

**NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 17-01**  
**Special Session of January 9, 2017**

The Norton Board of Education met in Special Session on January 9, 2017 at 6:03 p.m. in Norton Junior High School Room 116 for Organizational purposes. President pro tempore Mr. Sams called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Treasurer called the roll:

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Bennett – Present  
Mr. Knight – Present  
Mr. Sams – Present  
Mr. Ule – Present  
Mrs. Webel – Present

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. David Dunn, Superintendent  
Mrs. Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS**

Add public participation prior to Board Business.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

**17-01 Mr. Ule** moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda with the above correction.

**Mrs. Bennett** seconded the motion.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES**

**17-02 President pro tempore Sams** opened the floor for nominations for President for 2017.

**Mr. Sams** was nominated for President by Mr. Knight.

**Mrs. Bennett** was nominated for President by Mrs. Webel.

With no other nominations, **Mr. Knight** motioned to close nominations for President.

**Mrs. Webel** seconded the motion.

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

**President pro tempore Sams** asked the Treasurer to poll the Board for President.

**POLL:** Mr. Sams – Mr. Sams  
Mr. Ule – Mr. Sams  
Mrs. Webel – Mrs. Bennett  
Mrs. Bennett – Mrs. Bennett  
Mr. Knight – Mr. Sams

**Mr. Sams** was elected as President.

**17-03 President Sams** opened the floor for nominations for Vice President.

**Mr. Knight** was nominated for Vice President by **Mr. Sams**.

With no other nominations, **Mr. Ule** motioned to close nominations for Vice President.

**Mr. Knight** seconded the motion.

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

**President Sams** asked the Treasurer to poll the Board for Vice President.

- 17-03 cont. **POLL:** Mrs. Webel – Mr. Knight  
Mrs. Bennett – Mr. Knight  
Mr. Knight – Mr. Knight  
Mr. Sams – Mr. Knight  
Mr. Ule – Mr. Knight

**Mr. Knight** was elected as Vice President.

**ESTABLISH BOARD MEETING**

- 17-04 **Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education establish the regular meeting to be held every third Monday of the month in the Norton Junior High Panther Room with public session beginning at 7:30 p.m. If an Executive Session is necessary, the meeting may begin at 6:30 p.m.

In the event school is closed on the third Monday of the month for holidays or calamity days, the regular meeting of the Norton Board of Education will be held on the fourth Monday of the month.

**Mr. Ule** seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Could the meetings be held in the High School – if use auditorium, would be looking down at people and not personal – could also run into scheduling issues. Use High School for large presentations.

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

- 17-05 **Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education establish the regular meeting of the Committee of The Whole every second Monday of the month in the Norton Junior High Panther Room at 6:00 p.m. Board action may be taken during these meetings.

**Mr. Ule** seconded the motion.

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

**DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE**

- 17-06 **Mr. Knight** moved that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Knight** as delegate to the OSBA Annual Conference.

**Mrs. Bennett** seconded the motion.

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

- 17-07 **Mr. Knight** moved that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Ule** as the alternate delegate to the OSBA Annual Conference.

**Mrs. Webel** seconded the motion.

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

**LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

- 17-08 **Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Knight** as the OSBA Legislative Liaison for 2017.

**Mr. Knight** seconded the motion.

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

- 17-09 **Mr. Knight** moved that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Ule** as the Student Achievement Liaison for 2017.

**Mr. Ule** seconded the motion.

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

**17-10 Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing tax levy for the purpose of general permanent improvements and requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the school district and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that renewal levy.

WHEREAS, at an election on November 8, 2011, the electors of the Norton City School District approved the renewal of a 3.0-mill ad valorem property tax levy for five years for the purpose of general permanent improvements; and

WHEREAS, the authority to levy that 3.0-mill tax expires with the levy on the 2016 tax list and duplicate for last collection in calendar year 2017; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that it is necessary to renew the aforementioned tax levy in excess of that limitation for the purpose of general permanent improvements for five years; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, this Board must request that the Summit County Fiscal Officer certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the School District, and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a replacement or a renewal of an existing tax, and the Section of the Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the County Fiscal Officer is to certify the total current tax valuation of the District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Norton City School District, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board declares that it is necessary to renew, for five years, all of the District's 3.0-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation, for the purpose of general permanent improvements, and that it intends to submit the question of such renewal to the electors at an election on May 2, 2017, as authorized by Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. If approved, that renewal tax would be first levied in tax year 2017, for first collection in calendar year 2018.

