

**NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 11- 05**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 14, 2011**

President Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room. The Treasurer called the roll:

Mr. Jim Bennett, President - Present  
Mrs. Laura Leonti, Vice President - Present  
Mrs. Diane Farmer, Member - Present  
Mrs. Cindy Webel, Member - Present  
Mrs. Elisa Worthington, Member – Present

Also present were:

Mr. David Dunn, Superintendent  
Mrs. Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Community & Engagement Committee will summarize comments from the survey and post. Discussed the most effective way to send out information. Committee discussed OSBA handout to nominate local businesses, they felt the information was received without sufficient time to nominate. Will plan for next year nominations. Mr. Dunn had a meeting of the Superintendent committee about communication which went well. It was discovered that the Barberton Herald pullout is not effective.
- B. Technology & Instruction - The committee did not meet. Curriculum is in the process of a Language Arts adoption. Teachers will meet two days next week about the adoption; this should be completed by late April early May. A resolution for the financial literacy requirement at the middle school will be presented at the March meeting.
- C. Operations – Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Dunn, Mrs. Hagenbush and Mrs. Webel met with the Trust and others regarding the land – the option for the land is still in progress. Have talked with the architect regarding the stadium; hope to have a decision in April.
- D. Policy – Met with NEOLA about continuing their services. They say the problems are resolved. There are two ways to update policies; they offer training for the updates. The committee will meet with OSBA and Pepple & Waggoner next week regarding their services for policy programs.
- E. Finance- The Administrative Benefit schedule and salary expires this year. Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Hagenbush will review to see if we need changes prior to August. The Board will be asked for their input. Special Education placement was discussed – the estimated cost for this year is \$108,000. Discussion took place about the PI money. We have set aside money for the purchase of land, and need to prioritize how we use the remainder. Looked at the age of the busses – will have a discussion with Mr. Stoneking about the need of a new bus. A lift at the middle school and a van for deliveries are tops on the list of necessities.

**TRIP**

11-43 **Mrs. Farmer** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the contract with Nowak Tour & Travel for the Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Washington, DC trip, October 26 – 28, 2011 at no cost to the district.

**Mrs. Leonti** seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weber,Mrs.Worthington  
NAYS: None - Motion Carries - 5-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

11-44 **Mrs. Weber** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent enter executive session at 6:41 p.m. to discuss the purchase of land, employment of personnel and negotiations.

**Mrs. Worthington** seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weber,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett  
NAYS: None - Motion Carries - 5-0

Invited into Executive Session were Mr. Dunn, Mrs. Hagenbush and Mr. Caldwell, Dan Obrynda and Lee Behnke. Mr. Obrynda, Mr. Behnke and Mr. Caldwell left at 7:28 p.m.

President Bennett called the meeting back to public session at 8:02 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

11-45 **Mrs. Worthington** moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:03 p.m.

**Mrs. Farmer** seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weber,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer  
NAYS: None - Motion Carries - 5-0

“Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the provisions of Policy and Regulations of the Board of Education which was adopted in accordance with §121.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Procedures Act.”

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**Jim Bennett, President**

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**Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer**