

**NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 09-04**  
**Special Meeting of March 23, 2009**

President Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Norton High School Library and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present:

Mrs. Diane Farmer, President  
Mrs. Elisa Worthington, Vice President  
Mr. Jim Bennett, Member  
Mrs. Laura Leonti, Member  
Mrs. Cindy Webel, Member  
Mr. David Dunn, Superintendent  
Mrs. Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**09-42**      **Mrs. Worthington** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent enter Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing administrative employment contracts.

**Mrs. Leonti** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington**  
**NAYS: Motion Carries – 5-0**

David Dunn and Stephanie Hagenbush entered executive session at 6:33 p.m. and left at 7:05 p.m.

President Farmer called the meeting back to public session at 7:35 p.m.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Band Director, Tom Chiera thanked the Board for their support – the Band will be taking a three day trip to New York City and the members are very excited. The final band concert is scheduled for May 14, 2009.

Roger Plaster, Grill Principal, spoke to the Board about Mad Science. Their fundraiser will be a Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, March 26, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Johnson Methodist Church.

Mr. Mike Sudia, parent of a child starting kindergarten, is concerned with playground safety at Cornerstone School—possibly installing a guardrail.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**POLICY**

The First Reading on the following policy:  
Adoption of Courses of Study - #2220

**MINUTES**

**09-43**            **Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 23, 2009.

**Mrs. Worthington** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**09-44**            **Mrs. Leonti** moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 9, 2009

**Mr. Bennett** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**WARRANTS**

**09-45**            **Mr. Bennett** moved that the Board of Education approve the warrants for the month of February, 2009.

**Mrs. Webel** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**09-46**            **Mrs. Worthington** moved that the Board of Education approve the Financial Statement for the month of February, 2009.

**Mr. Bennett** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**AMOUNTS AND RATES**

09-47

**Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county fiscal officer.

*WHEREAS, The Fiscal Officer of the Board Of Education has provided the Alternative Tax Budget, for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009; and*

*WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Summit County, Ohio, has certified its action together with an estimate by the County Fiscal Officer of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill tax limitation;*

*WHEREAS, HB66 changes the classification of telephone property from public utility to personal property in CY07 and this transition causes telephone property to generate tax revenue for the District as both public utility and personal property because public utility taxes are paid in the year following the tax and personal property are paid based on the current years values;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Norton City School District, Summit County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:*

SCHEDULE A				
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FOR GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES				
FUND	Amounts to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation	Amounts Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 M. Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			<u>Inside</u> 10 M. Limit	<u>Outside</u> 10 M. Limit
Sinking Fund				
Bond Retirement Fund				
General Fund	8,841,542	1,810,608	5.90	51.00
Library Fund				
For Permanent Improvement	657,068			3.00
State				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,498,610</b>	<b>1,810,608</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>54.00</b>

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SCHEDULE B		
LEVIES OUTSIDE MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES		
FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	County Auditor's Est. of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on 76 & Prior for not to exceed Cont. years	25.60	2,243,009
Current expense levy authorized by voters on 8/5, 1986 for not to exceed Cont. years	7.00	968,047
General FUND: Levy authorized by voters on 2/5, 1991 for not to exceed Cont. years	5.60	936,533
General FUND: Levy authorized by voters on 2/7, 1995 for not to exceed Cont. years	7.90	1,496,041
Perm. Imp. FUND: Levy authorized by voters on 5/7/02 for not to exceed 5 years	3.00	657,068
General FUND: Levy authorized by voters on 11/2, 2004 for not to exceed Cont. years	4.90	1,387,304
<b>TOTAL OUTSIDE 10M LIMIT LESS BOND RETIREMENT</b>	<b>54.00</b>	<b>7,688,002</b>

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of this Board be, and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Fiscal Officer of said County.

