

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION - 15-18
Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 14, 2015

President Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer called the roll:

Mrs. Jennifer Bennett, President – Present
Mr. Patrick Santelli, Vice President – Present
Mr. Rob Knight, Member – Present
Mr. Jason Sams, Member – Present
Mrs. Cindy Webel, Member – Present

Also present were:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15-192 Mrs. Webel moved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.

Mr. Santelli seconded the motion

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Knight,Mr.Sams,Mr.Santelli,Mrs.Webel
NAYS: None – Motion carries 5-0

Invited into the Executive Session were: Mr. Williams, Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Hagenbush

President Bennett called the meeting back to public session at 6:13 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/VISITORS/GUESTS

David Houpt – Reviewed what he said at last meeting. Board making false statements and not telling the truth. Minutes are not correct, they are being skewed and don't reflect what really happened at the meeting. Illegal meetings are happening – the Vice President called a point of order about the minutes, but not about the illegal Executive Session. He is not happy with happenings.

Mr. Dunn – Had meeting with Mr. Sams and Mr. Knight – can go on site – just need to check-in. A lot of talk about the Executive Session he called for at last meeting – ruling from attorney said it was not illegal or improper.

Mrs. Bennett – Offered to sit with Mr. Houpt to talk. Did not say board members couldn't go to construction site – it is controlled by CT Taylor – they need to go through them. Minutes – ask for corrections – still need minutes even if meetings are recorded.

Mr. Santelli – Addressed Mr. Houpt – reviewed the story of the Music Man – a person, Harold Hill, came to town and created a crisis in town when there was none, the more he talked, the more the town thought there was a problem when there was not. It appears Norton has one or two Harold Hills in it.

Mr. Ule – Would like to switch public participation after student of the month – important for students to have time.

Mr. Knight – At Committee of the Whole 6 weeks ago – said misquotes in minutes – corrected each time – shouldn't have to tell how to take minutes – wants them transparent and thorough – wants accurate – be honest. Requested meeting be recorded and put online. Things can get misconstrued. Told twice about misquotes – not his job to correct minutes.

Mrs. Mays – What have we done to investigate putting minutes (recorded) online? What have you done to make them available? Have you investigated?

BUILDING UPDATE

Stadium is progressing well – electric inspection passed – Open House on Wednesday – looks great – High School site moving along fast – CT Taylor trying to makeup rain days – driveways and parking lots going in – first competition will be Thursday – there will be shuttles available.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

15-193 Mr. Santelli moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Mr. Sams seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Knight,Mr.Sams,Mr.Santelli,Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Bennett
NAYS: None – Motion carries 5-0

BOARD BUSINESS

School Resource Officer Discussion

Background - Discussion for years with former and current police chief – took a proposal to City Council, have surveyed staff – what direction does the district move in?

Chief Dalessandro – Reviewed safety comparison report. City Council passed resolution 4-3 in favor of a Safety Resource Officer with a 68(school)-32(city) split – approximate cost of officer \$104,000

Review forecast – not all information from state and county yet, but will be losing \$457,000 from Tangible Personal Property hold harmless payments – added 2 staff members.

Police assign officer to district during school – along with DARE officer - have seen nothing on DARE grant for this year (police do not budget for DARE -\$9-\$10K year grant)- any grants received would come off cost – chief has applied for Federal Grant for \$100,000 over 4 years (starting new SRO)

Still presence of officers at beginning and ending of day – when available they walk through buildings. Call volume – 2013 – 95 calls, 2014 – 150 – these were only when school was in session. Chief will try to get breakdown of what calls are for. - New Franklin (Manchester), Barberton, Canal Fulton, Bath, Wadsworth, Chippewa, Coventry, and Copley have SRO (Copley has 3 officers assigned there.)

No negative response from public on SRO - safety is imperative – need for SRO, but not in city budget at this time. Can't do with current officers, would need another full time officer because of union contract.

Do we look at a Safety/Security levy for this? ½ mil would raise about \$150,000. Look into levy dates and other needs throughout district that might be tied to a levy - testing/gifted/counselor. Could also use to fix entrance to Middle School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Meeting September 24, 2015.

Policy – Need to schedule meeting.

Community Engagement – Met in August – talked about an open house for the stadium had thought about scheduling for Ciderfest – could still have open house that weekend. Banners on poles – still stuck on Edison owning poles – will use poles going into stadium that we will own.

Technology & Instruction – Will schedule meeting. Have information on new testing dates on website – all testing with AIR. Grade 3, first week of December – main tests April 3-10 Math, Science and Social Studies.

Operations – Need to schedule meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Exciting to open stadium!

ADJOURNMENT

15-194 Mr. Santelli moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Mr. Sams seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Sams,Mr.Santelli,Mrs.Weber,Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Knight
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.”

Jennifer Bennett, President

Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer