

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 13-06
Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 11, 2013

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

Mrs. Cindy Webel, President – Present
Mrs. Jennifer Bennett, Vice President - Present
Mrs. Diane Farmer, Member - Present
Mr. Jim Bennett, Member - Present
Mr. Patrick Santelli, Member - Present

Also present were:
Mr. David Dunn, Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13-51 **Mrs. Farmer** moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the sale of property.

Mr. Santelli seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: **AYES:** Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mr.Santelli,Mrs.Webel
NAYES: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

Invited into Executive Session were: David Dunn, Ken Caldwell, Stephanie Hagenbush, and Jeff Deeds.

Jeff Deeds left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

President Webel called the meeting back to public session at 6:45 p.m.

13-52 **Mrs. Bennett** moved that the Board of Education go back into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss the dismissal of an employee.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: **AYES:** Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mr.Santelli,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Bennett
NAYES: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

Invited into Executive Session were: David Dunn, Ken Caldwell, and Stephanie Hagenbush.

President Webel called the meeting back to public session at 6:53 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations – No report

Technology & Instruction – Met on February 19, 2013. Discussed the 3rd grade reading guarantee and the waiver day for March 28th. The software for IEP will be transitioned to Progress Book. Dual credit will be switched to Stark State – they are easier to deal with and less expensive; next year we plan to add math and social studies for dual credit. Also discussed delayed start in lieu of calamity days, and the option of online learning for calamity days but the union is not on board with this.

Finance – Met on February 20, 2013. Discussed the information from the Attorney General concerning charitable trusts, options for sales tax and reviewed a DRAFT of the 5 year forecast. No more information on the new state budget is available.

Policy - There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 at 2:30.

Community Engagement – Continued the discussion about volunteer program for graduation requirement. At this time it is called the Ambassador program. Would like to make this a requirement for next year's seniors. Discussed who would oversee the program – Ryan Shanor will work with Mrs. Anderson and Barb Moore. Will run it as a pilot program for the first year.

13-53 **Mrs. Farmer** moved to approve the Last Chance Agreement with Misty Kazy.

Mr. Bennett seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Farmer,Mr.Santelli,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Bennett

NAYES: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

13-54 **Mr. Bennett** moved to approve the termination of employment of Misty Kazy, effective immediately.

Mr. Santelli seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Santelli,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer

NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike Sudsina, with Sudsina & Assoc, LLC gave a short presentation about financial advisors and the process used to issue bonds. He presented different scenarios of regarding the size and length of a bond issue.

Mr. Dunn recommends we do not link the stadium project with a building project. He would like to borrow the funds for the stadium and move forward with a building project this November.

A discussion followed with the following concerns: if we connect the two projects in a bond issue and it fails-will we still build the stadium, will we lose the built up momentum if we wait, the Permanent Improvement Fund is only a 5 year levy- do not want to borrow longer on it, what if Permanent Improvement levy does not pass in the future, we have only had the property a few months – what is the hurry, the people at the board meeting are just a small sample of the people in Norton.

Also discussed was: the feeling that momentum will not wane, could borrow for stadium and pay back with bond issue, feel it is unlikely scenario that Permanent Improvement Levy will not pass for renewal, stadium is necessary whether we build building or not, people take loans for homes longer then their employment contract, need to do this for our students – a large percentage of students use facility, we owe it to students to provide adequate facilities for the programs we provide, could we start part of the project early (field and track).

Mr. Dunn stated what he understood was the majority opinion in the room - we will connect the stadium with a building project and proceed with a bond levy in November 2013.

Mrs. Bennett stated that this is the best opportunity to potentially benefit all students.

ADJOURNMENT

13-55 **Mr. Santelli** moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Webel, Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer, Mr. Santelli

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.”

Cindy Webel, President

Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer