

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 08-03
Regular Meeting of February 25, 2008

President Webel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Norton High School Library and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present:

Mrs. Cindy Webel, President
Mrs. Diane Farmer, Vice President
Mr. Jim Bennett, Member
Mrs. Laura Leonti, Member
Mrs. Elisa Worthington, Member
Mr. David Dunn, Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer

The following students from Ms. Acuff's 2nd grade classroom presented "A Toad for Tuesday:" Jessica Clark, Miya Evans, Christopher Flohr, John J. Herman, Paige Howe, Sarah Shearer, Megan Somerick, and Devin Weisbarth.

Mr. Gerstenmaier and Joe Weber, student– Leadership Training

Eleven students and three advisors attended a workshop at the Sheridan Hotel in Cuyahoga Falls hosted by the Summit County Educational Service Center. The title of the workshop was Safe and Positive Schools Coalition Leadership Day. The keynote speaker was Rosalind Wiseman.

Rosalind Wiseman is the co-founder of the Empower Program, a non-profit organization that empowers youth to stop the culture of violence. Reaching over 5,000 youth and educators each year, Empower envisions a world where young people are safe from being bullied, harassed, or victimized by any form of degradation or violence.

She is the author Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends, and Other Realities of Adolescence. Twice a New York Times Bestseller, Queen Bees & Wannabes is in its 30th printing. Other recent publications include contributions to Education Digest and Principal leadership Magazine. Her new book Queen Bee Moms and Kingpin Dads: Dealing with the Parents, Teachers, Coaches, and Counselors That Can Make or Break Your Child's Future was released in 2006.

Wiseman speaks to children, teens, parents, and educational professionals throughout the world. Audiences have included the American School Counselors Association, National Education Association, Girl Scouts, Girls Association of Australia, Young Presidents Association, and the International Chiefs of Police.

She has been profiled in The New York Times, People, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Washington Post, USA Today, Oprah, Nightline, The Today Show, CNN, Good Morning America, and National Public Radio affiliates throughout the country.

Wise is a recipient of the Lanterns Social Justice Award from the Black Women's Bar Association of Los Angeles. She is an advisory member of the Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence and Liz Claiborne's Love is Not Abuse Campaign. She was a liaison to the American Bar Association's Domestic Violence Committee and a member of the Violence Against Women Act's Subcommittee on Girls and School Violence. She is certified through the Program for Young Negotiators at Harvard University and has a Bachelor or Arts in Political Science from Occidental College.

The goal of the program is to develop student leaders to assist the building principal in creating a positive school climate.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Andy Zoliak was very disappointed because there will be no spring play.

BOARD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

08-34

Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education enter Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss the employment of personnel and negotiations.

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Leonti, Mrs. Webel, Mrs. Worthington
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

Invited into Executive Session were David Dunn and Stephanie Hagenbush.

President Webel called the meeting back to public session at 8:12 p.m.

POLICIES

08-35

Mrs. Worthington moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following policies:

1. Non-Reemployment of the Superintendent - #1249.01
2. Non-Reemployment of the Treasurer - #1340 (Delete #1340.01)
3. Termination and Resignation - #1541
4. Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information - #2416
5. District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities - #2430
6. Interscholastic Athletics - #2431
7. Student Assessment and Academic Intervention Services - #2623
8. Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities - #3120.08
9. Criminal History Record Check - #3121
10. Staff discipline - #3139
11. Termination and Resignation - #3140
12. Non-Renewal of a Teacher Contract - #3142
13. Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff - #3215
14. Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra Curricular Activities - #4120.08
15. Criminal History Record Check - #4121
16. Staff Discipline - #4139
17. Termination or Resignation - #4140
18. Use of Tobacco by Classified Staff - #4215
19. Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students - #5111
20. Interrogation of Students - #5540
21. Due Process Rights - #5611
22. Purchases - #6320
23. Use of Tobacco on School Premises - #7434
24. Mandatory Reporting of Misconduct by Licensed Employees - #8141
25. Transportation - #8600
26. Bus Driver Certification - #8600.04
27. High School Diplomas to World War II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam Conflict Veterans - #9800

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Mr. Bennett seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Leonti, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Webel, Mr. Bennett
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

MINUTES

08-36

Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 28, 2008.

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Leonti, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Webel, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

WARRANTS

08-37

Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education approve the warrants for the month of January, 2008.

Mrs. Worthington seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Webel, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Leonti
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

08-38

Mr. Bennett moved that the Board of Education approve the Financial Statement for the month of January, 2008.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Webel, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Leonti, Mrs. Worthington
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

PERSONNEL

08-39

Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

1. Hollings Belcher, resignation, Principal Cornerstone Elementary School, effective July 31, 2008.
2. Dale Allen, resignation, Facility Maintenance I, effective February 4, 2008.
3. Janet Litzel, resignation, High School Teacher, effective July 31, 2008.
4. Haley Myers, extension of Family Medical Leave unpaid for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

Mrs. Worthington seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Leonti, Mrs. Webel, Mrs. Worthington
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

08-40

Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

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1. Cathy Wheatcraft, Education Aide II, Cornerstone Elementary School, effective February 8, 2008.

Mr. Bennett seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Leonti, Mrs. Webel, Mrs. Worthington, Mr. Bennett
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL–Certified (Pending background & certification check)

08-41

Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

1. Jeannie M. Epperly
2. Adam Goldman
3. Robert Nickol II
4. Theresa Newhouse

Mr. Bennett seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Leonti, Mrs. Webel, Mrs. Worthington, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL–Classified (Pending background & certification check)

08-42

Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

1. Janet Bednarczyk
2. Michelle Gainer
3. Bernadette McMullen
4. Brandi Fittante
5. Evelyn Mills
6. Tracy Thomas-Smith

Mr. Bennett seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Webel, Mrs. Worthington, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Leonti
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

ATTENDANCE COORDINATOR

08-43

Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve an additional 10 days for the Attendance Coordinator, contracted with Summit County ESC, for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

Mrs. Worthington seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Worthington, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Leonti, Mrs. Webel
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

08-44

Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the Community Education Classes for Norton City Schools Spring 2008 session.

Mr. Bennett seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Worthington
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 4-0-1
ABSTAIN: Mrs.Weibel

08-45

Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following community Education instruction if class numbers (8) are sufficient.

1. Joyce Krusinski - \$75.00
2. John Steiner - \$75.00
3. Bunny Perren - \$75.00
4. Angie Wagler - \$75.00
5. Renee Weibel - \$75.00
6. Anita Gabel - \$75.00
7. Bobbi Burkey - \$150.00

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 4-0-1
ABSTAIN: Mrs. Weibel

CONSENT AGENDA

08-46

Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following Consent Agenda:

Athletics

Approve Cheerleaders attending OASSA State of Ohio Championships, March 2, 2008 in Columbus, Ohio.

Approve the Norton High School Athletic Hall of Fame Guidelines with noted changes.

Curriculum

Approve the High School Program of Studies for 2008-09.

Calendar

Approve the revision to the district calendar for 2008-09.

Trip

Approve the following overnight trip:

1. Business Professionals of America State Competition, March 6-7, 2008 in Columbus.

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Donations

Approve the following donations:

1. Two (2) monitors and one (1) scanner by John Pritchard valued at \$50.00.
2. Miscellaneous computer cables by Primary PAC valued at \$207.99

Handbook

Approve the Elementary Schools' Student/Parent Handbook.

Mrs. Worthington seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Leonti, Mrs. Webel, Mrs. Worthington, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

ADJOURNMENT

08-47

Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs. Webel, Mrs. Worthington, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Leonti
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.”

Cindy Webel, President

Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer