

The North Fork Board of Education met for the purpose of organization on Monday, January 13, 2025, at Utica Senior High School, 260 Jefferson Street, Utica, OH 43080.

The 2024 Board President presided as President Pro Tempore at the Organizational Meeting until the 2025 Board President was elected.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hartley.

The following members were present at roll call: Mrs. Jordan Atherton, Mrs. Barbara Bruce, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, and Mrs. Debra Paxton. **Dr. Rob Krueger arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Election of Officers

2025-01-0001

1.1 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Bruce, to elect Farrah Cooperider as Board President.

Yea: Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider – 3

Nay: Mrs. Paxton – 1

Abstain: Dr. Krueger -1

The president ruled the motion carried. 3-1-1

President Cooperider assumed the Chair.

2025-01-0002

1.2 Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to elect Dr. Rob Krueger as Board Vice President.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

2025-01-0003

Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Dr. Krueger, to approve the following standing authorizations:

- 2.1 Advances on Tax Settlements
Authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the County Auditors when funds are available and payable to the school district.
- 2.2 Investment of Interim Monies
Authorize the Treasurer to invest interim monies as per Board Policy 6144 at the most productive interest rate whenever funds are available.
- 2.3 Payment of Bills
Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as they are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- 2.4 Employment of Treasurer's Office Personnel
Authorize the Treasurer to employ Personnel as needed. Any employment that exceeds 20 consecutive days in the same assignment is to be presented to the Board for approval at the next regular Board meeting.
- 2.5 Public Records Training
Authorize the Treasurer to attend public records training in lieu of the board members and serve as the public records designee.
- 2.6 Modifications to Appropriations and Transfers
Authorize the Treasurer to make modifications to appropriations and to make fund transfers or advances when necessary. A list of these changes is to be given to the board at the regular monthly meeting following the transfer or advance.
- 2.7 Blanket Purchase Order Maximum
Authorize the Treasurer to set the blanket purchase order maximum at \$25,000.00.
- 2.8 Service Fund
Authorize the establishment of a Service Fund in the amount of \$2.00 per student for a total of \$2,922.00 from the FY2026 appropriation #001-2310-410-001 to reimburse the Board members for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. For the purpose of establishing this Service Fund, the Board certifies the number of students to be 1,461.
- 2.9 Appointment of Purchasing Agent
Authorize the Superintendent to serve as the Purchasing Agent for the school district.

- 2.10 Employment of Personnel Authorize the Superintendent to employ Personnel as needed. Any employment that exceeds 20 consecutive days in the same assignment is to be presented to the Board for approval at the next regular Board meeting.
- 2.11 Resignation of Personnel
Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided, however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
- 2.12 Appointment of Federal Project Agent
Authorize the Superintendent to serve as Agent of Federal Projects.
- 2.13 Application for Funds and Grants
Authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to apply for appropriate local, state, and or federal funds and grants.
- 2.14 Tax Incentive Revenue Council
Appoint Scott Hartley, Superintendent, or his designee, to represent the North Fork Local School District as a member of the Tax Incentive Revenue Council (TIRC) for the 2025 calendar year.
- 2.15 Payments Over Contract Amounts
Authorize the Superintendent, or his designee, to approve payments over contract-specified amounts when overtime is necessary. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to make said payment above the contract amount for overtime that has been approved.
- 2.16 Accept Donations
Authorize the Superintendent or Treasurer to accept all donations to the school district on behalf of the Board of Education.
- 2.17 Official Newspaper
The Board designates *The Mount Vernon News* as the Official Newspaper, pursuant to North Fork Local Board of Education Bylaw 0154.
- 2.18 Agenda, Meeting Notification Requests
Authorize those persons who are residents of the North Fork Local School District requesting copies of the schedule of meetings, agenda, or notice of individual meetings to receive such free of charge for the calendar year 2025. Individuals wishing to receive these communications must submit a written request annually.

2.19 Regular Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

The Board establishes that it will meet each month at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted, on the dates and at the locations listed on the following 2025 Board Meeting Calendar.

January 13 (Second Monday)
Organizational Meeting 6:00 p.m.
followed by the Regular Meeting
Utica Sr. High School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

January 15 (*Wednesday*)
Planning Meeting
9:00 A.M.
Utica Sr. High - Rm. 106
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

February 10 (*Second Monday*)
Utica Middle School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080
March 17
Utica Elementary School*
367 Church Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

April 21
Newton Elementary School*
6645 Mount Vernon Road
Newark, Ohio 43055

May 19
Utica Sr. High School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

June 2 (*Planning Meeting*)
9:00 a.m.
Utica Sr. High School – Rm. 106
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

June 23 (Fourth Monday)
Utica Sr. High School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 4080

July 21
Utica Elementary School*
367 Church Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

August 18
Utica Sr. High School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

September 15
Newton Elementary School*
6645 Mount Vernon Road
Newark, Ohio 43055

October 20
Utica Middle School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

November 17
Utica Elementary School*
367 Church Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

December 15
Newton Elementary School*
6645 Mount Vernon Road
Newark, Ohio 43055

2.20 Finance Committee; Buildings and Grounds Committee; and Communications Committee Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

Approve the following meeting dates for the Finance Committee; Buildings and Grounds Committee; and the Communications Committee:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

District Administrative Office, 312 Maple Avenue, Utica, Ohio 43080

5:00 p.m.

Monday	March 10	Monday	August 18
Monday	May 12	Monday	November 10

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

4:00 p.m.

Monday	February 24 Utica Middle School	Monday	August 25 Newton Elementary School
Monday	April 21 Utica Senior High School	Monday	October 27 Utica Elementary School

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Utica High School Conference Room, 260 Jefferson Street, Utica, Ohio 43080

2:45 p.m.

Monday	March 10	Monday	August 18
Monday	May 12	Monday	November 10

2.21 Facility Use for North Fork SACC

Authorize facility use at Utica Elementary and Newton Elementary for North Fork SACC, at no charge to the provider, per AG7510B, Category 2: Community Groups Affiliated with the Schools.”

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2025-01-0004

Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, that the board designate Mrs. Atherton to serve as Legislative Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association and appoints Mrs. Cooperider as alternate.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2025-01-0005

Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to designate Mrs. Paxton to serve as Student Achievement Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association for the calendar year 2025.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2025-01-0006

Board Committee Appointments

Per Board Policy By-Law 0155, the board appointed the following representatives to the following committees:

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Mrs. Bruce, Dr. Krueger

Communications Committee: Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Paxton

Finance Committee: Mrs. Atherton, Dr. Krueger

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

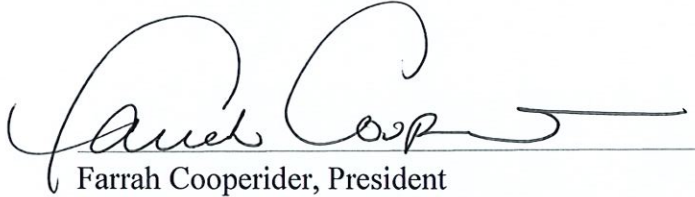
Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 6:09 p.m.



Farrah Cooperider, President



Kellie Breehl, Treasurer

