

The North Fork Board of Education met for the purpose of organization on Monday, January 13, 2020, at Utica Senior High School, 260 Jefferson Street, Utica, Ohio 43080.

The 2019 Board President presided as President Pro-Tempore at the Organizational Meeting until the 2020 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 administration of "Oath of Office" was given by the Treasurer to newly elected board members Andy Hollenback and Jason Snyder.

The following members were present: Mrs. Barbara Bruce, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, Mr. Andy Hollenback, Mr. Bernard Snow, and Mr. Jason Snyder.

#### **2020-01-0001**

##### **Nomination of Board President**

Mrs. Bruce nominated Mrs. Farrah Cooperider for President.

Mr. Snow moved, seconded by Mr. Hollenback, to elect Mrs. Farrah Cooperider as Board President.

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Snyder - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

#### **2020-01-0002**

##### **Nomination of Board Vice President**

Mrs. Bruce nominated Mr. Bernard Snow for Vice President.

Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mr. Hollenback, to elect Mr. Bernard Snow as Board Vice President.

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Snow, Mr. Snyder - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

#### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

**2020-01-0003**

Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mr. Snow, that the Board 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 is 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.
- 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 \$3,288.00 from the FY2021 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 1,644.
- 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 is 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, to represent the North Fork Local School District as a member of the Tax Incentive Revenue Council (TIRC) for the 2020 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 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 that persons who are residents of the North Fork Local School District requesting copies of the schedule of meetings, agenda, or notice of individual meetings receive such free of charge for calendar year 2020. 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 2020 Board Meeting Calendar.

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

January 27 (Fourth Monday Planning Mtg.)  
4:30 P.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 16  
Utica Elementary School\*  
367 Church Street  
Utica, Ohio 43080

April 20  
Newton Elementary School\*  
6645 Mount Vernon Road  
Newark, Ohio 43055

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

June 22 (Fourth Monday)  
Utica Sr. High School  
260 Jefferson Street  
Utica, Ohio 43080

July 20  
Utica Elementary School  
367 Church Street  
Utica, Ohio 43080

August 17  
Utica Sr. High School\*  
260 Jefferson Street  
Utica, Ohio 43080

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

October 19  
Utica Middle School\*  
260 Jefferson Street  
Utica, Ohio 43080

November 16  
Utica Elementary School\*  
367 Church Street  
Utica, Ohio 43080

December 14 (Second Monday)  
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 9	Monday	August 24
Monday	May 11	Monday	November 9

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

4:00 p.m.

Monday	January 27 Utica Middle School	Monday	August 24 Administrative Office
Monday	February 24 Utica Sr. High School	Monday	September 28 Utica Middle School
Monday	April 27 Utica Elementary School	Monday	October 26 Newton Elementary School
Monday	May 18 Newton Elementary School	Monday	December 7 Utica Sr. High School

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Utica High School Conference Room, 260 Jefferson Street, Utica, Ohio 43080  
2:45 p.m.

Monday	March 9	Monday	August 24
Monday	May 11	Monday	December 7

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Snow, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback, Mr. Snyder - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2020-01-0004**

Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to designate Mr. Bernard Snow to serve as Legislative Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association and appoints Mrs. Farrah Cooperider as alternate.

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback, Mr. Snow - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2020-01-0005**

Mr. Snow moved, seconded by Mr. Hollenback to designate Mr. Jason Snyder to serve as Student Achievement Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar year 2020.

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Snyder - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2020-01-0006**

**Board Committee Appointments**

It is recommended by the Board President per Board Policy By-Law 0155 to appoint Committee Chairs for the following committees:

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Mr. Snow, Chair, Mr. Hollenback

Communications Committee: Mrs. Cooperider, Chair, Mrs. Bruce

Finance Committee: Mr. Snow, Chair, Mr. Snyder

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

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

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback, Mr. Snyder - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 6:17 p.m.



Farrah Cooperider, President



Kellie Breehl, Treasurer

The North Fork Board of Education met in **Regular** session on Monday, January 13, 2020, at Utica Senior High School, 260 Jefferson Street, Utica, Ohio 43080.

The following members were present: Mrs. Barbara Bruce, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, Mr. Andy Hollenback, Mr. Bernard Snow, and Mr. Jason Snyder

The meeting was called to order by President Cooperider at 6:18 p.m.

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

- School Board Recognition Month

#### **REPORTS:**

1. **Superintendent's** – Mr. Hartley  
Planning Meeting and board recognition
2. **Treasurer's** – Mrs. Breehl  
The District has been working on lowering our Peak Load Capacity which will result in lower electricity payments.
3. **Legislative Update** – Mr. Hartley discussed the EdChoice Scholarship Program.

#### **WORK SESSION**

NEOLA Additions/Revisions

##### **First Reading**

3217 Weapons (Professional Staff)

4217 Weapons (Classified Staff)

7217 Weapons (Property)

#### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**2020-01-0007**

Mr. Snow moved, seconded by Mrs. Bruce, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback, Mr. Snyder - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2020-01-0008**

Mr. Snow moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, that the Board approve the following personnel actions:

**Certified**

- 2.1 Approve the Licking County Educational Service Center Certificated Substitute List No. 8 for the 2019-2020 school year.
  
