have had anonymous donations to class field trips (which by the way*

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most field trips are paid for by donations or PTO or the classes raising their own monies) we respect the donor. The clubs that win state or national recognition or awards all raise their own money to go and participate.

3. We do listen to all concerns brought before the board and try not to respond until we have all information regarding the issues in order to make a well informed decision. We cannot legally, nor would you want us to, discuss any person or personnel in open session. Even if someone stands up and says "blame me" we cannot act upon that.

The Board of Education hopes this helps to clear up some of your concerns.

Superintendent Dr. Naylor, commented that the District does consider cheerleading a sport, and it is afforded the same consideration, requirements, and rights of all other sports. It is not fair to have all other sports limited by the seasonal sports schedules, yet allow and pay for cheerleading to participate in as many events throughout the year that they wish. Regarding the selection of coaches, the District has policy and procedures in place for their selection, and it is based primarily on qualification and past experience/evaluations, and is done through an application process involving the Superintendent, Building Principal, and AD.

Dr. Naylor recommended, that in light of the concerns presented at last meeting and this meeting, that once all the Cheer Coaches have been established, that they get together and prepare a schedule of event and completions they wish to participate in, provide that listing to the superintendent an board in an effort to try and work out a budget cost for all, a budget the board can afford to cover, and a plan of fund raisers to cover the cost of theremaining.

Regarding the notification of meetings, the board follows the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Law and Board policy which includes the notification of the board members, local paper, building administrators, and union representatives.

### 3. Facilities and Transportation

Subject	A. Approve recommendation for video surveillance system at the High School
Meeting	Mar 30, 2016 - Special Board Meeting
Category	3. Facilities and Transportation
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	To approve the recommendation by the superintendent to purchase and install a digital video surveillance system for the High School from Avant Communication and Technology for \$42,559.37.

#### Executive Content

Due to recent security issues at the Ripley High School this school year, including but not limited to: unexpected green screens on the monitoring displays in the principal office; blacked out or poor quality camera images; unauthorized access by non-student youth/young adults (10/22/2015), and fights in the hallways resulting in the injury of two teachers (11/11/2015), the Superintendent and Board resolve it necessary to waive the competitive bidding for a new video security and monitoring system for the Ripley High School Building for the protection of school property and its occupants, pursuant to ORC 3313.46(A).

As a best practice however, it is the desire of the board to solicit quotes from at least three sources to ensure that the Board is getting the best recommendations, options, and price for the District, and to help avoid any claims of favoritism in the acquisition.

Three quotes compared received and compared included XTek, I2C and Avant.

XTek quote at \$46,487 for a total of 58 cameras, 43 inside and 15 outside. System utilizes NVR units to store video. Wiring for system would be under a separate contact for additional dollars.

I2C quote at \$42,998 for a total of 36 cameras, 28 inside and 8 outside. Some of these cameras were 360 degrees, resulting in fewer cameras needed. System utilizes Dell server units to store video. Wiring for system would be under a separate contract for additional dollars

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Avant quote at \$42,559.37 for a total of 71 cameras, 55 inside and 16 outside. System utilizes NVR units to store video. Wiring for system is included in the quote.

The quotes from XTek and Avant are very similar in terms of equipment. Both are trusted vendors for the district. Given that wiring for the project is estimated to be between \$5,000 - \$10,000, the quote from Avant is clearly the most efficient and effective use of district funds.

A recommendation is made to approve Avant for the video surveillance project at the High School.

**Executive File Attachments**

 [Video Security System Quote Comp XTEK & I2C & Avant.xlsx \(13 KB\)](#)

**Subject** B. Additional Softball Field Work

**Meeting** Mar 30, 2016 - Special Board Meeting

**Category** 3. Facilities and Transportation

**Access** Public

**Type** Action

**Recommended Action** To approve the recommendations for additional work on girls' softball field at the Middle School as presented.

Executive Content

At present softball field project includes \$13,996 spent on backstop and fencing, and \$5,774.26 spent on concrete and fence for dugouts.

Original design for dugouts needs to be extended 10 feet, additional concrete and fence for the dugout extension, plus recommended installation of foul poles on first and third baselines, both of which is an additional \$2,435.74.

It is also recommended that we purchase and install field gates so that the entire field could be locked at a cost of \$300.

To date, board has approved \$20,811.53 for softball field project. To complete the work outlined above is an additional \$1,694.47.

**Subject** C. Motion and Second

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**Category** 3. Facilities and Transportation

**Access** Public

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Recommended Action (Resol. #03-16-072) Mr. Wilson moved and Mrs. Huff seconded upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools to approve the above Facilities and Transportation resolutions as presented.

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n/a - Mr. Cluxton Yea - 4 Nay - 0  
Yea - Mrs. Huff Motion Carried - Y  
Yea - Mr. Sims  
Yea - Mr. White  
Yea - Mr. Wilson

4. Curriculum

Subject A. Approve purchase of the Boardworks curriculum tool for K-12 ELA, math, and science, and HS Spanish and history as presented.

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Category 4. Curriculum

Access Public

Type Action


Recommended Action To approve per the recommendation of the superintendent the purchase of the Boardworks curriculum tool for K-12 ELA, math, and science, and High School history and Spanish at \$15,739.

Executive Content

Dr. Naylor noted that this price was a special 50% off price, as they are looking to the Brown County District's to serve as a pilot for this curriculum software. This is a one-time purchase with not annual subscription fee. This software is currently being used by Fayetteville-Perry and Georgetown. She noted that this special price was only made available for short time period.

Dr. Naylor has surveyed the teachers who had taken a closer look at this product, and of the responses received, all had been positive.

Mr. White expressed his concern that by limiting our time to respond to this offer, and not allowing the teachers a trial period to fully use the product, that we were being pushed into a purchase that we may or may not like in the long run.

<p>Executive File Attachments</p> <p> <a href="#">Brown County ESC Boardworks K-12 Quote.doc (293 KB)</a></p>
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Subject B. Motion and Second

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Category 4. Curriculum

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Type Action

Recommended Action (Resol. #03-16-073) Mrs. Huff moved and Mr. Wilson seconded upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools to approve the above curriculum resolutions as presented.

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n/a - Mr. Cluxton Yea - 3 Nay-1  
 Yea - Mrs. Huff Motion Carried - Y  
 Yea - Mr. Sims  
 Nay - Mr. White  
 Yea - Mr. Wilson

**5. Personnel**

Subject A. David Dunn as an unpaid athletic volunteer for Baseball

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Category 5. Personnel

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action To approve David Dunn as an unpaid athletic volunteer for the Baseball team for the 2015-16 school year.

Subject B. Motion and Second

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Category 5. Personnel

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action (Resol. #03-16-074) Mrs. Huff moved and Mr. Wilson seconded upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools to approve the above personnel resolutions as presented.

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n/a - Mr. Cluxton Yea - 4 Nay - 0  
 Yea - Mrs. Huff Motion Carried - Y  
 Yea - Mr. Sims  
 Yea - Mr. White  
 Yea - Mr. Wilson

**6. Executive Session**

Subject A. Motion and Second

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Category 6. Executive Session

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Type	Action
Recommended Action	(Resol. #03-16-075) Mrs. Huff made a motion and Mr. Wilson seconded to enter into Executive at 7:26 pm for the purpose of (G-1) to consider one or more, as applicable, with respect to a public employees or officials employment and/or compensation. --- --- --- n/a - Mr. Cluxton Yea - 4 Nay - 0 Yea - Mrs. Huff Motion Carried - Y Yea - Mr. Sims Yea - Mr. White Yea - Mr. Wilson  Mrs. Huff mad a motion and Mr. White seconded to leave executive session and re-enter public session at 9:52 pm. --- --- --- n/a - Mr. Cluxton Yea - 4 Nay - 0 Yea - Mrs. Huff Motion Carried - Y Yea - Mr. Sims Yea - Mr. White Yea - Mr. Wilson

File Attachments

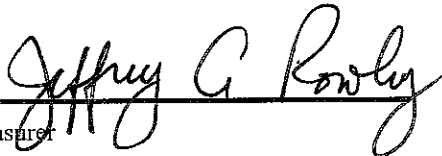
 Exec session language in detail.pdf (38 KB)

7. Old Business - none

8. Adjourn

Subject	A. Adjourn
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Category	8. Adjourn
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Mr. Wilson moved and Mrs. Huff seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 pm. --- --- --- n/a - Mr. Cluxton Yea - 4 Nay - 0 Yea - Mrs. Huff Motion Carried - Y Yea - Mr. Sims Yea - Mr. White Yea - Mr. Wilson

Treasurer



Board President

