

NORTON BOARD OF EDUCATION – 11- 07
Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 11, 2011

President Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room. The Treasurer called the roll:

Mr. Jim Bennett, President - Present
Mrs. Laura Leonti, Vice President - Present
Mrs. Diane Farmer, Member - Present
Mrs. Cindy Webel, Member - Present
Mrs. Elisa Worthington, Member – Present

Also present were:
Mr. David Dunn, Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11-68

Mrs. Leonti moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent enter executive session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the purchase of land, employment of personnel and negotiations.

Mrs. Webel seconded the motion.

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

Invited into Executive Session were: David Dunn, Stephanie Hagenbush and Bill Pepple. Mr. Pepple left at 7:17 p.m. Ken Caldwell and Marvin Founds of Stifel Nicolaus entered Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. and left at 7:37 p.m.

President Bennett called the meeting back to public session at 7:47 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Community Engagement – The Committee met prior to this meeting and held a discussion on the results of the recent survey. It seems more citizens liked the idea of receiving emails and also more frequent updates to the website/facebook. The newsletters are also another option but the cost of postage makes it difficult. Three times a year, after the Regular Board meeting, the Board will discuss “a hot topic.” More information will be sent out regarding the outcome of the survey.
- B. Technology & Instruction– The Committee is discussing information for summer programs – more on this at the next Board meeting. The Committee is still discussing distance learning, but the initial cost makes it prohibitive. The Language Arts program was chosen for the Middle School; Mrs. Herchik is researching cost and availability. Mrs. Wagler discussed the Computer Labs and what each school does to compensate for the number of computer versus number of students in a class. Also, a discussion was held regarding the Honors Diploma requirements. Beginning with the freshman class this year, a fine arts unit is required to obtain a diploma. Fine arts include Drama, Dance, Music or Visual Arts.
- C. Operations– Mr. Caldwell is looking at the different options to repair the bleachers at the football stadium. We will look into several options and this will be discussed at a later meeting.

D. Policy- The Committee is looking at changing companies to handle our policies.
They will have more information at next month's meeting.

SUPPLEMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

11-69 Mrs. Worthington moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following supplemental volunteers:

1. Courtney Kitchen, volunteer Track Assistant
2. Cody Longfellow, volunteer Baseball Assistant
3. Dawn Allis, volunteer Track Assistant.

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

11-70 Mrs. Farmer moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Mrs. Webel 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.”

Jim Bennett, President

Stephanie Hagenbush, Treasurer