MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORDONIA HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2011

A Special Meeting of the Nordonia Hills Board of Education was held on October 6, 2011 at 7:08 a.m. at the Nordonia Hills Board of Education in the Superintendent's Office, 9370 Olde Eight Road, Northfield, Ohio. The President, Mr. Douglas Masteller, called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Douglas Masteller, President
Gregory Harris, Vice President
Daniel Gallagher, Member
Betty Klingenberg, Member
Kim Sethna, Member

Also present: Wayne Blankenship, Superintendent
Joe Clark Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent
Kevin Staller, Treasurer
NewsLeader Reporter

The Board and administration spent the entire session reviewing the list of potential cuts and the impact it will have on the district.

ADJOURNMENT
11-10-06-309

It was moved by Mrs. Sethna and seconded by Mrs. Klingenberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

Yeas: Mr. Masteller, Mr. Harris, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Klingenberg, Mrs. Sethna
The President declared the motion passed.

President

Kevin Staller
Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORDONIA HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2011

A Special Meeting of the Nordonia Hills Board of Education was held on October 17, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Nordonia Hills Board of Education in the Superintendent's Office, 9370 Olde Eight Road, Northfield, Ohio. The President, Mr. Douglas Masteller, called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Douglas Masteller, President
Gregory Harris, Vice President
Daniel Gallagher, Member
Betty Klingenberg, Member
Kim Sethna, Member

Also present: Wayne Blankenship, Superintendent
Joe Clark Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent
Kevin Staller, Treasurer
Steve Bidell
NewsLeader Reporter

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the following topics in preparation for the regular meeting:

- The Nordonia Hills Education Association proposed a memorandum of understanding whereby the teachers give back one step and increase medical insurance contributions contingent on passage of the November levy.
- Actions needed if the levy fails
- Appropriate timing of athletic fee increases including winter vs. spring vs. full recovery
- Elimination of athletic fee waiver due to free and reduced federal lunch status
- Timing of future levy attempts

EXECUTIVE SESSION
11-10-17-310

It was moved by Mrs. Klingenberg and seconded by Mrs. Sethna to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing union labor negotiations.

Yeas: Mr. Masteller, Mr. Harris, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Klingenberg, Mrs. Sethna
The President declared the motion passed.

The Board returned to Public Session at 6:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
11-10-17-311

It was moved by Mrs. Sethna and seconded by Mr. Masteller to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Yeas: Mr. Masteller, Mr. Harris, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Klingenberg, Mrs. Sethna
The President declared the motion passed.

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President

Kevin Staller
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Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE NORDONIA HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2011

An Emergency Meeting of the Nordonia Hills Board of Education was held on October 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nordonia Hills Board of Education in the Nordonia Hills Board of Education Conference Room, 9370 Olde Eight Road, Northfield, Ohio. The President, Mr. Douglas Masteller, called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Douglas Masteller, President
Gregory Harris, Vice President
Daniel Gallagher, Member
Betty Klingenberg, Member
Kim Sethna, Member

Also present: Wayne Blankenship, Superintendent
Joe Clark Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent
Kevin Staller, Treasurer
Irene Beville, Curriculum Director
Tom Hartman, Business Director
Building Principals & Assistant Principals
Rob Eckenrode, Athletic Director
NewsLeader Reporter & Channel 3 Reporter

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT OF J. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS EFFECTIVE WITH THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON OCTOBER 31, 2011
11-10-26-325

It was moved by Mrs. Klingenberg and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, J. Wayne Blankenship is employed as Superintendent of Schools of the Nordonia Hills City School District on a contract of employment effective through and including July 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Mr. Blankenship, has undertaken various cost reduction steps during the current and preceding school years, including the layoff of a significant number of employees, the elimination of programs, and the abolishment of a number of positions; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Mr. Blankenship have agreed to take further steps, with respect to his employment, to save money for the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Nordonia Hills City School District, Summit County, Ohio as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby accepts the retirement of J. Wayne Blankenship from his position of Superintendent effective with the close of business on October 31, 2011 and accepts his request for reassignment to the Educational Service Center of Summit County effective November 1, 2011 with Mr. Blankenship to report to the ESC on January 4, 2012.

2. The Board further accepts Mr. Blankenship's resignation from his administrative, teaching and all other contracts of employment with the District effective May 25, 2012.

3. During the period November 1, 2011 through and including May 25, 2012 the cost associated with Mr. Blankenship's salary compensation while assigned to the Educational Service Center of Summit County shall be paid by funds maintained by the Educational Service Center of Summit County.

4. The Board acknowledges that this agreement, as well as Mr. Blankenship's agreement to waive health insurance coverage, will result in a savings to the District of more than $35,000. Mr. Blankenship decided to make this sacrifice in hopes of encouraging passage of an operating levy so desperately needed to enable the District to continue its Excellent with Distinction academic performance rating.

5. The Board hereby approves an agreement, in the form on file in the Office of the Treasurer, with Mr. Blankenship to complete his resignation, reassignment and retirement.

6. The Board President and Treasurer be and are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the implementation of this resolution and related agreement.

Yeas: Mr. Masteller, Mr. Harris, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Klingenberg, Mrs. Sethna
The President declared the motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT
11-10-26-326

It was moved by Mrs. Sethna and seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the following appointment:

Effective November 1, 2011 Dr. Joe Clark, who currently serves as Assistant Superintendent, is appointed as Interim Superintendent.

Yeas: Mr. Masteller, Mr. Harris, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Klingenberg, Mrs. Sethna
The President declared the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT
11-10-26-327

It was moved by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Yeas: Mr. Masteller, Mr. Harris, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Klingenberg, Mrs. Sethna
The President declared the motion passed.

President

Kevin Staller
Treasurer