

**NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION - 15-15**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 10, 2015**

President Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room and lead 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

Recording – Mr. Santelli, Mr. Sams, Mr. Labo, and Mr. Muller (photos)

Mrs. Bennett asked everyone to keep the Willig family in their thoughts, Jake Willig, a 2014 graduate passed away early this morning.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/VISITORS/GUESTS**

David Houpt – Asked Mr. Collier from CT Taylor about safety personnel on the construction site - at any time there could be numerous safety people at the job site. Why then, were Mr. Knight and Mr. Sams told they were not allowed on the site because it was unsafe?

Mrs. Bennett replied she has never said it was unsafe, she said for their safety- cannot just wonder around on site.

Mr. Houpt continued he thinks it is safe for those board members to go to the site.

Mrs. Bennett replied the job site is under the control of CT Taylor and it is not up to the Board who is allowed access.

Mr. Houpt asked Mr. Collier if the board members could tour the site.

Mr. Collier – let him know, happy to take them on a tour.

**BUILDING UPDATE**

Matt Collier – CT Taylor

Progress – foundation 100% - masonry for the gym wall is going up – trades working extended days – water connected, now waiting for inspection of ports installed, scheduled for tomorrow – electric on at stadium – test lift station soon.

Mr. Sams – The access back to the stadium, whose property is it? Mr. Dunn is not sure, he will research.

Mr. Sams has received calls about dust and usage of the road.

Mr. Collier – CT Taylor representatives have spoken to church and library to coordinate and make sure they have had access at all times.

Mr. Sams – Good neighbor and be courteous about dust.

Mr. Carmany – They have been watering daily to help with dust.

Mr. Sams – Getting lots of calls because they don't know who to call.

Mr. Sams – Was Mr. Crawford's facebook post about the water line?

Mr. Collier explained, Mr. Crawford's post said the district paid no fees for the tie in. That is inaccurate. Fees were paid to both Norton and Barberton. As soon as they understood there was a problem they worked with Summit County and their inspector reviewed drawings – told what fees were and paid them in advance – inspector on site from Summit County – road closure for 3 days was by Norton, actually only total closed for 1 ½ days and restricted for the other.

Mr. Sams – who paid for police officer directing traffic.

Mr. Dunn understood that the City of Norton paid the cost.

Mr. Knight – Sewer connection – how many places will it connect or is there just one connection?

Mr. Collier explained the sewer connection – there is only one connection. Had meeting well in advance and did due diligence to make sure everything done correctly.

Mr. Dunn – No indication from Summit County there was a problem. \$36,000 paid to Norton and \$41,000 paid to Barberton for tap in fees and fees.

Forever Lawn – Turf – Dale Karmie

Rubber fill – concerns on safety – crumb rubber used for decades – Soccer coach made connection in her mind about turf and cancer – slowly gained interest – Research done on safety – there is no link between crumb rubber and cancer – other options for fill – sand, virgin rubber, coconut husks, cork – they feel best fill is rubber – performance, cost, safety – recommend crumb rubber fill – read excerpts from reports saying there is no increased health risk – Synthetic Turf Council has a list of 50 studies conducted on correlation between rubber and cancer. Alternatives to crumb rubber include cork, sand, coated sand, EPDM rubber, coconut husks– pros and cons to all of them. Still feels crumb rubber is the best for performance, data behind it, cost and safety. There is no report on alternatives to crumb rubber or historical data. Sand is abrasive – both to turf and players. Coated sand not as abrasive but not same shock absorption. EPDM close substitute but more costly. TPE has a low melt point, melt on the field. Organics – Float/dry out and become brittle. Everything has pros and cons. No elevated safety risk with crumb rubber.

Crumb rubber costs \$.20/lb., EPDM costs \$.50/lb., TPE costs \$1.00/lb. – Our field would have about 110,000/lbs. of fill. Sand costs less, but need to add much more. We are using less crumb rubber than other fields – Forever Lawn has hardy construction, dense, nylon thatch, fills area – don't need as much fill. 1.3- 1.4 lbs/sq. ft. usually 3-4 lbs. / sq. ft. – rubber doesn't fly up when athletes run on it.

Question from audience - Who pays Turf Council and for studies?

It is a group from industry, but the studies were done by outside companies and collected by the Turf Council. Paid for by outside interests. The findings are there is no elevated risk or exposure from playing on crumb rubber then you would experience from just being outside where there are rubber tires leaving rubber behind on the parking lot or used in making asphalt roads.

Would need 2-3 weeks to change fill – hope to apply fill the last week in August.

Mr. Sams – Why talk about this now without the turf committee?

Mr. Dunn – Questions were asked about the fill and the board needed to discuss the information.

Question from audience: what do the tests show about the linkage between known carcinogens in crumb rubber and cancer?

The tests were to see if any elements linked to cancer exist at elevated levels in the crumb rubber. The reports show there is no increased exposure as opposed to what a person would come into contact with in the world around us.

Grace Rouse, Interior Designer – MKC Associates, Inc. – presented samples of the colors selected by the Ascetics Committee – the split face brick for the gym will match what is at the stadium, white accents, tan paint inside at top of wall slightly darker at bottom, grey split face in auditorium with grey paint.

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Bennett asked if there was a consensus to add approving the color choices to the agenda. – Yes, add motion to agenda.

**15-168 Mr. Santelli** moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended.

**Mrs. Webel** seconded the motion.

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

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**15-169 Mr. Santelli** moved that the Board of Education approve the color choices as present by Grace Rouse from MKC Associates, Inc. for the building.

**Mr. Knight** seconded the motion.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Operations – No meeting

Finance – No meeting

Policy – No meeting

Community Engagement – No meeting – Meeting August 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Technology & Instruction – No meeting - held back on the French textbook order because teacher resigned. The new French teacher chose different books and it will be on the Regular Meeting agenda of August 17<sup>th</sup>. Grace Church donated book bags and supplies for families in need.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Dunn - Need to know how to proceed about the SRO.

Mrs. Bennett – Would still like to survey the community and receive more information from police officer from Rittman about why their arrangement didn't work.

Mrs. Webel – Talk with Chief of Police and see what their needs are and how their union works.

Mr. Sams requested a copy of the MOU received from the city.

Mr. Sams – Has a question about a coach and there is no one here to talk to about coaches.

Mr. Dunn – Can set up a time to talk about it. Do you want to reschedule when on agenda?

Mr. Sams has a question, doesn't know the proper place to ask it.

Mrs. Webel – Call Mr. Miller and ask.

Mr. Dunn – Can be in room with Mr. Miller when you talk with him – setup a time.

Mr. Knight would also like to be involved in conversation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**15-170 Mr. Santelli** moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:11 p.m.

**Mrs. Webel** 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.”

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Jennifer Bennett, President

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Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer