

**NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION - 10-03**  
**Special Session of February 8, 2010**

President Worthington called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room.

Those present:

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

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION**

**10-29 Mrs. Farmer moved** that the Board of Education approve the following Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE SINGLE QUESTION OF (A) THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$27,505,239 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING, ADDING TO, RENOVATING, REMODELING, REHABILITATING, AND IMPROVING SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AND ACQUIRING, CLEARING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING REAL ESTATE FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND (B) THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF 2.0 MILLS FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, RENOVATION, AND FINANCING OF GENERAL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS, TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.218 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 3318 of the Revised Code, on September 24, 2009, the Ohio School Facilities Commission (the Commission) conditionally approved the participation of the Norton City School District in a segmented Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP) project involving constructing, acquiring, reconstructing and/or making additions to classroom facilities as defined in Chapter 3318 of the Revised Code (the OSFC Project), and on October 19, 2009, the Ohio Controlling Board approved the determination and conditional approval of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate master facilities plan cost of the OSFC Project has been determined to be \$61,490,846, of which the State's portion is \$23,366,521 and the School District's portion is \$38,124,325; and

WHEREAS, the District is working with the Commission to revise the master facilities plan under CFAP to exclude a portion of the classroom facilities included therein (the revised, segmented, plan being herein referred to as the Revised OSFC Project); and

WHEREAS, the Board expects the Commission to conditionally approve the Revised OSFC Project; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined to supplement the Revised OSFC Project by constructing, furnishing, equipping, adding to, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, and otherwise improving School District buildings and facilities, and acquiring, clearing, improving and equipping real estate for school purposes (the Locally Funded Initiatives or LFIs); and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the School District is unable to provide adequate classroom facilities without assistance from the State, and thus is seeking to raise its portion of the basic project cost through the issuance of voter-approved securities and otherwise meet the requirements to receive such State assistance by seeking

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the approval of a 2.0-mill tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements for a continuing period of time, with 0.5 mills of which (or otherwise, as may be required) being applied to the maintenance of the aforesaid classroom facilities for the requisite time period under Chapter 3318 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2010, this Board adopted a resolution declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of this School District a single proposal consisting of the question of (i) the issuance of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$27,505,239 and the levying of a tax to pay debt charges on those bonds and any anticipatory securities, and (ii) the levy of an additional 2.0-mill property tax to provide funds for acquiring, constructing, enlarging, renovating, and financing general permanent improvements for a continuing period of time, with 0.5-mills of which (or otherwise, as may be required) being committed and pledged to the maintenance of the classroom facilities that are part of the Revised OSFC Project, at an election to be held in the School District on May 4, 2010, a copy of which resolution was certified immediately to the Summit County Fiscal Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County Fiscal Officer subsequently certified that (i) the estimated average annual property tax levy throughout the stated maturity of those bonds that would be required to pay debt charges on them, calculated in the manner provided in Section 133.18(C) of the Revised Code, is 4.60 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to 46.0 cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, (ii) the total tax valuation of the School District is \$307,384,230 for purposes of the calculation in (i) above, (iii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated annually by the 2.0-mill property tax levied to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements is \$614,768, and (iv) the total tax valuation of the School District is \$307,384,230 for purposes of the calculation in (iii) above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Norton City School District, Summit County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. After reviewing the certifications of the Summit County Fiscal Officer described in the preambles hereto, this Board hereby finds, determines and declares that (i) the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of this School District, (ii) it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the School District in the aggregate principal amount of \$27,505,239 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, equipping, adding to, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, and improving School District buildings and facilities, and acquiring, clearing, improving and equipping real estate for school purposes, and to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay the debt charges on those bonds and any anticipatory securities, and (iii) it is necessary to levy, for a continuing period of time, an additional 2.0-mill tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements. The average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds (37 years) to pay the debt charges on the bonds has been estimated by the County Fiscal Officer to be 4.60 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 46.0 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation.

