

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 11-23
Regular Meeting of November 21, 2011

President Bennett called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Norton High School Library. The Treasurer called the roll:

Mr. Jim Bennett, President – Present
Mrs. Laura Leonti, Vice President– Present
Mrs. Diane Farmer – Member - Present
Mrs. Cindy Webel, Member - Present
Mrs. Elisa Worthington, Member- Present

Also in attendance:
Mr. David Dunn, Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer

ABSENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11-228 **Mrs. Worthington** moved that the Board of Education enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the employment of personnel and purchase of land.

Mrs. Webel 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, Stephanie Hagenbush, Ken Caldwell, and Board elect members Jennifer Bennett and Patrick Santelli. Dave, Stephanie and Ken left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

President Bennett called the meeting back to public session at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD BUSINESS

Students of the Month: Collin Foltz– High School; **Stephen Imler** – Middle School; **Jacob Wells** – Primary; **Jake Prentiss** – Cornerstone and **Donald Otto** – Grill School.

Tom Chiera recognized the following Senior Band Members: **Justin Leonti, Julie Markovich, Emily Mitchell and Lindsay Renninger.**

Jackie McDonnell from the Middle School along with students **Nikki Merchant and Nick Milich** gave a presentation on the Norton Middle School Reality Days.

The Board took a five- minute recess to personally congratulate the students.

REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION

11-229 **Mrs. Farmer** moved that the Board of Education approve the revised job description for the Assistant Faculty Manager II.

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTION

11-230

Mrs. Worthington moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution opposing HB136:

WHEREAS, The Ohio House of Representative is currently considering legislation that would significantly expand the availability of vouchers for students to attend private or parochial schools; and

WHEREAS, THIS LEGISLATION WOULD GRANT VOUCHERS TO ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT IN Ohio to request and be granted a voucher, subject only to a family income standard of \$95,000 or less; and

WHEREAS, such vouchers would be granted without regard to the academic performance of the public school that the student is assigned to attend; and

WHEREAS, the bill provides that students already enrolled in private or parochial schools would be eligible for such vouchers; and

WHEREAS, students receiving vouchers would be able to retain any excess funds in those instances where the cost of tuition is less than the value of the voucher for use in any private school or college in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, operation of the proposed program would take dollars directly from the already financially beleaguered local public school districts resulting in fewer resources for the education of the remaining students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Norton City Schools Board of Education does hereby express its opposition to this legislation, HB136 School Choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Norton Board of Education expresses its opposition to any legislation that seeks to transfer public dollars to support private education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to members of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

11-231

Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2011.

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

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

WARRANTS

11-232 Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education approve the warrants for the month of October, 2011.

Mrs. Worthington seconded the motion.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

11-233 Mrs. Weibel moved that the Board of Education approve the Financial Statement for the month of October, 2011.

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

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

PERSONNEL

11-234 Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following resignations/retirements/leaves:

1. Elaine DeRuyter, Intervention Specialist, Grill Elementary, resignation effective December 16, 2011.
2. Crystal Landals, Primary Study Table, Middle School Playground Aide, resignation effective November 11, 2011.
3. Jordan Edgell, Middle School Cheerleading volunteer, resignation effective November 9, 2011.
4. Barb Primovero, Middle School Cheerleading Coach, resignation effective November 9, 2011.

Mrs. Weibel seconded the motion.

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

SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL – Certified (Pending background and license check)

11-235 Mrs. Weibel moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

1. Holly Toregas
2. Ryan Reed
3. Laura Poundstone

Mrs. Worthington seconded the motion.

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

SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL – Classified (Pending background and license check)

11-236 Mrs. Worthington moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

1. Kenneth Jarvis, effective November 7, 2011
2. Suzan Witwer, effective November 15, 2011
3. Darla Hunger

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

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

INCREASED HOURS

11-237 Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve an increase in the following Education Aide II positions at Cornerstone Elementary:

1. 4.9 hours to 5.75 hours position currently held by Shelley Samuelson
2. 4.75 hours to 5.75 hours position currently held by Ruth Stimac.

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

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

ELIMINATION

11-238 Mrs. Webel moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the elimination of the 6 hour per day Educational Aide I position at Grill Elementary School, effective January 12, 2012.

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

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

NEW POSITION

11-239 Mrs. Worthington moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the position of Vehicle Mechanic Helper (per the School Bus Maintenance Mechanical Service Agreement with Barberton City Schools.)

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

PERSONNEL – (Classified)

11-240 Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Johnathan George for the position of Vehicle Mechanic Helper.

11-240 cont. **Mrs. Webel** seconded the motion.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS

11-241 **Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the resolution to hire the nonlicensed/noncertified supplemental positions for the 2011-2012 school year

1. Jordan Edgell, Middle School Cheerleader Coach
2. Barbar Primovero, Middle School & High School Cheerleading Coach, Volunteer
3. Drew Leonard, Wrestling Volunteer

Mrs. Worthington seconded the motion.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

11-242 **Mrs. Farmer** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following Consent Agenda:

Contract

1. Approve the Summit County ESC contract partnering with McGown & Markling Co., L.P.A.

Donations

Approve the following donations:

1. Monetary donation of \$140 to the Norton Schools Endowment Scholarship Fund donated by the Aetna Foundation.
2. Assorted books for the Cornerstone School Library valued at \$250.00 donated by Sue Gradisher.

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

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

SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL – Classified (Pending background and license check)

11-243 **Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Business Manager approve the following:

1. Brandon Sterba

Mrs. Worthington seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

11-244

Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular session at 8:17 p.m.

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

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

Jim Bennett, President

Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer