

The North Fork Board of Education met in **Special** session on **Monday, November 13, 2023**, at the North Fork Administrative Office, 312 Maple Avenue, Utica, OH 43080.

The meeting was called to order by President Cooperider at 8:00 a.m.

The following members were present: Mrs. Barbara Bruce, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, Mr. Andy Hollenback, and Dr. Robert Krueger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Cooperider.

READING OF SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT – Mrs. Breehl

A special meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of North Fork Local School District is hereby scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

The purposes of the meeting include consideration of and possible action on: (1) requesting state consents and special needs approval from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce and the Ohio Department of Taxation to place a bond issue for school construction on the March 19, 2024 ballot; (2) declaring the necessity of placing a bond issue for school construction on the March 19, 2024 ballot; and (3) any other items that lawfully may come before the Board.

The meeting will be held at the Administrative Building, 312 Maple Avenue, Utica, Ohio 43080.

Kellie A. Breehl, Treasurer
November 9, 2023

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- Neil Snelling – Expressed support of the levy and suggested the levy committee send a mailer to residents of the district.

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Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mr. Hollenback that the Board approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE CONSENTS AND SPECIAL NEEDS APPROVAL
TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,000,000
AND TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF SUCH BOND ISSUE TO THE ELECTORS
(Ohio Revised Code Section 133.06)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and hereby determined by the Board of Education of the North Fork Local School District, Licking and Knox Counties, Ohio, that:

Section 1. It is necessary 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, to issue and sell bonds of the School District in an amount not to exceed \$58,000,000 (the “Bonds”).

Section 2. The School District requests consents of the Tax Commissioner of Ohio and the Director of Education and Workforce to issue bonds in excess of 4% but not to exceed 9% of the tax valuation of said School District, all in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (“Revised Code”) Section 133.06.

Section 3. The School District is hereby declared to be a “special needs” district within the meaning of Revised Code Section 133.06(E) because the student population of the School District is not being adequately serviced by the existing permanent improvements of the School District, and the School District cannot obtain sufficient funds by issuing securities within the net indebtedness limitations of Revised Code Section 133.06(B) to provide additional or improved needed permanent improvements in time to meet such needs.

Section 4. The School District requests consent and certification as an approved special needs district from the Tax Commissioner of Ohio and the Director of Education and Workforce to issue bonds in excess of 9% of the tax valuation of said School District, all in accordance with Revised Code Section 133.06.

Section 5. The Board intends to submit the question of issuing the Bonds to the electors of the entire territory of the School District at the election to be held therein on March 19, 2024. All of the territory of the School District is located in Licking and Knox Counties, Ohio.

Section 6. The Treasurer of this Board (the “Treasurer”) is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Director of Education and Workforce and to the Tax Commissioner of Ohio. The Superintendent of the School District and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to prepare, sign, and file such applications, forms, and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate in their judgment to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

Section 7. 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 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 Revised Code Section 121.22.

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger – 4

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

Dr. Krueger moved, seconded by Mr. Hollenback, that the board approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY OF BOND ISSUE
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,000,000 AND TO SUBMIT THE
QUESTION OF SUCH BOND ISSUE TO THE ELECTORS
(Ohio Revised Code Section 133.18)

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary to finance the construction and acquisition of certain permanent improvements to the School District's facilities through the issuance of general obligation bonds (the "Bonds," as further defined herein) for "one purpose" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 133.01(Z)(4)) as described hereinbelow, which Bonds the School District has the power and authority to issue; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation to pay the debt charges on the Bonds (and any securities issued in anticipation thereof) must be passed and certified to the County Auditor of Licking County, Ohio (the "County Auditor") in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of such a tax, and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board the current total taxable value of the School District and the estimated average 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" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(P)), that the County Auditor estimates will be required to pay the debt charges on the Bonds (and any securities issued in anticipation thereof) over the stated 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. It is necessary 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, to issue and sell bonds of the School District in the amount of \$58,000,000 (the "Bonds"). It is further necessary that there shall be annually levied on all the taxable property in the entire territory of the School District a tax outside of the ten-mill limitation to pay the debt charges on the Bonds and any securities that the Board may determine to issue in anticipation thereof. The Bonds shall be dated approximately May 1, 2024; shall have an estimated net average rate of interest of 2.32% 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 2. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 133.18, 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 3. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 133.18(C), the Treasurer of this Board is directed to immediately certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor so that the County Auditor may promptly certify to the Board the current total taxable value of the School District and the estimated average 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 the County Auditor estimates will be required

to pay the debt charges on the Bonds (and any securities issued in anticipation thereof) over the stated maximum maturity of the Bonds.

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: Dr. Krueger, Mr. Hollenback, 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

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

Yea: Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger – 4

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 8:13 a.m.

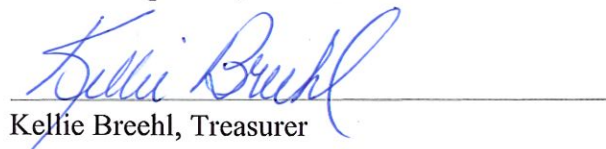
Next Meeting: November 20, 2023

Location: Utica Elementary School
367 Church Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

Time: 6:00 p.m.



Farrah Cooperider, President



Kellie Breehl, Treasurer