- 2.2 Approve Spencer Kendall as a long-term substitute as an Intervention Specialist for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
  
- 2.3 Approve Megan Alexander in the position of middle school intervention specialist effective January 6, 2020, on a one-year limited contract; compensation to be at Step 0 of the BA scale of the NFEA Negotiated Agreement.

**Extra Service/Supplemental**

- 2.4 Approve the following supplemental positions for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Step</u>
Lisa Ritzer	Volleyball Head Coach	1	4



**Classified**

- 2.5 Approve Edward Bolen in the position of Permanent Substitute – Transportation, effective January 6, 2020, on a one-year limited contract; compensation to be at Step 0 of the Transportation T-2 scale of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2020-01-0009**

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

- 4.1 Approve the financial and reconciliation reports for the Month of December, 2019.
- 4.2 Approve bills as presented for December, 2019 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. This list will be made a part of the minutes.
- 4.4 Approve the "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditors." A copy of this document will be included as a part of the official minutes.

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Snow, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback, Mr. Snyder - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2020-01-0009**

- 6.1 Mr. Snow moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve an overnight Outdoor Education Program for the seventh grade students at Utica Middle School to be operated at the Heartland Outdoor Environmental Education School in Marengo, Ohio, on November 18, 2020, through November 20, 2020.

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2020-01-0010**

- 6.2 Mr. Snow moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, that the Board approve the updated contract with New Horizons Mental Health Services for the period August 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020.

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

**2020-01-0011**

- 6.3 Mrs. Bruce moved, seconded by Mr. Hollenback, to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO EdCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended North Fork Local Schools or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to North Fork or any other public schools, and

WHEREAS, North Fork's state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, the estimated loss of revenue to the North Fork Local District over the next four (4) years could be substantial which would devastate the District's finances, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this North Fork Local District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for all children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Hollenback, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Snow, Mr. Snyder - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INSTRUCTION:**

- Schedule a district tour for new board members.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

Mr. Snow moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, that the meeting be adjourned.

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback - 5

Nay: - 0

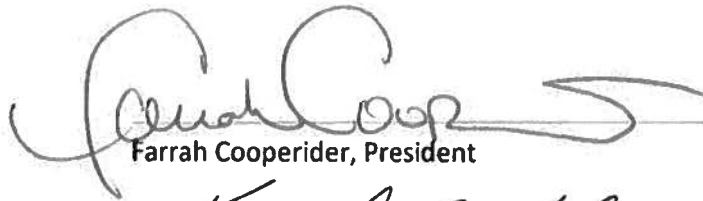
The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 7:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** January 27, 2020 (Planning Meeting)

**Location:** Utica Senior High School  
Room 106  
260 Jefferson Street  
Utica, Ohio 43080

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.



Farrah Cooperider, President



Kellie Breehl, Treasurer

The North Fork Board of Education met for a Board Retreat on Monday, January 13, 2020, at Utica Senior High School, 260 Jefferson Street, Utica, Ohio 43080.

The following were present: Mrs. Barbara Bruce, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, Mr. Andy Hollenback, Mr. Bernard Snow, and Mr. Jason Snyder.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cooperider at 4:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION was held.

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

Yea: Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Snow, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Hollenback, Mr. Snyder - 5

Nay: - 0

The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 5:20

  
Farrah Cooperider, President

  
Kellie Breehl, Treasurer

The North Fork Board of Education met in **Regular** session on Monday, January 27, 2020, at Utica Senior High School, 260 Jefferson Street, Utica, Ohio 43080.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hartley.

The following members were present: Mrs. Barbara Bruce, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, Mr. Bernard Snow, and Mr. Jason Snyder

The meeting was called to order by President Cooperider at 4:30 p.m.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**WORK SESSION**

- Board Planning

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INSTRUCTION:**

- Create job description for Director of Curriculum and Assessment position.
- Provide cost for busing athletics.
- Course of Study for Gifted
- Paving resolution

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Public comment was requested and the following responded:

- None

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

Yea: Mr. Snow, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Snyder - 4

Nay: - 0

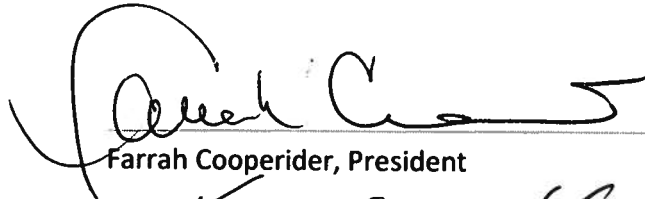
The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 5:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2020

Location: Utica Middle School  
260 Jefferson Street  
Utica, Ohio 43080

Time: 5:30 p.m. Building Tour  
6:00 p.m. Meeting



Farrah Cooperider, President



Kellie Breehl, Treasurer