Mrs. Worthington seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington  
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**STALE DATED CHECKS**

09-48

Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education approve depositing \$1,112.65 into Fund #007 for unclaimed stale-dated checks:

From: Account #6002 – 1605 – To Fund 007

PROVIDER NAME	CHECK #	AMOUNT	CHECK DATE
Doylestown Med Center	65825	\$95.33	3/30/2005
Maile, Michael	65951	180.00	4/13/2005
Lowe, Sandra	66512	10.00	5/26/2005
Carp cosmetic Surgery Ctr	68999	163.45	12/21/2005
Balance of Life Cln Inc.	71531	36.43	7/28/2006
Howard L. Levine MD, inc.	72200	110.25	9/6/2006
Balance of Life Cln Inc.	74469	123.72	2/28/2007
Hardy, Pattie	76420	73.60	7/25/2007
Ranier, Tracy	77533	3.20	10/10/2007
Churchill, Morgan	77642	10.00	10/17/2007
Lehtomaki, Amy	77644	10.00	10/17/2007
Kozak, Teresa	77925	114.00	11/07/2007
Schwab, Sherrie	78019	2.00	11/14/2007
Lehtomake, Amy	78343	10.00	12/12/2007
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$941.98</b>	

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From: Account #6001-4514 -- To: Fund 007

PAYEE	CHECK #	AMOUNT	CHECK DATE
Chapman, Kristina	3559	10.00	8/9/2006
Welch, Margaret	3578	.02	8/9/2006
Klubnik, Michael	3643	65.90	10/04/2006
Castilow, Richard	3690	20.00	11/01/2006
Castilow, Richard	3711	10.00	11/15/2006
Owen, Jacqueline	3854	12.06	3/21/2007
Weber, James	3987	10.00	8/22/2007
Weber, James	4057	12.69	10/17/2007
Ryan, Patricia	4120	10.00	11/28/2007
Acuff, Hollace	4246	20.00	3/26/2008
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$170.67</b>	

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett  
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**PERSONNEL**

**PERSONNEL–Retirement/Resignations/Leaves/Terminations**

09-49

Mr. Bennett moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

1. Brady Sackett, Middle School Teacher, paid FMLA effective April 23, 2009 (or birth of child) for 5 weeks.
2. Denise Wunderle, Grill Elementary Cook, Disability Retirement, effective March 23, 2009.
3. Lynne Adkins, Middle School Teacher Retirement, effective June 30, 2009.
4. Melissa Berlin, Middle School Teacher paid FMLA effective April 23, 2009 (or the birth of child) for six weeks.
5. Chani Cowling, Freshman Softball Coach, resignation effective March 11, 2009 for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mrs. Leonti seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer  
NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS**

09-50

Mr. Bennett moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a two year administrative contract for Ron Gerstenmaier, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2011.

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti  
NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0**

- 09-51**      **Mrs. Worthington** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a two year administrative contract for Roger Plaster, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2011.
- Mrs. Leonti** seconded the motion.
- ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weibel**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0**
- 09-52**      **Mrs. Weibel** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a three year administrative contract for Valerie Riedthaler, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2012.
- Mrs. Worthington** seconded the motion.
- ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Worthington**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0**
- 09-53**      **Mrs. Leonti** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a three year administrative contract for Angela Wagler, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2012.
- Mr. Bennett** seconded the motion.
- ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries 5-0**
- 09-54**      **Mrs. Weibel** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a three year contact for Susan Henry, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2012.
- Mrs. Worthington** seconded the motion.
- ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**
- 09-55**      **Mrs. Worthington** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a three year contact for Randy Whited, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2012.
- Mrs. Leonti** seconded the motion.
- ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**
- PERSONNEL–Classified (Pending background check)**
- 09-56**      **Mrs. Weibel** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Misty Kazy, Educational Assistant I at the High School, effective February 23, 2009.
- Mr. Bennett** seconded the motion.

09-56 cont. **ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weibel**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**PERSONNEL–Certified (Pending background check)**

09-57 **Mrs. Worthington** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Cynthia Koontz, Intervention Specialist at Primary School from part time to full time, effective February 27, 2009.

