

The North Fork Board of Education met in Regular session on Monday, December 16, 2024, at Newton Elementary School, 6645 Mount Vernon Road, Newark, OH 43055.

The meeting was called to order by President Cooperider at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hartley.

The following members were present at roll call: Mrs. Barbara Bruce, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, and Mrs. Debra Paxton. **Dr. Rob Krueger arrived at 6:11 p.m.

RECOGNITIONS

- None

REPORTS:

1. **Superintendent** – Mr. Hartley – Planning Meeting, Discussions with Superintendent, Happy Holidays
2. **Treasurer** – Mrs. Breehl – Direct Energy Master Agreement
3. **Committees**
 - None

WORK SESSION

1. NEOLA Additions/Revisions

First Reading

2265 Protections of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals, or Principles of Political Movements and Ideology (Program)

Second Reading - VOL. 43, NO. 1 POLICIES

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- 0167.2 (Renumbered) Executive Session (Bylaws)
- 0167.7 (Renumbered/Revised) Use of Personal Communication Devices (Bylaws)
- 0173 (Rescind) Board Officers (Bylaws)
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- 5200 Attendance (Students)
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- 8310 Public Records (Operations)
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Second Reading - VOL. 43, NO. 1 UGG/EDGAR REVISIONS

- 1130 Conflict of Interest (Administration)
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- 6110 Grant Funds (Finances)
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HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- Nancy Parriott

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

- Add 6.4 – Approving Direct Energy Business, LLC

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

2024-12-0131

Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the Board waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024, Regular Meeting and the November 19, 2024, Special Meeting.

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Paxton – 4

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-12-0132

Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Bruce, that the Board approve the following personnel actions:

Certified

- 2.1 Approve the Licking Regional Educational Service Center Certificated Substitute List No. 7 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Extra Service/Supplemental

- 2.2 Accept a letter of resignation from Collin McCullough, baseball assistant coach, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 2.3 Approve the following teacher as a Home Instruction Tutor for the 2024-2025 school year. The Superintendent will approve the number of hours and effective dates as needed. Compensation will be at the Home Instruction Tutor's rate of the NFEA Negotiated Agreement.

Jessica Yancey

Non-Degree Substitutes

- 2.4 Approve the following as a non-degree substitute for the 2024-2025 school year pending proper certification and background checks:

Tyson McElroy

Yea: Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider – 4

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-12-0133

Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the Board approve the following financial actions:

- 4.1 Approve the financial and reconciliation reports for the Month of November 2024.
- 4.2 Approve bills as presented for November 2024 and payment of bills with "Then and Now" certificates.
- 4.3 Authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to issue purchase orders in accordance with Board Policy 6400.
- 4.4 Approve the Legal Assistance Fund Consultant Service Contract with the Ohio School Boards Association for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. This is an ongoing service at the cost of \$250.00.
- 4.5 Approve the membership to the Ohio School Boards Association for the 2025 calendar year at an annual dues cost of \$6,392.00, the annual *School Management News* subscription (electronic) at a cost of \$150.00, and the annual *Virtual Transportation Supervisor* (VTS) subscription at a cost of \$300.00 for a total cost of \$6,842.00.

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Paxton – 4

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-12-0134

- 6.1 Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, that the Board approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION
OF ALTERNATIVE TAX RATES FOR A RENEWAL
INCOME TAX

(Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.02)

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.02 authorizes school districts to impose voter- approved income taxes upon their residents; and

WHEREAS, the School District is currently levying a 1.00% per annum income tax that was most recently renewed by the voters of the School District on May 4, 2021, for a three-year term for the purpose of providing for the current operating expenses of the School District (the "Existing Income Tax"), with the last year of collection of the Existing Income Tax being in 2028; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity to raise additional School District revenue must be passed and certified to the Tax Commissioner for the State of Ohio (the "Tax

Commissioner") in order to permit the Board to consider the renewal of an income tax and to preserve the right to submit the question of levying such a renewal income tax to the electors of the School District at the election to be held on May 6, 2025;

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 all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.02, the Board determines that it is necessary to raise annually the additional amount of \$2,961,512 (the "Specified Revenue Amount") by proposing the question at the election to be held on May 6, 2025 of renewing the Existing Income Tax on the school district income of individuals residing in the School District for the purpose of providing for the current operating expenses of the School District for 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 Treasurer is directed to immediately certify a copy of this Resolution to the Tax Commissioner, not later than January 24, 2025, together with a request that the Tax Commissioner determine and certify to the Board (i) the property tax rate that would have had to be imposed by the School District in the current year to produce the Specified Revenue Amount and (ii) the income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year to produce an equivalent amount of money to the Specified Revenue Amount.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken 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: Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider – 4

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-12-0135

- 6.2 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the Board approve the adoption of the following policy revisions/additions/deletions:

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Yea: Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider – 4

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-12-0136

- 6.3 Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the Board approve Hunter Finkes as a non-senior graduate providing that all requirements set forth by the North Fork Board of Education and the State Department of Education have been met.

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger, Mrs. Paxton – 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-12-0137

- 6.4 Dr. Krueger moved, seconded by Mrs. Bruce, that the Board approve Direct Energy Business, LLC as the lowest responsive bid for the Electric RFP through META Solutions, Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency, Southwest Ohio Purchasing Council and the Stark County Schools Council of Government RFP. The agreement is a two-year term beginning July 1, 2025 with extension options not to exceed five years.

Yea: Dr. Krueger, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Paxton – 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

2024-12-0138

Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Dr. Krueger, that the Board go into Executive Session, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), for the purpose of discussing matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or rules or State statutes. **No action will be taken after the executive session.**

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Yea: Mrs. Paxton, Dr. Krueger, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:11 p.m.

Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, that the meeting be adjourned.

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger - 5

Nay: - 0

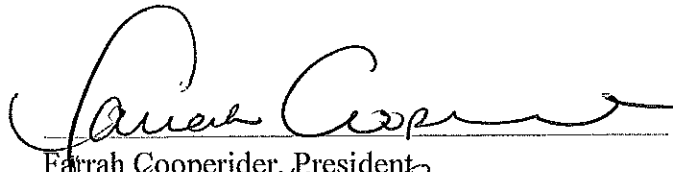
The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 8:11 p.m.

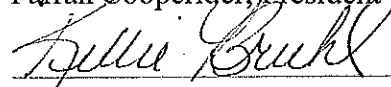
Next Meeting: January 13, 2025

Location: Utica Senior High School
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

Time: 6:00 p.m. (Organizational meeting followed by the Regular Meeting)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Farrah Cooperider", written over a horizontal line.

Farrah Cooperider, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kellie Breehl", written over a horizontal line.

Kellie Breehl, Treasurer