

The North Fork Board of Education met in Regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024, at Utica Senior High School, 260 Jefferson Street, Utica, OH 4080

The meeting was called to order by President Cooperider at 6:10 p.m.

The following members were present: Mrs. Jordan Atherton, Mrs. Barbara Bruce, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, Dr. Rob Krueger*, and Mrs. Debra Paxton. (*Dr. Krueger left at 6:25 p.m.)

RECOGNITIONS

School Board Recognition Month

REPORTS:

1. **Superintendent** – Mr. Hartley – Planning Meeting, Meeting for Levy Planning, School Board Recognition
2. **Treasurer** – Mrs. Breehl – Board Member 101, Planning Meeting

WORK SESSION

Walking tour of the new touch wall screens at the high school.

Introduction to the new badge/visitor system that will soon be in each of the buildings.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

2024-01-0007

Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the Board waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Public Hearing and the December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-01-0008

Mrs. Cooperider 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. 8 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 2.2 Accept a letter of resignation from Mark Weber as Track Head Coach (Boys) for the 2023-2024 school year.

Classified

- 2.3 Approve the employment of Joshua Scarberry in the position of food service permanent substitute on a one-year limited contract effective January 2, 2024, pending proper certification; compensation to be at Step 0 of the F-1 scale of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Non-Degree Substitutes

- 2.4 Approve the following as non-degree substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year pending proper certification and background checks:

Holly Unger

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-01-0009

Mrs. Paxton 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 December 2023.
- 4.2 Approve bills as presented for December 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.

- 4.4 Approve the membership to the Ohio School Boards Association for the 2024 calendar year at an annual dues cost of \$6,441.00, the annual *Briefcase* subscription (electronic) cost of \$0.00, and the annual *School Management News* subscription (electronic) cost of \$150.00, for a total cost of \$6,591.00.
- 4.5 Approve the Legal Assistance Fund Consultant Service Contract with the Ohio School Boards Association for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. This is an ongoing service at the cost of \$250.00.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-01-0010

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER
TO SECURE TAX ADVANCES FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

WHEREAS, the North Fork Local School District (the “District”) desires to reduce cash balance variability; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to increase its interest earnings on higher cash balances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the North Fork Local School District, Licking County, Ohio, authorizes the Treasurer to secure property tax advances from the Licking County Auditor on its behalf.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-01-0011

- 6.2 Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve an overnight trip to Sandusky, Ohio for the high school volleyball team to attend the Cedar Point Summer Spiketacular at the Cedar Point Sports Center on July 25 – 27, 2024. This trip is at no cost to the board.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-01-0012

6.3 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve FMLA for Taylor Piatak effective January 12, 2024, through January 24, 2024.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-01-0013

6.4 Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Taylor Piatak effective January 25, 2024, through March 3, 2024.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

2024-01-0014

6.5 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve Amendment #1 to the agreement dated May 11, 2023, between North Fork Local Schools and Environmental Design Group, LLC for a lump sum fee of \$1,956.00.

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

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

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

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

Nay: - 0

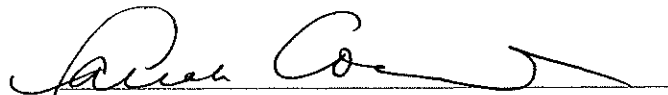
The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 6:41 p.m.

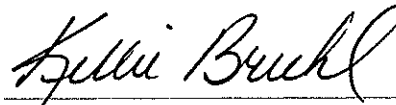
Next Meeting: January 22, 2024 (Planning Meeting)

Location: Utica High School Room 106
260 Jefferson St.
Utica, Ohio 43080

Time: 3:00 p.m.



Farrah Cooperider, President



Kellie Breehl, Treasurer

