

The North Fork Board of Education met in **Regular** session on July 15, 2013 at the Utica Senior High School, 260 Jefferson Street, Utica, Ohio 43080.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Snow.

The following members were present: Mr. Robert Krueger, Mrs. Theresa Magers, Mr. Bernard Snow and Mrs. Lori Stradley.

The follow member was absent during roll-call: Mr. Ben Bandy

The meeting was called to order by President Snow at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Bandy arrived at 7:04 p.m.

#### **RECOGNITIONS:**

##### **Utica High School Baseball Team**

**Drew Beaver** – Second Team Mid-Buckeye Conference, Second Team All- District

**Daniel Green** – First Team Mid-Buckeye Conference, Honorable Mention All-District

**Dakota Young** – Honorable Mention Mid-Buckeye Conference, Honorable Mention All-District

##### **Utica High School Softball Team**

**Josie Layman** – Second Team Mid-Buckeye Conference, Second Team All-District

**Lareese Marston** – Honorable Mention Mid-Buckeye Conference, Honorable Mention All-District

##### **Utica High School Track and Field**

**Travis Baldwin** – First Place 100 Meter Dash, First Place 200 Meter Dash, First Place 4 x 100 Relay Mid-Buckeye Conference

**Braedon Harrison-Taylor** – First Place 4 x 100 Relay Mid-Buckeye Conference

**T. J. Melick** – First Place 4 x 100 Relay Mid-Buckeye Conference

**Hunter Selmon** – First Place 4 x 100 Relay Mid-Buckeye Conference

#### **REPORTS:**

1. Superintendent's – Mr. Hartley
2. Treasurer's – Mrs. Mickley

#### **WORK SESSION:**

1. English Language Arts K – 12, Graded Course of Study

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

##### **Shirley Curtis -**

- Inquired about the types of cuts being made based on a Utica Herald article she had read

##### **Pam Stair -**

- Is busing going to be provided for extracurricular activities?
- What is the state rate for busing per student? What was the prior year rate also?

Lisa Orr –

- Was the Auditor of State Performance Audit taken into consideration when determining cuts?

Chris Cline –

- Will there be HS busing?
- Without HS busing what is the schedule of school start times?
- What is the cut in driver's hours?
- Will the drivers be transporting to C-TEC and Newark Catholic?

Sandra Hatley –

- Concerned with the cut of a particular aide for her handicapped child's needs to be met.

Mindy Osborne –

- What is the chance of HS busing being reinstated if levy passes?
- Why is there not a levy in August?
- When will parents be notified?
- Will there be busing to C-TEC?
- What is the longest walk to a bus stop?
- How will extracurricular activities be transported?
- Does the state pay the school to transport students?
- What is the total loss of revenue from the state if there is no HS transportation?
- How many reduced routes will there be?
- Was the drop-out rate considered when HS busing was cut?
- Is there anything else to eliminate other than HS busing?

Barry Trout –

- Where do the ticket sales go from the football and basketball games?

Paula Morrison –

- Where does the school list job postings?
- Where can the public get a list of the potential cuts?
- Kenyon College started a program that is voluntary for employees to work with the board to develop ideas. Something for North Fork to consider

Tiffany Halblaub –

- Concerned with no HS busing and the safety of teens riding with other teens
- What is the plan for the levy and addressing the areas in which the levies have failed in the past?
- Has there been thought about the potential loss of income when families move because of no busing?

Pam Stair –

- If HS busing is cut the District will lose approximately 15 drivers
- If there is transportation for Extracurricular – who will drive?

Fran Cantwell –

- Concerned about her grandchildren in St. Louisville. There are no side walks.
- Can adults do fund raisers to raise money for HS busing?

Chris Cline –

- What is the busing cost per student?
- Heard ODE was still going to 'flat fund' transportation.

Becky Hill –

- Why make a decision about cutting busing with out discussing with parents?
- Per ODE website – the cost to transport a student is \$789 avg. Can that amount be paid by parents to have busing reinstated?

Rick Cline –

- Even if the state flat funds, the District is still transporting the same number of students.
- Feels there are too many Aides

Makayla McComb –

- Thinks it is a good idea to have a fund raiser for transportation
- Feels the District can save money by cutting One Call Now.

Chrissy Harrison –

- If busing is cut, attendance will be down and school funding will be reduced

Nicole Murnane –

- General question – what is the cost of a child to go to school at North Fork.
- If busing is cut – plans on pulling children from the District and take them and their funding elsewhere.

