

**NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 15-24**  
**Special Session Meeting of December 7, 2015**

President Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Panther 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

**BUILDING UPDATE**

Roofing is going on – change in roofing material to allow work to continue in the colder conditions – CT Taylor asked the Middle School Stem class to take pictures with the drones. They are great pictures.

15-264 **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**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policy** – Nothing to report

**Community Engagement** – No meeting

**Technology & Instruction** – Training between buildings for teachers to learn technology to use in the classroom. Sophomore Language Arts classes are using Achieve 3000 which is tailored to students individual needs. 486 people were at Grace Church for Human Trafficking information.

**Operations** – Athletic Council – information on fundraising and naming rights guidelines – Building usage form, redesigned to make costs clear and transparent. Investigating district wide calendar for scheduling. Mr. Carmany gave a brief presentation on Navigate, a software program to develop safety and security plans and communicate them with first responders. There is a onetime set up fee and yearly update costs. Through OSC the cost is \$12,500 for the first year and \$3,000 subsequent years. Need to discuss this with the city’s fire and police officials.

**Finance** – State cut over \$400,000 from our budget. Predicted to be in red in FY 19. Need to discuss an Operating Levy and a Safety and Security Levy. Discuss 2.5 mills vs 2.9 mills. – consensus is to proceed with 2.9 mills. Safety and Security Levy would be .4 mills – this could be used for SRO as well as any other security projects we may have, e.g. video cameras and software for them.

15-265 **Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional current expense tax levy and requesting the Summit County fiscal officer the total current tax valuation of the school district and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that additional levy.

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of current expenses; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, this Board must request that the Summit County Fiscal Officer certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the School District, and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, and the Section of the Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the County Fiscal Officer is to certify the total current tax valuation of the District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Norton City School District, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board declares that it is necessary to levy, for a **continuing period of time**, an **additional 2.9 -mill** ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of **current expenses**, and that it intends to submit the question of that additional tax levy to the electors at an election on **March 15, 2016**, as authorized by Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. If approved, that tax would first be levied in 2016 for first collection in calendar year 2017.

Section 2. This Board requests the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the District, and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the additional levy specified in Section 1.

Section 3. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Summit County Fiscal Officer a certified copy of this resolution.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

**Mr. Santelli** seconded the motion.

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

**15-266**

**Mr. Sams** moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional school safety and security tax levy and requesting the Summit County fiscal officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the school district and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that additional levy.

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing for school safety and security; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, this Board must request that the Summit County Fiscal Officer certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the School District, and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose,

whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, and the Section of the Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the County Fiscal Officer is to certify the total current tax valuation of the District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Norton City School District, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board declares that it is necessary to levy, for **five years**, an **additional 0.4-mill** ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of **providing for school safety and security**, and that it intends to submit the question of that additional tax levy to the electors at an election on **March 15, 2016**, as authorized by Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. If approved, that tax would first be levied in 2016 for first collection in calendar year 2017.

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**Mr. Knight** seconded the motion.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

It is very hard to ask the community for money. We have a great staff that has been fiscally responsible.

**15-267 Mr. Santelli** moved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent and Treasurer evaluations.

**Mr. Sams** seconded the motion.

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

Invited into the Executive Session was Mr. Dunn.

Mr. Dunn left at 7:12 p.m.

Mrs. Hagenbush was invited into the Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

Mrs. Bennett called the meeting back to public session at 7:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**15-268 Mr. Santelli** moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:21 p.m.

**Mrs. Webel** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Webel, Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Knight, Mr. Sams, 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.”

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Jennifer Bennett, President

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Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer