

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 24-7
Regular Session of February 12, 2024

Vice President Staats called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Panther Room and Primary Students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Hagenbush called the roll:

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bennett – Absent
Mr. Burch – Absent
Mr. DeDomenic – Present
Mrs. Staats – Present
Mrs. Webel – Present

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Bryan Farson, Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer

BOARD REPORT

Norton Primary – The Norton Developmental Preschool would like to thank Dr. Jennifer Jerome for her classroom visits as one of our community partnered dentists. We would like to thank the Builder’s Club students and Dr. Russo for volunteering again in Kindergarten. Their first session with students was on Wednesday, January 31st. They will work with the Kindergarten classes every Wednesday for the remainder of the school year. February 13th is the 100th Day of Kindergarten. February 21st is Mobile Dental Services. February 23rd is Peer Screening for 24-25 Preschool Students. February 23th – March 1st is Right to Read Week.

Norton Elementary – We would like to acknowledge the work of our school counselors, Kate Weaver and Marly Taylor. Together, these counselors support all students at NES and Primary through class guidance lessons and individual meetings with students. Ms. Taylor and Mrs. Weaver positively impact our students and school culture! Grading period 3 ends on March 7th.

Norton Middle – 7th and 8th grade students have been enjoying literacy discussions with “Read a Latte” Day and the “Book Café”. Students have completed their winter MAPS tests in ELA and math. These scores are used to inform instruction and meet individual student’s needs. Builder’s Club has started their partnership with Norton Primary. 7th and 8th grade students have volunteered their lunch periods to spend time with our littlest Panthers. Norton Middle School’s winter play will be held on February 23rd at 7p.m. in Norton High School Performing Arts Center.

Norton High – February 27th, we will be administering the ACT to all juniors. Our counselors will be getting all the students pre-registered prior to the 27th so testing will run smoothly. We will be using the paper/pencil test this year and parents can expect results in a few weeks. Speech and Debate had a fantastic day at their district meet on February 3rd. Fourteen students qualified for the state meet. This is the largest number we’ve had qualify to the state meet in over 10 years. Congratulations to coaches, Tricia Pletcher, Anthony Paridon, and Madison Juersivich for all their hard work. Our girls bowling team, boys basketball team, and girls basketball team have all won MAC championships. District tournaments for all these sports and wrestling begin in the next few weeks. February 12th and 13th, all sophomores will be trained in the use of AED’s as well as how to administer CPR. This is a state law that all students have this training before graduating from high school. We complete this every year with our sophomore class. Special thanks to Chief Shultz on the Norton Fire Department and his crew for helping with this and giving the students hands on training.

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TREASURER REPORT

Tax Rate Resolution

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Fashion Show

Ohio Speech and Debate Association’s Coaches Hall of Fame:

- 1.) Tricia Pletcher

Norton Hall of Fame:

- 1.) Greg Dennison, Distinguished Alumni
- 2.) Dr. Kurtis Stemple, Distinguished Alumni
- 3.) William Vail, Distinguished
- 4.) Cara Cook, Athletic Excellence
- 5.) Natalie Cook, Athletic Excellence

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Primary – Lauren Roth

Norton Elementary – Cooper Speas

Middle School – Logan Cunningham

High School – Jackson Davis

HS Compact – Caiden Bail

The Board called a short recess to congratulate the students of the month.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/VISITORS/GUESTS

None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Removed executive session.

24-31 Mr. DeDomenic moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended.

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs.Bennet,Mr. Burch – Motion Carries 3-0-2

BOARD BUSINESS

24-32 Mrs. Webel moved the the Board of Education approve the following:

Patrick Burch, Board Member, Resignation, effective February 12, 2024.

Mr. DeDomenic seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel,Mr.DeDomenic

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs.Bennet,Mr. Burch – Motion Carries 3-0-2

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MINUTES

24-33 Mr. DeDomenic moved that the Board of Education approve the following Board Meeting Minutes:

Special Session Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2024
Work Session Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2024
Special Session Meeting Minutes, January 24, 2024

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Webel,Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mrs.Bennet,Mr. Burch – Motion Carries 3-0-2

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

24-34 Mrs. Webel moved that the Board of Education approve the following:

January 2024 Warrants
January 2024 Financial Statement
Resolution Accepting Tax Rates and Amounts
Permanent Appropriation FY24
Following payment in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(D)
(Then and Now Certificate:
Radi-O-Sound Communications, Lighting Strike Repairs, \$5,541.14.

Mr. DeDomenic seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mrs.Bennet,Mr. Burch – Motion Carries 3-0-2

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

24-35 Mr. DeDomenic moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following personnel, retirement/resignation/leave/termination:

Janelle Lorkowski	Cook	High School	Unpaid leave of absence through March 18, 2024
Ryan Cully/ Stacy Tassone	Ski Club	High/Middle	Supplemental cancelled due to cost of ski pass
Julie Laury	Intervention Specialist	Elementary	Retirement effective June 1, 2024
Kelly Blair	Cook I	High School	Resignation effective January 30, 2024
Lindsay Dillon	Education Assistant II	Middle School	Resignation effective February 8, 2024
Kara Kolesar	Math Teacher	High School	Resignation effective June 1, 2024

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel,Mr.DeDomenic
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mrs.Bennet,Mr. Burch – Motion Carries 3-0-2

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24-36 Mrs. Webel moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following personnel: (Pending background check and permit).