Section 2. This Board requests the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the District, and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 3.0-mill renewal tax levy specified in Section 1.

Section 3. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Summit County Fiscal Officer a certified copy of this resolution.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

**Mr. Knight** seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Should the levy be permanent instead of 5 year – would give the ability to borrow against collections, but currently no plans for need to borrow, would not have to renew every 5 years – 5 year levy gives community option to renew.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**17-11 Mr. Knight** moved that the Board of Education approve the following Consent Agenda:

\*Approve Resolution Authorizing the Advance of Local Taxes by the County Fiscal Office for the 2016 tax year payable in 2017.

\*Approve Investment of Interim Funds - authorization for the Treasurer to invest interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever interim funds are available.

- 17-11 cont.
- \*Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as bills are received and when proof of the merchandise has been received and is in good condition.
  - \*Authorize the Treasurer to make Inter/Intra Fund transfers on an as needed basis.
  - \*Employment of Temporary Personnel - authorize the Superintendent/Treasurer, if applicable, to employ such temporary personnel as needed for emergency situations.
  - \*Retain legal services of Pepple & Waggoner, LTD; McGown & Markling Co., L.P.A.; Squire Patton Boggs, LLP; Roetzel; and Hoover Kacyon, LLC.
  - \*Appoint the Superintendent or his designee as purchasing agent for the school district.
  - \*Authorize the Superintendent and/or his designees to participate in all Federal and State programs, which are designed to be of benefit to the district.
  - \*Participate in membership of OSBA, which includes the Negotiator and Briefcase.
  - \*Approve resolution to participate as member of Equity Pooling Program with CompManagement Inc./OASBO Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program.
  - \*Direct the Treasurer of the Board of Education to secure and purchase school/district school group liability and medical insurance.
  - \*Purchase General Liability Insurance for the district at the minimum limits of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 annual aggregate with additional coverage at \$1,000,000.
  - \*Authorize the Superintendent of the Norton City School District and/or his designee to approve all special trips on school buses, including educational field trips for band and athletic activities, based on guidelines as defined in board policy.
  - \*Authorize the Superintendent to approve the attendance and reimbursement of expenses, made against the appropriate accounts of the Board adopted Appropriation Measure, incurred by certified and non-certified staff members at professional and/or in-service training meetings, based on guidelines as defined in board policy and the negotiated agreements.
  - \*Establish an appropriation account to expense miscellaneous employee fringe benefits.
  - \*Authorize the Treasurer to renew the Treasurer/Positions Bond.
  - \*Approve the Treasurer as the designee for Public Records Training.
  - \*Authorize the Superintendent/Designee to declare obsolete and dispose of personal property valued at less than \$10,000.
  - \*Authorize Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into written contracts less than \$10,000.
  - \*Authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$55,003 from Fund 003 (Permanent Improvement Fund) to Fund 034 (Maintenance Fund).

**Mr. Ule** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Sams,Mr.Ule,Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Knight**  
**NAYS: None - Motion Carries 5-0**

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

Discuss Board Committees (for appointment at January's Regular Meeting)

Community Engagement – Mr. Ule would like.

Finance – Mr. Sams will be on this.

Technology & Instruction – Mrs. Bennett would like to continue and Mr. Knight would like also.

Operations – Mr. Ule and Mrs. Webel would like.  
Policy –

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Summit County Educational Service Center – Superintendent search  
Mr. Steve Farnsworth – Summit Leadership Selection Services

Discuss with the Board where they would like to see the district in 5 years and what is important to them in a leader.

17-12 **Mrs. Bennett** moved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing compensation of a public employee at 7:27 p.m.

**Mrs. Webel** seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Ule,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Knight  
NAYS: Mr.Sams - Motion Carries 4-1

**Mr. Sams** left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

17-13 **Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:17 p.m.

**Mrs. Bennett** seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Bennett,Mr.Knight,Mr.Ule  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Sams - 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.”

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**Jason Sams, President**

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**Jason Sams, President pro tempore**

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**Rob Knight, Vice President**

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**Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer**