MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE NORDONIA HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2011

An Organizational Meeting of the Nordonia Hills Board of Education was held on January 10, 2011 at 7:40 p.m. at the Nordonia Hills Board of Education in the Northfield Elementary Gymnasium, 9374 Olde Eight Road, Northfield, Ohio. Board Member, Mrs. Klingenberg, 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, Assistant Superintendent
Kevin Staller, Treasurer
Patti Koslo, Public Relations
Irene Beville, Curriculum Director
Margo Costello, Pupil Services Director
NewsLeader Reporter

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APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEMP 2011

Mrs. Klingenberg was appointed as President Pro-Temp 2011.

No Board action taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT 2011

Mrs. Klingenberg called for nominations for President 2011.

Mr. Harris nominated Douglas Masteller for President 2011. Mrs. Sethna seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

No Board action was taken.

CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT 2011
11-01-10-101

It was moved by Mrs. Sethna and seconded by Mrs. Harris to close the nominations for President 2011.

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

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT 2011
11-01-10-102

There being no other nominations, Mrs. Klingenberg called for a vote on the election of the President.

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

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NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT 2011

Mr. Masteller called for nominations for Vice President 2011.

Mrs. Sethna nominated Greg Harris for Vice President 2011. Mrs. Klingenberg seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations

No Board action was taken.

CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT 2011
11-01-10-103

Mr. Masteller called for a vote to close the nominations of the Vice President.

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

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT 2011
11-01-10-104

There being no other nominations, Mr. Masteller called for a vote on the election of the Vice President.

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

COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Wayne Blankenship, Superintendent, presented the Board with certificates and recognized the Nordonia Hills Board of Education for their work and dedication to the students, staff and the community.

No Board action taken.

COMMUNICATION

Patti Koslo noted each month questions and concerns will be addressed. Questions and concerns that were raised at the December 1st Community Forum were addressed.

- Why can't the parents pay fees for bussing?
  - Not permitted by law
- Why was bussing cut for some and not for other students?
  - Students who live outside the 2 mile range in grades K-8 receive bussing
  - Elimination of all high school bussing
  - Students with special needs are required by law to be transported to school
- Explain the different types of levies
  - There are over 30 types of levies
  - We will provide information on the district Web site and District newsletter on the most common types of levies and specific uses
- Why don't the students have Pay to Play fees?
  - $135 at the High School level
  - $67.50 at the Middle School
  - Discussed neighboring schools who are charging from $400-$800
- Why are the stadium project costs overrun – were funds mismanaged?

- Discussed the reduction in millage for the outside facilities
- Discussed the concept of raising outside funds for the additional 2 million dollars needed to complete the project
- Funds were not mismanaged rather the millage was lowered and no outside funding sources have been recognized.

No Board action taken.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ESTABLISHING THE TIME AND LOCATION FOR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD
11-01-10-105

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Nordonia Hills City School District, that regular meetings of the Board of Education be scheduled for the third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Northfield Elementary. Special meetings will be called as needed and the dates and times of the regularly scheduled meetings may be changed as needed. The meeting dates are as follows:

January 10, 2011 – Organizational/Regular Meeting
January 24, 2011
February 22, 2011 (Tuesday)
March 21, 2011
April 18, 2011
May 9, 2011 (second Monday)
June 20, 2011
July 18, 2011
August 15, 2011
September 19, 2011
October 17, 2011
November 21, 2011
December 19, 2011

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

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE AND TWO ALTERNATES TO THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW BOARD
11-01-10-106

It was moved by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to appoint Betty Klingenberg as the Representative to the Tax Incentive Review Board and Kevin Staller and Tom Hartman as the two alternates.

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

APPOINTMENT OF OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011
11-01-10-107

It was moved by Mrs. Sethna and seconded by Mr. Harris to appoint Betty Klingenberg as the OSBA Legislative Liaison for the calendar year 2011.

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

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APPOINTMENT OF OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011
11-01-10-108

It was moved by Mrs. Klingenberg and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to appoint Kim Sethna as the OSBA Student Achievement Liaison for the Calendar Year 2011.

