

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION - 15-9
Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2015

President Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

15-102 Mr. Santelli moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Mr. Knight seconded the motion.

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

BOARD BUSINESS

Mr. Dunn informed the Board the coaches for Fall and Winter Sports 2015-16 will be on the May 18th Agenda for approval, the evaluations are available for review. He asked if there were any concerns that needed to be discussed – none.

Mr. Miller stated the reverse raffle fundraiser for the turf raised \$17,534. The down payment is due May 31st.

Mrs. Bennett reported the Kiwanis approached her about a project for the new school. Mr. Virgil Villers, a local artist, former employee and graduate, is going to make a sculpture for the new high school. Kiwanis will be funding the project.

Mr. Matt Collier, CT Taylor – The bids for the new high school came in very low. He reviewed the alternates and the Board prioritized them. He will report back with final numbers.

15-103 Mr. Santelli moved that the Board of Education approve the Acceptable Use Policy for the High School and Middle School.

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy – Met two weeks ago – There was a question regarding a policy for release time for religious classes – this is covered by ORC and is not a required policy, the Board will not include it. Also a question about Opt-Out for graduation requirements – Mr. Dunn called ODE, it is a regulation and not required.

Community Engagement – No Meeting – Discussion about a newsletter highlighting good things happening in the schools and by the students– Barberton website has nice “shout out” – Mr. Knight will talk with Barberton about how they do theirs.

Instruction & Technology – No meeting.

Operations – No meeting – Stadium moving along, they are pouring the base for the bleachers and the first couple rows of the concession stand building are in place.

Finance – Met last week and Mrs. Hagenbush reviewed the Five Year Forecast – still waiting for the new state budget. All assumptions are based on current budget. The district has a positive balance for the next five years.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Five students have not completed their volunteer hours necessary to graduate and participate in the ceremony - they have until Friday to turn them in. The parents have been contacted and Mr. Shanor has spoken with the students.

Mr. Dunn led a discussion about the process of hiring an architect. The Board's consensus is to keep using MKC & Assoc.

Mrs. Bennett initiated a discussion about the no votes on the previous two month's minutes and asked if the minutes were inaccurate. Mr. Knight does not feel the minutes are complete or detailed enough. He will review them earlier and discuss any inaccuracies with the Treasurer in the future.

Mrs. Bennett began a discussion about the "round table" at the end of each Board Meeting. It was started to be a positive promotion of happenings in the District, but has turned negative – question whether to continue it or adjourn the meeting after the Superintendent's Report. The consensus of the Board is to keep the remarks – they have all agreed to keep them positive.

Mr. Sams led a discussion about the School Resource Officer Proposal presentation to City Council. He questioned where the 60-40 split came from. Mr. Dunn explained that seemed like a fair split, but it was just a proposal and City Council could negotiate a different split.

Due to vacation schedules the June meetings will be:

June 22, 2015 – Committee of the Whole

June 29, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

15-104 Mr. Santelli moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Mr. Knight seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Sams,Mr.Santelli,Mrs.Webel,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