Classified:

Matthew Koher	3 rd Shift Custodian	High School	Effective January 29, 2024
Denise Volk	Cook I	High School	Effective February 5, 2024
Shelly Hershberger	Bus Driver Float	Transportation	Effective February 12, 2024

Mr. DeDomenic seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Webel,Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mrs.Bennet,Mr. Burch – Motion Carries 3-0-2

24-37 Mr. DeDomenic moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following personnel: (Pending background check and permit).

Classified Substitute:

Ashley Carmichael
Shawn Rabatin, Mechanic substitute, Transportation, to be paid \$26/hour, up to 10 hours weekly.
Dana North, effective February 1, 2024

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mrs.Bennet,Mr. Burch – Motion Carries 3-0-2

STIPENDS AND SUPPLEMENTALS

24-38 Mrs. Webel moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

The Following Individuals as yearbook advisors, Norton Middle School, 2023/2024 school year:

Lisa Flynn	\$200 (1/2 Stipend)
Megan Zita	\$200 (1/2 Stipend)

Resolution for the non-certified/non-licensed coach supplemental positions for the 2023/2024 school year: (pending background check and permit check. All positions are subject to adequate participation)

Brook Cox	High School	Varisty Assistant	Softball Coach	Split Stipend
Torie Gable	High School	Varsity Assistant	Softball Coach	Split Stipend

Non-Athletic supplemental positions for the 2023/2024 school year: (pending background check and permit check. All positions are subject to adequate participation)

Matt Davis	Middle School	Play Director
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Mr. DeDomenic seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel,Mr.DeDomenic
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mrs.Bennet,Mr. Burch – Motion Carries 3-0-2

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CONSENT AGENDA

24-39 Mr. DeDomenic moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following Consent Agenda:

Athletics

Approve the Norton Board of Education Resolution authorizing membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for the 2024/2025 school year.

Approve the following winter sports participation in the OHSAA State Tournaments:

Boys Basketball	Girls Bowling
Girls Basketball	Boys Wrestling
Boys Bowling	

Approve the Norton City Schools Emergency Action Plan for all athletic facilities/sites, (example attached)

Approve the Norton City Schools Athletic Cautionary Statement for all athletic teams, (example attached)

Curriculum

Approve the use of *“The Next Person You Meet in Heaven”*, (Mitch Albom, ISBN-10 9780062294449) for the ELA 4 class, at the High School

Other

Approve the agreement between Norton City Schools and Ricky Evans, Transportation, for the 2023/2024 school year.

Approve the agreement between Norton City Schools and Yasin Wright, Transportation, for the 2023/2024 school year.

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Stark State College and Norton City Schools, for the 2024/2025 school year.

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The University of Akron and Norton City Schools, for the 2024/2025 school year.

Approve the overnight trip with Nowak Tour and Travel for the Middle School Washington D.C. trip, November 6-8, 2024, at no cost to the district.

Approve participation in the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative school bus and van chassis and body purchasing program, for the 2024/2025 school year.

Approve the *Overnight* trip to Columbus, Ohio, for the SkillsUSA State Championship, to be held April 9-10, 2024.

Approve the *Overnight* trip to Marion, Ohio, for the National Robotics Challenge, to be held April 18-20, 2024.

Approve the *Overnight* trip to Columbus, Ohio for the DECA Career Development Conference, March 8-9, 2024.

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Approve the Autism Education Plan, for the 2023/2024 school year.

Donations

Approve the following donations:

Donation of hats, mittens, and scarves, to be used by Norton City Schools, for Primary, Elementary, and Middle School, donated by Summit Mennonite Church.

Monetary donation of \$300, to be used at Norton Schools, for unpaid lunch accounts, donated by Jim Gangle Excavating.

Donation of spirit t-shirts for high school basketball game, to be used for the basketball game on February 2, 2024, donated by Ken Finegan/PrimeTime Sporting Goods.

Donation of spirit t-shirts for high school basketball game, to be used for the boys basketball game, donated by Power Graphics.

Donation of cardboard study corrals, to be used at Norton City School, for classrooms as needed, donated by anonymous donor.

Donation of Bundy Closed hole flute (serial #275007), Cleveland (King) cornet (serial #639625), Cleveland (King) trombone (serial #591618), to be used for the middle school instrumental music program, donated by David Frantz.

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Webel,Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mrs.Bennet,Mr. Burch – Motion Carries 3-0-2

ADJOURNMENT

24-40 Mrs. Webel moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Session at 7:48 p.m.

Mr. DeDomenic seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mrs.Bennet,Mr. Burch – Motion Carries 3-0-2

“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.”

Elisa Staats, Vice President

Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer