

The North Fork Board of Education met for a **Public Hearing** on Monday, December 11, 2023, at Newton Elementary School, 6645 Mt. Vernon Rd., Newark, OH 43055.

The meeting was called to order by President Cooperider at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Mrs. Barbara Bruce, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, Mr. Andy Hollenback, and Mrs. Lori Stradley.

The superintendent read the Notice of Public Hearing (Retire/Rehire)

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

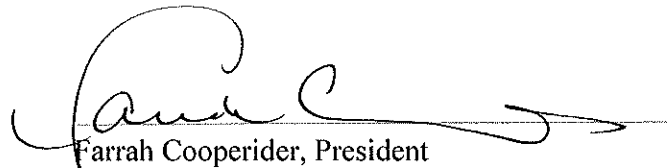
Mrs. Stradley moved, seconded by Mrs. Bruce, that the meeting be adjourned.

Yea: Mrs. Stradley, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback - 4

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 5:32 p.m.



Farrah Cooperider, President



Kellie Breehl, Treasurer

The North Fork Board of Education met in **Regular** session on **Monday, December 11, 2023**, at Newton Elementary School, 6645 Mt. Vernon Rd., 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: Mrs. Barbara Bruce, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, Mr. Andy Hollenback, Dr. Rob Krueger, and Mrs. Lori Stradley.

RECOGNITIONS

Andrew Hollenback 4 Years of Service as a Board Member (Jan. 2020 – Dec. 2023)

Lori Stradley 2 Years of Service as a Board Member (Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2023)
(10 Total Years of Service as a Board Member)

REPORTS:

1. **Superintendent** – Mr. Hartley – Statewide threat to schools; Planning Meeting
2. **Treasurer** – Mrs. Breehl – HB187 Update

WORK SESSION

NEOLA Additions/Revisions

Second Reading

5460 Graduation Requirements (Students)

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- Deb Paxton – Substitute – Kitchen
- Dawn Nelson – Substitute – Kitchen and donation
- Becky Green – Substitute – Kitchen; Permanent sub in transportation has been very helpful.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

2023-12-0146

Dr. Krueger moved, seconded by Mr. Hollenback, that the Board waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023, Special Meeting, and the November 20, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Yea: Dr. Krueger, Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Stradley – 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2023-12-0147

Mr. Hollenback moved, seconded by Mrs. Stradley, 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 2023-2024 school year.
- 2.2 Approve Jennifer McKnight as a long-term substitute at Utica High School beginning January 2, 2024.

Extra Service/Supplemental

- 2.3 Approve the following supplemental positions for the 2023-2024 school year, pending proper certification and background check:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Step</u>
Ashley Bauer	Wrestling Assistant Coach (Girls)	3	0

Classified

- 2.4 Approve the employment of David Piper in the position of Transportation driver, on a one-year limited contract effective January 2, 2024; compensation to be at Step 0 of the T-2 scale of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.
- 2.5 Approve the employment of Kelly Fouts in the position of Food Service server on a one-year limited contract effective March 1, 2024; compensation to be at Step 2 of the F-1 scale of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Administrative

- 2.6 Accept a letter of resignation from Kellie Breehl, Treasurer, effective December 31, 2023, for the purpose of retirement.
- 2.7 Approve the employment of Kellie Breehl as Treasurer effective January 1, 2024, through July 31, 2027.

Non-Degree Substitutes

- 2.8 Approve the following as non-degree substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year pending proper certification and background checks:
Avree Hurtt Joshua Scarberry

Yea: Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Stradley, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger – 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2023-12-0148

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

- 4.1 Approve the financial and reconciliation reports for the Month of November 2023.
- 4.2 Approve bills as presented for November 2023 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.

Yea: Mrs. Stradley, Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger – 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

- 6.1 ***Removed – Trip canceled***
Approve a trip to West Liberty University in West Virginia, for the Utica High School wrestling team on December 16, 2023.

2023-12-0149

- 6.2 Mrs. Stradley moved, seconded by Mr. Hollenback, that the Board approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH AN ISSUE
OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,000,000 AND CERTIFYING
THE SAME TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

(Ohio Revised Code Section 133.18)

WHEREAS, the Board passed a resolution (the “Resolution of Necessity”) at its meeting on November 20, 2023, declaring that it is necessary to issue bonds in the amount of \$58,000,000 (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of constructing school facilities, including constructing a new middle school building, and renovating, improving and expanding existing school facilities; furnishing and equipping the same; improving the sites thereof; and acquiring land and interests in land as necessary in connection therewith, and that it is necessary that a tax be annually levied on all the taxable property in the School District outside of the ten-mill limitation to meet the debt charges on the Bonds and any securities issued in anticipation thereof; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of Licking County, Ohio (the “County Auditor”) has certified to the Board that, based on the School District’s current total taxable value of \$437,000,000, an estimated average annual property tax levy of 7.10 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$249 for each \$100,000 of the “county auditor’s appraised value” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(P)), will be required to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds over 37 years, which is the maximum maturity of the Bonds;

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. The Board hereby determines that it is necessary to proceed with submitting the question of the issuance of the Bonds, in the amount and for the purpose described in the preambles to this Resolution, to the electors of the School District pursuant to and as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 133.18, and to levy, outside of the ten-mill limitation provided by law, an annual tax on all the taxable property in the entire territory of the School District to pay debt charges on the Bonds and any securities issued in anticipation thereof.

Section 2. The Bonds shall be dated approximately May 1, 2024; shall have an estimated net average rate of interest of 5.15% per annum; and shall have the principal be paid over a maximum period not to exceed 37 years, as calculated under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 133.

Section 3. The question of issuing the Bonds shall be submitted to all of the electors in the entire territory of the School District at the election to be held on March 19, 2024. All of the territory of the School District is located in Licking and Knox Counties, Ohio.

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

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS NECESSARY FOR PASSAGE

Shall bonds be issued by the North Fork Local School District for the purpose of constructing school facilities, including constructing a new middle school building, and renovating, improving and expanding existing school facilities; furnishing and equipping the same; improving the sites thereof; and acquiring land and interests in land as necessary in connection therewith in the principal amount of \$58,000,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 37 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 7.10 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$249 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

	FOR THE BOND ISSUE
	AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE

Section 5. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed to immediately certify, not later than December 12, 2023 (which date is not less than 90 days prior to the Election Date), to the Board of Elections of Licking County, Ohio, a copy of the Resolution of Necessity and a copy of this Resolution together with the certificate of the County Auditor certifying the current total taxable value of the School District and the annual property tax levy, expressed in mills for each \$1 of taxable value as well as in dollars for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, that will be required to pay the debt charges on the Bonds over the maximum maturity of the Bonds.

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 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. Stradley, Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger – 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2023-12-0150

6.3 Mr. Hollenback moved, seconded by Mrs. Stradley, to approve the adoption of the following policy revisions/additions/deletions:

5460 Graduation Requirements (Students)

Yea: Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Stradley, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger – 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2023-12-0151

6.4 Mrs. Stradley moved, seconded by Mr. Hollenback, that the board approve the Food Service Permanent Substitute position and the revised Food Service Worker/Permanent Substitute job description.

Yea: Mrs. Stradley, Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger – 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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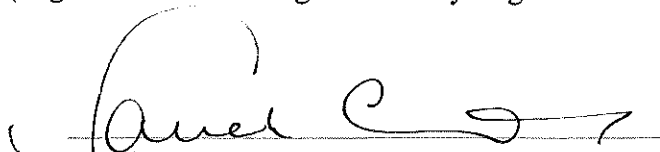
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Time: 6:24 p.m.

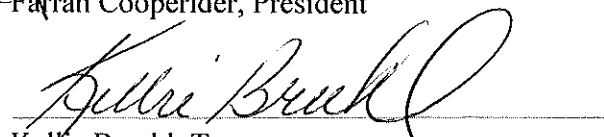
Next Meeting: January 8, 2024

Location: Utica High School
260 Jefferson St.
Utica, Ohio 43080

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



Farrah Cooperider, President



Kellie Breehl, Treasurer