**Mrs. Leonti** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Worthington**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL–Certified (Pending background & certification check)**

09-58 **Mr. Bennett** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

1. John Tylka
2. Elaine DeRuyter
3. James Matty

**Mrs. Weibel** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL–Classified (Pending background & certification check)**

09-59 **Mrs. Leonti** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following:

1. Frieda Ellis
2. William Long, Bus Driver
3. Kara Geig

**Mrs. Worthington** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT (Pending background & certification check)**

09-60 **Mrs. Weibel** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the resolution to hire the following nonlicensed/noncertified supplemental positions for the 2008-09 school year:

1. Dawn Allis, Volunteer Track Assistant.
2. Alan Endress, Volunteer Track Assistant

**Mrs. Leonti** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Weibel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**HOME INSTRUCTOR**

**09-61** **Mr. Bennett** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve David Gill as home instructor on an as needed basis at the current tutor rate.

**Mrs. Webel** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**ADDITIONAL DAYS**

**09-62** **Mrs. Worthington** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve an additional 10 days for the Attendance Coordinator, contracted with Summit County ESC, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

**Mrs. Leonti** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**09-63** **Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following Consent Agenda:

**Four Cities Compact**

Approve the Four Cities Educational Compact Career-Technical Cooperative Agreement.

**Reading Intervention**

Approve the recommendation to provide a reading intervention program for 3-4 grade, to be held in August, 2009 at no cost to Norton students.

Approve hiring 1-2 teaching positions for 3-4 grade reading intervention to be paid from the general fund.

Approve the recommendation of a Middle School summer remediation program for grades 5-8 (focus on reading in the content areas and math) to be held Monday – Thursday, June 22 – July 16, 2009 at a cost of \$120 per student (\$170 non-resident).

Approve hiring 2-3 teaching positions for 5-8 grades summer remediation.

Approve the recommendation to provide a one-week summer remediation program, Project Pass – OGT, for students who did not pass sections of the Ohio Graduation Test, June 22-26, 2009.

Approve hiring 4 teaching positions for the Project Pass, summer remediation to be paid from the general fund.

Approve the recommendation to provide Norton High School summer physical education class, to be held June 8-26, 2009 at a cost of \$150 per student (\$175 non-resident).

Approve hiring 1-2 teaching positions for physical education class.



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Approve the recommendation to provide Norton High School, credit recovery program, online courses to be offered through the Summit County Educational Service Center, to be paid from the fees collected by participants.

### **Trip**

Approve the proposed overnight trip for the Masonry Class to Miami Valley Career and Technical School, March 27 – 28, 2009.

### **Service Agreement**

Approve the FACTT Program Service Agreement

### **Resolution**

Approve the resolution for the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative to advertise and receive bids for school bus chassis and bodies as follows:

WHEREAS, the Norton City Schools Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of one (1) - Transit Style school bus chassis and body. The 2009-2010 Cooperative School Bus Purchasing Program fee is \$325.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Norton City Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of one (1) – Transit Style school bus chassis and bodies. This Board agrees to pay \$325.00 to Ohio Schools Council for school district membership as a service fee for this purpose.

### **Donations**

Approve the following donations:

1. Monetary donation of \$100 from Kermit & Merry Ann Houser, Karen & Bernie Frye and Carol & David Krafft in memory of Evelyn Moinet to be used in the district for books.
2. Monetary donation of \$136.55 for the Second Grade Butterfly Project at Primary School by Primary PAC.
3. Monetary donation of \$754 to be used for transportation costs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip by Primary PAC.

### **Proposed Trip**

Approve the proposed trip for Skills USA State Competition, April 25-26, 2009.

### **Contract**

Approve the contract with Nowak Tour & Travel, for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D. C. for October 28-30, 2009.

**Mrs. Leonti** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Farmer,Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett**  
**NAYS: None – Motion Carries – 5-0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**09-64**

**Mrs. Webel** moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Special meeting at 7:57 p.m.

**Mrs. Worthington** seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: AYES: Mrs.Leonti,Mrs.Webel,Mrs.Worthington,Mr.Bennett,Mrs.Farmer**  
**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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**Diane Farmer, President**

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**Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer**