

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 11- 04
Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2011

President Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room. 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 present were:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Technology & Instruction –It is required to teach financial literacy at the Middle School. We are providing this, but there are few guidelines. A new acceptable use policy is needed. We are reviewing other school’s policies. It is important to use Norton email accounts for all school business; all accounts are public records and the schools are backed up accordingly.

Mrs. Herchik and Mrs. Wagler looked into information from Capital Conference on Distance Learning, although it suggested a minimal cost there is a large cost up front.

Working on Middle School language arts adoption. The goal would be to pay half this year and half next year.

Researching providing consistent technology at the Middle Schools; the eighth grade biology class could be incorporated into Health and use that space for the technology classes.

Courses of Study will be approved at the next meeting. Mr. Dunn held until everyone had read them. Next years’ goal will be to have them completed to be approved in September or October. This year the students can register online.

We have had much communication from parents regarding the class sizes. We do have enough textbooks, but computers are limited by space and electric capacity. This year’s first grade classes at Cornerstone and Primary are high, but Grill has small first grade classes. In the past, we have always allowed open enrolled siblings to attend the same school, but next year we will split siblings to keep class size more even. An option would be to have grade level buildings to help equalize classes. Mr. Dunn will be addressing this issue and how to move forward.

- B. Finance - Looking into levy considerations, for an August election resolutions must be approved by May 4th. Discussion about what type of PI levy would be most

beneficial – continuing or renewal. We would like to be on a different schedule than the fire levy.

At the Board President’s Workshop, a discussion was held on health care pooling and changes with the bargaining units.

- C. Operations - Judy Johnsen will have to raise lunch prices in the near future to comply with state guidelines.
- D. Policy – There will be several new policies to be read at the next meeting. Comparing different companies due to still having trouble with NEOLA.
- E. Community Engagement - Discussion about whether it a good policy to correct inaccurate newspaper articles. Also, we are in the process of creating a thank you letter to the employees and community. Will create a survey about communication. Discussion about how to use Facebook.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11-26 Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education enter executive session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss the purchase of land.

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

Invited into Executive Session were Mr. Dunn, Mrs. Hagenbush and Mr. Caldwell.

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

President Bennett called the meeting back to public session at 7:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

11-27 Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Mrs. Worthington 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