Daryl Beckett –

- Personally felt effects of the levy and cuts in the Newark Area.
- Student's education is the first priority
- How many times consecutively has the levy been voted down?
- What is going to change in this levy campaign to develop more of a unity?

Aoril Mealick –

- Thanked Mr. Beckett for his interest
- Wishes communication would be better for what will potentially be cut.
- Education is the priority of the District

Arletta Waites –

- Will Open Enrolled Students be bused?

Kris Grigsby –

- Education should be valued
- Understands people are upset – but just do the easiest thing and vote for the levy

Dan Orr –

- Special Education was an area the Performance audit suggested being reduced. Has this been looked at?
- If this was addressed – then the HS busing could potentially be re-instated.



**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

1. Add Executive Session after Item #7.6
2. Move Old Business to after Executive Session
3. Move personnel actions to after Executive Session
4. Pull Items #7.4 and #7.5 and replace with #7.6

**2013-07-0071**

Mrs. Magers moved, seconded by Mr. Krueger that the Board waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the June 17, 2013, and June 24, 2013 Regular Meetings.

Yea: Mrs. Magers, Mr. Krueger, Mr. Bandy, Mr. Snow, Mrs. Stradley - 5.

Nay: -0.

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2013-07-0072**

Mrs. Stradley moved, seconded by Mr. Snow that the Board approve the following financial actions:

- 5.1 Approve the financial reports for the Month of June, 2013--SM-2, financial report by fund, revenue accounts by fund/receipt code, budget accounts by fund/function object, check payment register, and investment transaction report and appropriation adjustments.
- 5.2 Authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to issue purchase orders in accordance with Board Policy 6400. This list will be made a part of the minutes.

Yea: Mrs. Stradley, Mr. Snow, Mr. Bandy, Mr. Krueger, Mrs. Magers - 5.

Nay: -0.

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2013-07-0073**

Mr. Bandy moved, seconded by Mr. Krueger that the Board approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE  
PROPOSITION OF A RENEWAL INCOME TAX  
(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.02 and 5748.03)**

WHEREAS, the Board at its meeting on June 24, 2013 determined that it is necessary to raise annually additional revenues of at least \$1,827,333 for the purpose of providing for the current operating expenses of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio has estimated and certified the property tax rate and the income tax rate required in order to produce such additional revenues; and

WHEREAS, the income tax rate, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent as required by law, is 1.00% per annum; and

WHEREAS, such rate is not higher than the income tax approved by the voters of the School District on February 2, 2010 for three years (the "Existing Income Tax");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the North Fork Local School District, Licking and Knox Counties, Ohio, a majority of the members of the Board concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby determined to be necessary to proceed with the proposition of levying a renewal of the Existing Income Tax on the school district income of individuals residing in the School District. Such renewal income tax shall be at the rate of 1.00% per annum, shall be for the purpose of providing for the current operating expenses of the School District, shall take effect and begin to be levied on January 1, 2014, and shall be levied for a period of three years (the "Income Tax").

Section 2. The income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the taxable income of individuals as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.01(E)(1)(b).

Section 3. The question of levying the Income Tax shall be submitted to the electors of the School District at the election to be held at the usual voting places within the School District on November 5, 2013.

Section 4. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be as follows:

Shall an annual income tax of one percent (1.00%) on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by the North Fork Local School District, to renew an income tax expiring at the end of 2013, for a period of three (3) years, beginning January 1, 2014, for the purpose of providing for the current operating expenses of the School District?

	FOR THE TAX
	AGAINST THE TAX

Section 5. The Treasurer of the School District is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Licking County, Ohio, not later than August 7, 2013.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Yea: Mr. Bandy, Mr. Krueger, Mrs. Magers, Mr. Snow, Mrs. Stradley - 5.

Nay: -0.

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2013-07-0074**

7.2 Mrs. Stradley moved, seconded by Mrs. Magers that the Board employ Barbara Shorts in the position of Assistant to the Transportation Department for four (4) hours per day, on a one-year contract for the 2013-2014 school year; compensation to be at Step 0 of the T-1 Transportation Scale of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement. (\$12.92/hr.)

Yea: Mrs. Stradley, Mrs. Magers, Mr. Bandy, Mr. Krueger, Mr. Snow - 5.  
Nay: -0.  
The president ruled the motion carried.

**2013-07-0075**

7.3 Mr. Snow moved, seconded by Mrs. Magers that the Board approve the Activities Costs plan as presented.

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mrs. Magers, Mr. Bandy, Mr. Krueger, Mrs. Stradley - 5.  
Nay: -0.  
The president ruled the motion carried.

