

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 08-06
Committee of the Whole – October 13, 2008

President Webel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Norton High School Library.

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

CW-8-06 **TRANSPORTATION**

Discussion was held about busses transporting students on a trip out of state. The legal limit of trips on a school bus is 240 miles of out of state driving.

Also, a limit must be placed on trips – further discussion will take place at the Athletic Council meeting.

Mr. Dunn shared letters regarding bus stop concerns.

We have an opportunity to purchase an out-of-commission rescue vehicle from the City of Norton at a cost of \$4,000. This would be used as a roadside assistance vehicle for our mechanics. This vehicle needs some repairs that can be done in-house. Before purchasing this vehicle, all costs must be considered.

FINANCE

Mrs. Hagenbush presented the Five Year Forecast followed by discussion about future assumptions.

A discussion was held on the gas well not being connected yet – our attorneys are working on this.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Dunn has a request to add coaches; he will meet with Matt Parrill and Ron Gerstenmaier about this request.

CURRICULUM

October 20th is a professional development day; Valerie Riedthaler gave an explanation of the sessions available for teachers to choose to attend. Committees are being formed to look at the grading system and technology.

Teachers now need to be highly qualified for Gifted starting at Grade 3 if they have an identified student in their class. There is a free online training available.

Ms. Riedthaler has been concentrating on grant writing.

We have a need for surrogate parents, at this time there is only one in the district. They are needed to assist with foster students. There is a ½ day training program available if anyone is interested.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Recycling containers will be picked up this week. We are trying to obtain 60 storage bins to use as paper recycling bins in classrooms. We would like to have the recycle personnel talk with students. Waste Management has changed our cardboard recycling container to accept plastic and cans. This is only for the school; it is not for community use because we pay for this.

A discussion was held about Point of Sale swipe cards for the cafeteria. The cost of the system is approximately \$35,000. Judy Johnsen had paperwork to apply for a grant to pay for this system.

There is a meeting scheduled with the City of Norton on October 16th to discuss the purchase of land.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The neighborhood meetings are going well – have been receiving positive feedback and building good relationships. The major complaint is that this is a difficult economic time. Mr. Dunn has neighborhood meetings scheduled for almost every night.

Dave, Stephanie and Ken will interview Wachovia and Baird regarding bond underwriting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bennett moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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