Section 2. This Board further determines and declares that the question of (i) issuing the bonds, and levying a tax to pay the debt charges on the bonds and on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds, and (ii) levying an additional 2.0-mill tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements, for a continuing period of time, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2010, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to the School District in collection year 2011, shall be submitted as a single question under the provisions of Section 5705.218 of the Revised Code to the electors of the School District at an election to be held therein on May 4, 2010, as authorized by law.

Section 3. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to certify to the Summit County Board of Elections not later than February 18, 2010: (i) a copy of the resolution adopted by the Board on January 25, 2010, declaring the necessity of (A) the bond issue and providing for the principal of the bonds to be paid over a maximum of 37 years, which number of years is hereby certified to the Board of Elections, and (B) the tax levy, to be levied for a continuing period of time; (ii) the certifications by the County Fiscal Officer as to the total current valuation of the School District, the estimated average annual property tax levy necessary to pay the debt charges on the bonds, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated annually by the 2.0-mill property tax levy; and (iii) a copy of this resolution. This Board requests that the Board of Elections give notice of that election and prepare the necessary ballots and supplies for the election in accordance with law.

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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 those 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. Bennett** seconded the motion.

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

**RESOLUTION**

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**Mrs. Weibel** moved that the Board of Education approve the following Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOARD'S INTENTION TO CANCEL THE REMAINING YEARS OF COLLECTION OF ITS EXISTING 3.0-MILL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT TAX LEVY IF THE PROPOSED NEW 2.0-MILL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT TAX LEVY IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THIS SCHOOL DISTRICT AT THE MAY 4, 2010 ELECTION.**

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2010 and February 8, 2010, this Board adopted Resolutions pursuant to Section 5705.218 of the Ohio Revised Code, submitting to the electors of this School District at the election to be held on May 4, 2010, the question of, among other things, an additional 2.0-mill permanent improvement tax levy, which, if approved by the electors, would be first placed on the tax list and duplicate for calendar year 2010 for first collection in calendar year 2011; and

WHEREAS, this Board is currently authorized to levy a 3.0-mill permanent improvement tax levy which will have its last year of collection in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board expects to be able to meet its permanent improvement needs in calendar years 2011-2012 with the proceeds of the aforesaid 2.0-mill tax levy and other resources, thus obviating the need for the 3.0-mill levy for those calendar years if the aforesaid May 4, 2010 ballot question is approved;

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 hereby states its intention to cancel the final two years of collection (calendar years 2011 and 2012) of the District's existing 3.0-mill permanent improvement tax levy if the proposed additional 2.0-mill permanent improvement tax levy is approved by the voters of this School District at the May 4, 2010 election. The Treasurer is hereby directed to notify the County Auditor's office and County Budget Commission of this intention and request that, if the District's ballot question is approved by the electors on May 4, 2010, the amended tax rate resolution that may be produced by the County for approval by this Board for the 2010 collection year exclude the 3.0-mill permanent improvement levy while it includes all millage shown on said ballot.

Section 2. 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 all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

**Mrs. Farmer** seconded the motion.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Technology & Instruction** discussed changes to the Administrative Guidelines on grades and the grading scale.

**Operations** – POS installed in Cornerstone cafeteria and the implementation went very well, the next school to begin is Grill. Ken is working on a list of projects for summer that are necessary.

**Policy** – Committee to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2010.

**Community Engagement** – VanDevere car dealership is donating cars valued at \$12,000 to area schools to be used for fund raising raffles. If we are interested, we must submit a proposal to them.

At the March Committee of the Whole meeting a draft of the district goals will be presented and discussed.

Discussed sending the seniors to Kent State to participate in the “None 4 Under 21” program. We would inform parents of the program and attendance would not be mandatory.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Mrs. Leonti** moved that the Board of Education adjourn the special session at 7:02 p.m.

**Mrs. Farmer** 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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**Elisa Worthington, President**

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**Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer**