

Board of Education President's Report

Rob Felber

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Good evening and welcome to the students, staff and families from Wicox Primary, George G. Dodge Intermediate and Twinsburg High Schools.

This is the meeting of the Board of Education for January 23, 2019. I am Rob Felber and I am honored to serve as your president of the Board of Education. I would once again like to thank Mr. Matt Cellura for serving this board as president the past year. His dedication at "center seat" went way beyond the call of duty and on behalf of the board, we thank you.

Your board and administration continue to meet, study and discuss the long-term financial health of the district. Operating a district as diverse and engaging as Twinsburg is no small feat. Every employee, administrator, teacher, bus driver and support staff member start their day early and focus on one goal, knowing each and every student. 85% or more of our district's operating budget is personnel. In 2008 the electors of the school district approved the renewal of an existing tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation in order to raise the amount of \$4,000,000 each calendar year for a period of 10 years. Your board, treasurer and superintendent have once again determined to maintain our fiscal health the levy should be renewed. This levy will be on the May ballot. Please join us in this renewal, noting this is not a new tax.

On a more frigid note, we experienced our first weather-related calamity day yesterday. As a reminder, there is much that goes into the superintendent's determination to close the district. When the weather is a factor, the roads in all three municipalities are considered. This is the City of Twinsburg, Village of Reminderville and Twinsburg Township. For the past six years I have served the board, I have witnessed our own resident superintendent driving the roads to make this determination. Sorry kids, ice cubes, spoons, and inside-out pajamas are not the only factor.

Seeing all the smiling faces of our students, we're reminded as to why we're here. I'll now turn the meeting over to Mrs. Powers for the Superintendent's report.