

**NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION- 15-5**  
**Special Session of March 2, 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

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**15-45 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**

**15-46 Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education approve the temporary easement offer from the City of Norton for Parcel 65TV in the amount of \$300, for the SUM-CR17 (Cleveland Massillon Road Phase 1).

**Mr. Santelli** seconded the motion.

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

**15-47 Mr. Santelli** moved that the Board of Education approve the temporary easement offer from the City of Norton for Parcel 76TV in the amount of \$1,395 and TV1 in the amount of \$455 (Cleveland Massillon Road Phase 1).

**Mrs. Webel** seconded the motion.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Community Engagement – No meeting, will schedule one for March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. prior to Regular Meeting.
2. Technology & Instruction – Schedule meeting after testing is finished to discuss how they went. Testing going ok, the AIR test better than PARCC test - most tech issues through state; discussion at state level, they may have to disregard this year because of problems and use it as “test run”. There will not be reliable results, because it is not consistent throughout state between tech tests and paper/pencil tests. Results probably won’t be in until November.
3. Operations Committee – Athletic Council postponed.  
Effective Utility Service – offer to purchase transformers and have cheaper electric \$250,000 cost financed at 5% interest; \$300 savings at stadium and \$2,400 savings at High School; cheaper rates only during demand time. New company – they would service for 11 years. The consensus is to not use Effective Utility.
4. Finance Committee - Met February 27<sup>th</sup>. Discussed utility option from Effective Utility Service, reviewed the 5 year forecast and looked at the possible cost of

remodeling/renovations. Also discussed whether to renew, replace or make the PI levy continuing.

5. Policy Committee – Nothing to report.

**SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL – CLASSIFIED**

**15-48 Mr. Knight** moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following Classified Substitute Personnel, pending background and license check:

Erik Anderson  
Robin Steiner

**Mr. Santelli** seconded the motion.

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

**APPROVE CONTRACTS**

**15-49 Mrs. Weibel** moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the contract with Northeast Ohio Network for educational technology service provider for internet service for E-Rate discount.

**Mr. Santelli** seconded the motion.

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

**15-50 Mr. Santelli** moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the contract with Northeast Ohio Network for education technology service contract VOIP.

**Mrs. Weibel** seconded the motion.

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

**15-51 Mr. Santelli** moved that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the contract with Northeast Ohio Network for educational technology service managed internal broadband service.

**Mr. Knight** seconded the motion.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mrs. Bennett** asked the members of the Board if it was necessary to go into executive session to discuss the employment of personnel. Mr. Santelli replied no, there were no other answers.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Dunn discussed sharing a security position with the City of Norton. He is going to write a proposal about the shared position and present it to the city to see if there is an interest from them.

Mr. Knight thought the business manager position would do security.

Mr. Dunn explained it would not necessarily be an SRO, we can write the proposal to meet our needs. He was not directed by anyone to do this, it was a thought to keep moving forward – proposal would let us know if there is interest from the city and what portion they are willing to pay. The proposal would include training and recommendations from former Chief Hete and Chief Dalessandro.

Mr. Knight thought this would be combined with business manager.

Mr. Dunn explained the business manager covers minor safety drills and training now – could change job description to cover more, but it is too much to do both. The proposal would have to go through the city and city council - if they say no, then we can re-visit what to do. He will share the proposal with the board before sending it to the city.

Mr. Dunn passed out administrator evaluations and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Sams asked when the contracts expire. Mr. Dunn passed out a paper with the dates.

Mr. Dunn explained that the ORC code has changed – the superintendent can now recommend renewal in the year prior to the contract’s expiration. We have to act on the ones that expire this year.

Mr. Sams asked why Mr. Dunn is recommending them early since that has not been done in the past.

Mr. Dunn explained the process of renewing, and that with the change in the ORC they are now able to renew early. He explained administrators are concerned about contract renewals and it is fair to them to let them know if there are issues with renewal.

Mr. Sams explained he doesn’t like changing the process that has been in place.

Mr. Dunn stated this is now allowed by the state.

Mr. Knight would like to do them in year in which it expires – this would give them a 4 ½ year contract.

Mr. Dunn explained that by law they can receive a 5 year contract so we are within the law - without a doubt we have the best administrators and teaching staff, there is mutual respect and he would like that to continue.

Mr. Sams explained he is about money and consistency – want them to succeed and students to strive – procedures changed based on whim.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**15-52**

**Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:09 p.m.

**Mr. Santelli** seconded the motion.

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

**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.”

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**Jennifer Bennett, President**

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**Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer**