

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION - 15-7
Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2015

President Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer called the roll:

Mrs. Jennifer Bennett, President – Present
Mr. Patrick Santelli, Vice President – Present
Mr. Rob Knight, Member – Present
Mr. Jason Sams, Member – Present
Mrs. Cindy Webel, Member – Present

Also present were:

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

15-72 Mr. Santelli moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Knight,Mr.Sams,Mr.Santelli,Mrs.Webel
NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0

BOARD BUSINESS

Presentation by Brian Miller – Stadium turf fundraising

Discussion on turf fundraising:

Mrs. Webel is concerned that there was an original deadline of March 1 to pay the deposit.

Mr. Dunn spoke with Mr. Miller – because there was a planned fundraiser Forever Lawn was Ok to wait for the deposit.

Mrs. Webel is still concerned with school having to foot the bill – if the Board agreed on a date, then that should not have changed – questioned why the bids changed on the grass base.

Mr. Dunn thought it was alternate, but when bids went out it was the base bid.

Mrs. Bennett does not want it to come back on board; committee keep Board updated.

Mrs. Webel still concerned that the money was not raised in time.

Mr. Dunn agreed - should have asked about it and been communicated better.

Mr. Miller stated that Forever Lawn understands cycle of fundraising; Board has no liability or responsibility for turf; understands it was March 1 deadline, Forever Lawn said June 1.

Mr. Santelli questioned if Forever Lawn is confident committee will get funds.

Mr. Miller – They came in with eyes open; they know logistics and understand opportunity – they plan to use this as a showcase stadium.

Mrs. Webel has concerns with 10 years from now when it needs replaced.

Mrs. Bennett stated the decision was made based on deadline with no Board cost – She questioned the Board if they want to modify decision – consensus was no modification.

Mr. Knight believes it was just a misunderstanding on dates

Mr. Miller feels it costs \$35-\$40k to take care of grass field – the district will not have to pay that.

Mr. Tanksley stated that the committee raised \$25k in 3 weeks – many planned fundraisers – the turf will give many kids opportunities.

Mr. Knight feels that to change now would be a bad idea, we need to keep going.

Mr. Sams questioned if Forever Lawn if ever repossessed field – No

Mr. Miller would like the district to set aside savings from maintenance to help pay for replacement.

Mr. Dunn felt it was a cost avoidance, not a savings – but it is not about money, it is about giving students opportunity.

Mrs. Webel questioned what happens June 1.

Mr. Miller – Should have more than enough money – there is a reverse raffle with expected proceeds \$15,000.

Mr. Sams would like a quarterly report on the fundraising progress.

Presentation by Matt Collier, CT Taylor – Reviewed the progress for the high school, alternates for bids and progress of site – value engineering savings. The bids will go out tomorrow – 3 weeks for bids to be awarded. Look at alternates at Committee of the Whole Meeting on May 10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy - No meeting

Community Engagement – Met before the March 16th Committee of the Whole Meeting – Adopt a spot; Mr. Knight will call Neva about spot. Banners at entrance at school - First Energy is the hold-up, but moving poles for road widening; Banners can only be strapped on – no permanent attachment - NCTA has allocated \$500 towards this.

Instruction & Technology – Modified acceptable use policy about pictures. College Credit Plus, this is the new post-secondary and is open to middle school students. Camp Invention will be held here this year. There are summer clubs and a literacy night planned. Testing has been monumental task.

Operations – Athletic Council Meeting, stadium update – sports update – Physicals at Middle School May 21 for \$20.

Finance – No meeting – schedule meeting in May.

ADJOURNMENT

15-73 Mr. Santelli moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Knight seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Knight,Mr.Sams,Mr.Santelli,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.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.”

Jennifer Bennett, President

Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer