

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 24-3
Regular Session of January 8, 2024

President Bennett called the meeting to 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 – Present
Mr. Burch – Present
Mr. DeDomenic – Present
Mrs. Staats – Present
Mrs. Webel – Present

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

BOARD REPORT

Norton Primary – Mr. Morris is looking for additional parent volunteers for Kindergarten sled riding at recess. Please contact the school office at 330-825-5133 if you are interested. Miss Mary Bird from the Akron Summit County Norton Branch Library is scheduled for her monthly Kindergarten Story Time on January 11th. Kindergarten Literacy Screening will be conducted the week of January 16th. Kindergarten students will be attending the performance of “The Rainbow Fish” on January 23rd at Cleveland Playhouse Square.

Norton Elementary – As students return to school in January, mid-year testing takes place to measure progress and identify areas of need. Students will be participating in MAP assessments for reading and math as well as the mid-year literacy screenings early in January. The mobile dentist will be at NES on February 7th to complete checkups, cleanings, and other necessary procedures. Information is being sent home this week for parents to review and complete if interested in this opportunity. NES Valentine’s parties will be held in Friday, February 9th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Please reach out to your room parents for information on attending these parties.

Norton Middle - Norton Middle School’s “Be the Change Club” is creating a “Warmth Tree”. The tree will hold donated gloves and hats for those in need. Farming Club has started four indoor tower gardens for gardening herbs and vegetables. Select Norton Middle School students are excited to attend a field trip at TWB Company as part of a career exploration opportunity later this week. Our PBIS Committee is meeting next Monday and finalizing a Behavior Flow Chart. Teachers will use this as a guide to ensure we are providing research, based classroom interventions for every student, every day. MAPS ELA testing begins this week. Math testing is next week. Teachers will use these assessments to inform instruction as we begin the second half of the year.

Norton High – Our 6th annual Fashion Show will be held Friday, January 26th. This has become a popular Tradition at NHS to showcase our fine arts programs as well as allowing students to display their artistic Abilities. We are also beginning something new this year and will be hosting the fashion show again that night at 7:00 p.m. for the community and parents. As part of our P.B.I.S program, we have begun honoring 8 students every month as students of the month from each of our departments in the building – math, science, social studies, language arts, world languages, fine arts, PE/Health, and career tech. After being announced each month, these students’ pictures will be displayed on the bulletin board in the commons. Departments choose these students and they can be from any grades 9-12. We look forward to being able to honor 72 students each year in this fashion!

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TREASURER REPORT

Field House HVAC

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Presentation of Board Member Recognition

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Primary – William Zenner
Norton Elementary – Jordan Aller
Middle School – Rebecca Tenney
High School – Claire Bennett
HS Compact – Lexie Buchanan

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/VISITORS/GUESTS

None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

24-17 Mr. DeDomenic moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Mrs. Staats seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Burch,Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Weibel
NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0

BOARD BUSINESS

MINUTES

24-18 Mrs. Weibel moved that the Board of Education approve the following Board Meeting Minutes:

Work Session Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2023

Mr. Burch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Burch,Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Bennett
NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

24-19 Mr. DeDomenic moved that the Board of Education approve the following:

December 2023 Warrants
December 2023 Financial Statement
Alternative Tax Budget for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024.

Mrs. Staats seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Burch
NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0

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SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

24-20 Mrs. Webel moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following personnel, retirement/resignation/leave/termination:

Logan Bechdel	Transportation	Vehicle Mechanic	Resignation	Effective December 28, 2024
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Mrs. Staats seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Burch,Mr.DeDomenic
NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0

24-21 Mr. Burch moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following personnel: (Pending background check and permit).

Classified:

Lindsay Dillon	Educational Assistant II	Middle School	Effective January 4, 2024
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Mr. DeDomenic seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Burch,Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats
NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0

24-22 Mrs. Staats moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following personnel: (Pending background check and permit).

Classified Substitute:

Tiffany Matta

Mr. Burch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Burch,Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel
NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0

STIPENDS AND SUPPLEMENTALS

24-23 Mrs. Webel moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

The Following Individuals for winter athletic services:

Madison Burns	Madison Dobbins	Tony Oatman
Kelly Osborne	Bryce Ramer	

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)

Ken Finegan	Middle School	Wrestling	Head Coach	Volunteer
Drew Levis	Middle School	Wrestling	Assistant Coach	To be paid 4% (to be paid from Ken Finegan’s stipend)
Rick Nixon	Middle School	Wrestling	Assistant Coach	To be paid 4% (to be paid from Ken Finegan’s stipend)
Cory Beddow	Middle School	Wrestling	Coach	Volunteer

Mr. Burch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Burch,Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Bennett
NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

Curriculum

Approve the Literacy Plan for the 2023-2028 school years.

Other

Approve the agreement between Norton City Schools and Kids First/ Transition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), for the 2023/2024 school year.

Approve the agreement between Norton City Schools and Sand Castle Educational Services, Inc. (d.b.a Impact Academy), for the 2023/2024 school year.

Donations

Approve the following donations:

Monetary donation of \$300, to be used at Norton City Schools, for Food Services, to pay off negative lunch balances, donated by anonymous donor.

Light Fixtures, donated by Williams Concrete, to be used for the Wrestling Room (upgrade lighting), approximate value \$1,800.

Mrs. Staats seconded the motion

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.DeDomenic,Mrs.Staats,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Burch
NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

24-25 Mrs. Webel moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Session at 7:38 p.m.

Mrs. Staats seconded the motion.

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