

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 21-5
Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 2021

President Inks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Panther Room and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Hagenbush called the roll:

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Inks – Present
Mrs. Staats – Present
Mr. Ule – Present
Mrs. Webel – Present

Mrs. Bennett - Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Dana Addis, Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/VISITORS/GUESTS

None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

21-32 Mr. Ule moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Mrs. Staats seconded the motion.

AYES: Mr.Inks,Mrs.Staats,Mr.Ule,Mrs.Webel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mrs.Bennett – Motion Carries 4-0-1

BOARD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations:

Met with Keith Fetzner to go over what the Maintenance Department has been working on. Norton Elementary School roof was completed in January. Heating, cooling and vent systems are consistent problems for three (3) buildings in our district. Heat exchangers throughout the district being cleaned and looked at. Middle School many of the pipes are buried in concrete and not accessible. Maintenance position posted, minimum three (3) years experience in HVAC. Fuel pumps are being discussed for future replacement. Kudos to the maintenance department with snow and ice removal (on top of other problems that occur) putting in many long hours.

Finance:

Met last week. Talked about the reinstatement of budget cuts by the Governor when COVID started. We are receiving \$210,000 that was cut from our budget and an additional \$812,000 in ESSER II funds. Guidelines for ESSER II is same as ESSER I, can offset general fund expenditures. Fair School Funding plan is in the works (didn't make it through last year) and has been reintroduced this year as House Bill 1. Hopefully will get to the Governor's desk and will make the new budget beginning July 1. Lots of momentum and good for public districts. Three to four-year phase in, depending on funding. March 23rd there is a webinar on the Fair School Funding plan, get the word out to residents to join. Reach out to Representatives to get behind this plan. It could actually be a good plan to fund school districts the way they should be funded. Permanent Improvement Levy expires next year so we are looking to put that on the ballot for this November. No tax increase, renewal only.

Policy:

Met last week. Fourteen (14) policies are on the Regular Meeting agenda for first readings. State mandated changes or recommended changes. The only real difference is the Business Advisory Council to the Board (BCFA). We are currently with the ESC and they are serving us well.

Community Engagement:

Talked about the consistency in the branding of our schools and the return of Midnight Madness or celebrations of Norton. Reach out to alumni to get them involved. Packets for new residents.

Technology & Instruction:

Technology

Currently we have 1,345 Chromebooks out with our students. Since the winter break there have been 150 repairs on Chromebooks. Looking at scheduling the collection of devices. Devices are being prepped for testing. Google administrative training for free. Promoting the NEOTech conference, it's free (live and on demand). Erin Fulton, one of our elementary teachers is presenting a live session.

Instruction

Researching Capstone Project for High School starting with Freshman year continuing through Senior year. College, career readiness.

Student Services

Mental & Behavior health learning. Difficulty accessing curriculum. Red Oak case manager at High School 15 hours per week to help with problem solving. Forty-five (45) students on her case load attending regularly. Very positive addition to our High School.

ADJOURNMENT

21-33 Mrs. Webel moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Mr. Ule seconded the motion.

AYES: Mrs.Staats,Mr.Ule,Mrs.Webel,Mr.Inks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs.Bennett - Motion Carries 4-0-1

“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.”

Chris Inks, President

Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer