

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 13-04
Work Session of February 18, 2013

President Webel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room for the purpose of a work session and the Treasurer called the roll.

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

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

Mr. Dunn stated his opinion that we need to make a decision about moving forward with the stadium and a building project. It is his recommendation that we proceed with both.

A discussion followed about the following concerns: cutting the Permanent Improvement Fund too short, too fast of a timeline, too long of a payback time period, the need for money to run a bond campaign, proceeding with a building project in a negotiating year, not connecting the stadium with a building project, the perception that we would be perceived as being all about football and borrowing against a 5 year levy for a long period of time.

Also discussed was: the thought that we had planned this project all along, the idea that we should not have bought land and not move forward with a project, the thought that we are underestimating the backlash from those that really want to move forward, the thought that we keep presenting a moving target to the public, and we need to be ready when the road construction begins.

Mr. Dunn stated what he understood was the majority opinion in the room - we will connect the stadium with a building project and wait until 2014 to proceed.

Mr. Bennett stated he strongly disagrees with waiting to begin the projects.

Mr. Bennett exited the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Discussion continued about financing the stadium project and borrowing against the permanent improvement fund when it is only a 5 year levy. Originally it was presented as a 30 year payback, but additional options were presented for a 20 year payback. This would be no additional cost to the taxpayer vs. including the stadium in a bond issue.

Mrs. Farmer stated for the record she disagrees with waiting to begin the project.

Before adjourning the meeting, Mr. Dunn restated his understanding of the majority opinion in the room and that is the information he will share - we will connect the stadium with a building project and wait until 2014 to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

13-32 Mrs. Bennett moved that the Board of Education adjourn the work session at 7:31 p.m.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 4-0-1

ABSENT: Mr. Bennett

“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