**2013-07-0076**

7.6 Mr. Bandy moved, and Mrs. Magers seconded that the Board approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AWARDING ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION CONTRACTS FOR THE EXISTING UTICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ANCILLARY BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, bids were received on July 10, 2013, for the contracts to abate and demolish the existing Utica Elementary School and ancillary buildings on that site (some of which are referred to as the Mill Street and Spring Street Elementary Schools), as part of the Ohio School Facilities Commission ("OSFC") Exceptional Needs Program project; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Manager, with the assistance of the Abatement Consultant and Architect, as appropriate, met with representatives of the apparent low bidder for the abatement and demolition work, reviewed the bid to verify that the bidder had included the work, equipment, and materials specified in the bid amount, evaluated the experience and qualifications of the bidder to perform the specified work, determined that the apparent low bidder was responsible to perform the work, and submitted the bidder information to the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission ("OFCC"), as the contracting agency for the OSFC, for the required quality construction review; and

WHEREAS, the required 5-day period for the quality construction review having passed without comment that would prevent award of the contracts, the Abatement Consultant and the Architect each prepared a written recommendation for award of the abatement and demolition contracts, respectively, to the following contractors, as the lowest responsible bidder for the specified work:

CONTRACT	CONTRACTOR	BASE BID
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Abatement	Lepi Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 72,821.00
Demolition	Ours Excavating, LTD	\$174,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Fork Local School District Board of Education as follows:

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Abatement Consultant and the Architect for the abatement and demolition contracts, respectively, as stated in the attached recommendation letters, each of the contractors identified above is awarded the contract for which it was the apparent low bidder in the amount stated, as the lowest responsible bidder, all subject to approval of the OFCC and each contractor's compliance with the conditions precedent for contract execution defined in the Contract Documents issued for the project. No contract right in the contract will be created until the contract has been signed by and returned from the OFCC.
2. The Board President, Superintendent, and Treasurer are authorized to sign, as required, a Contract between the Board and each of the contractors identified herein in the amount stated above, and any related documents, to document the award of each contract for the specified work.
3. The Board states that it is aware of the requirements contained in Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.41 relating to the disposal of real property and that these requirements are not applicable to the demolition of the existing Utica Elementary School building. The North Fork Local School District is not a challenged school district and there are no start-up community schools within the territory of the District.

Yea: Mr. Bandy, Mrs. Magers, Mr. Krueger, Mr. Snow, Mrs. Stradley - 5.

Nay: -0.

The president ruled the motion carried.

Mr. Bandy moved, seconded by Mr. Snow that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

1. The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing; and
2. The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding.

Yea: Mr. Bandy, Mr. Snow, Mr. Krueger, Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Stradley - 5.

Nay: -0.

The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 8:34 p.m.

The Board took a 10 minute recess.

Mr. Krueger moved, seconded by Mrs. Stradley that the Board return to open session.

Yea: Mr. Krueger, Mrs. Stradley, Mr. Bandy, Mrs. Magers, Mr. Snow - 5.

Nay: -0.

The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 10:30 p.m.

**DISCUSSION:**

Due to attrition and the public hearing discussion, the Board has requested Mr. Hartley look at transportation again, and reinstate High School Busing. This will still be part of the potential cuts if the levy fails in November, 2013.

**2013-07-0077**

Mr. Snow moved, seconded by Mrs. Magers that the Board table an offer to purchase the property located at the Spring St. and Mill St. site until the next regular board meeting on August 19, 2013.

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mrs. Magers, Mr. Bandy, Mr. Krueger, Mrs. Stradley - 5.

Nay: -0.

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2013-07-0078**

Mr. Snow moved, seconded by Mrs. Magers that the Board approve the following personnel actions:

**Certified**

- 3.1 Accept a letter of resignation from Howard Hill, Utica Junior High Social Studies Teacher, effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year to accept another position.
- 3.2 Accept a letter of resignation from Amy Ferguson, Utica Elementary Teacher, effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year to accept another position.
- 3.3 Accept a letter of resignation from Charles Smith, Utica High School Science Teacher, effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year to accept another position.
- 3.4 Accept a letter of resignation from Ryan McLane, Utica Junior High Principal, effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year to accept another position.
- 3.5 Approve the employment of Brittany Carruthers in the position of Elementary Teacher on a one-year limited contract for the 2013-2014 school year; compensation to be at Step 5 of the MA scale of the NFEA Negotiated Agreement. (\$42,612.00)
- 3.6 Approve the employment of Christopher Trost in the position of Elementary Teacher on a one-year limited contract for the 2013-2014 school year; compensation to be at Step 3 of the MA scale of the NFEA Negotiated Agreement. (\$39,130.00)
- 3.7 Accept a letter of resignation from Brady Palmer, Utica Junior High Intervention Specialist, effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year to accept another position.



- 3.8 Accept a letter of resignation from Jonathan King, Utica Junior and Senior High Art Teacher, effective July 8, 2013, to accept another position.
- 3.9 Accept a letter of resignation from Ashley Deck, Newton Elementary Teacher, effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

**Extra Service/Supplemental**

- 3.10 Correct the Supplemental Contract for Julie Davis, Class Trip Coord. (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) (NE), Level 3 (50%) from Step 2 to Step 3.
- 3.11 Approve Lisa Ritzer to receive a stipend in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the 2013-2014 school year for serving as the Virtual Learning Academy coordinator, per the NFEA Negotiated Agreement, Article 7, Paragraph III B.
- 3.12 Approve Lori Green to receive a stipend in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the 2013-2014 school year for serving as District Test Coordinator.
- 3.13 Accept a letter of resignation from Brady Palmer from the positions of Golf Head Coach, Basketball (Boys) 8<sup>th</sup> grade Assistant Coach and Track Junior Varsity Assistant Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 3.14 Accept a letter of resignation from Jonathan King from the position of Football Junior Varsity Assistant Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 3.15 Accept a letter of resignation from Mike Garven from the position of Head Wrestling Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 3.16 Approve the following supplemental positions for the 2013-2014 school year pending certification and successful background checks:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rocky Tate	Volunteer Football Coach	8	4	\$1.00
Wes (Aaron) Miller	Volunteer Football Coach	8	4	\$1.00
Shannon MacGregor	Cheerleader Advisor J.H.	3	3	\$3,129.00

**Classified**

- 3.17 Approve the Reduction in Force (RIF) for the following classified staff, per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement:
 

Karen Bricker	Deanna Gilmore	Tina Pargeon	Stacy Stevens
Gwen Crain	Tabatha Hoffer	Heather Parkinson	Lois "Shelly" Ellis
Kathy Levings	Tracy Poole		
- 3.18 Approve disability retirement for Lucinda Priest from the position of custodian, effective May 1, 2013.
- 3.19 Approve the employment of Sandra Davila on a one-year contract as a custodian, effective July 16, 2013; compensation to be at Step 5 of the Building Services, B-1,

Salary Schedule of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement. (\$13.77/hour)

**Supervisory**

3.20 Approve the Reduction in Force (RIF) for the following supervisor staff.

JoAnn Walton, Food Service Supervisor

Yea: Mr. Snow (Except Items #3.12 & 3.20), Mrs. Magers (Except Items #3.12 & 3.20), Mr. Bandy (Except Items #3.12 & 3.20), Mr. Krueger (Except Items #3.11, 3.12 and 3.17), Mrs. Stradley (Except Items #3.12 & 3.20) - .

Nay: Mr. Snow (#3.12 & 3.20)

Mrs. Magers (#3.12 & 3.20)

Mr. Bandy (#3.12 & 3.20)

Mr. Krueger (#3.11, 3.12 & 317)

Mrs. Stradley (3.12 & 3.20)

Items #3.1-3.10, Items #3.13-3.16 and items #3.18 and 3.19 passed 5-0-0

Items #3.11, 3.17 and 3.20 passed 4-1-0

Item #3.12 failed 0-5-0; Item #3.20 failed 1-4-0

The president ruled the motion carried except for Items #3.12 & #3.20

**Superintendent's Report / Instructions:**

Mr. Snow requested a Special Meeting be scheduled on August 9, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at the District Administrative Offices to approve personnel items.

Mr. Snow requested the Treasurer to send out the Notice of Special Meeting.

**Public comment was requested and the following responded:**

Pam Stair – Thanked the Board for re-instating High School busing.

Mr. Hartley – Updated the audience and Board on two staff members that had sustained injuries over the previous weekend.

Mr. Krueger moved, seconded by Mrs. Magers, that the meeting be adjourned.


Yea: Mr. Krueger, Mrs. Magers, Mr. Bandy, Mr. Snow, Mrs. Stradley - 5.

Nay: -0.

The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 10:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 19, 2013  
Location: Utica Elementary School  
367 Church St.  
Utica, Ohio 43080  
Time: 6:30 p.m. Public Discussion and Building Tour  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

  
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Bernard L. Snow, President

  
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Tonya Mickley, Treasurer