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

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR COMMITTEES:
11-01-10-109

It was moved by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to appoint the following committee representatives:

Finance Committee:	Dan Gallagher and Greg Harris
Curriculum Liaison:	Kim Sethna and Betty Klingenberg
Facilities Liaison:	Dan Gallagher and Gregory Harris
Policies and Procedures:	Kim Sethna and Greg Harris
Public Relations Liaison:	Kim Sethna and Dan Gallagher
Athletic Advisory Committee:	Dan Gallagher and Greg Harris
Technology and Information Systems:	Doug Masteller and Dan Gallagher
Cuyahoga Valley Career Center:	Betty Klingenberg and Kim Sethna

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

ESTABLISHING A BOARD SERVICE FUND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011
11-01-10-110

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

WHEREAS, Section 3315.15, Ohio Revised Code, provides for the setting aside from the General Fund a sum not to exceed $2.00 for each child enrolled or $20,000, whichever is greater; such sums of money to be known as the "Service Fund" and to be used in paying the expenses of members of the Board actually incurred in the performance of their duties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Education for the Nordonia Hills City School District does hereby appropriate for the purpose of said Service Fund the amount of $8,000.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

RETAIN LEGAL AND CONSULTATIVE SERVICES OF SQUIRE, SANDERS AND DEMPSEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEGAL MATTERS RELATING TO EDUCATION AND THE OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
11-01-10-111

It was moved by Mrs. Klingenberg and seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the following resolutions as stated to permit the Administration to continue to use the legal services of the following firms.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the following resolution to permit the Administration to continue to use the legal services of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey. The firm will be used for Bond Counsel, educational services or projects as requested.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the following resolution as stated.

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

SECTION 1: Services of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey are hereby retained, such legal services to be in the nature of legal representation, including, but not limited to, appearances in court, advice, options, and/or all phases of labor negotiations, appearances before the State Employment Relations Board and recommendations that may from time be requested by the Board or the Superintendent concerning legal matters relating to education and the operation of the school district. Such services may include the review of any and all records of the client in this attorney-client relationship. In rendering such legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, said Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of this Board in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State, any county or city of this Board, or the execution of public trusts. Such services may be terminated at any time by the Board or said Squire, Sanders & Dempsey by written notice to the other.

SECTION 2: For such legal and consultative services, said Squire, Sanders & Dempsey shall be paid reasonable fees as approved by the Board, and shall be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses including, but not limited to, travel, long distance telephone expenses and duplicating expenses incurred in rendering such services, from time to time for such purpose.

SECTION 3: All notices and proceedings relating to this meeting and the actions of the Board of Education have been in compliance with the provisions of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES OF TAFT, STETTINIUS AND HOLLISTER. L.L.P.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the following resolution to permit the Administration to use the legal services of Taft, Stettinius and Hollister, L.L.P. This firm will be used to take action to protect and conserve our tax duplicate as requested.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the following resolution as stated.

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

SECTION 1: The firm of Taft, Stettinius and Hollister, L.L.P., its partners, associated and agent, are hereby retained (1) to make appearances and file complaints in the Summit County Board of Revision; (2) to file, prosecute and defend appeals in the Board of Tax Appeals or Courts of the State of Ohio from orders of the Summit County Board of Revision; (3) to take other actions to represent the interest of the Nordonia Hills City School District relative to valuation and taxation of property with said boards and courts; and (4) to render such other legal services in connection with the operation of the School District as may from time to time be assigned to them by the superintendent or designee of this Board. Such services may be terminated at any time by the Board or said Taft, Stettinius and Hollister, L.L.P. by written notice to the other.

SECTION 2: In rendering such legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney/client relationship, said Law Firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of this Board in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the state, any county or cities, or of this Board, or the execution of public trusts.

SECTION 3: For such legal, said Law Firm shall be paid reasonable fees as approved by the Board, and shall be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses including, but not limited to, travel, long distance telephone expenses and duplicating expenses incurred in rendering such legal services, from funds appropriated or that may be appropriated, by the Board from time to time for such purpose.

RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES OF BRINZA, MCINTYRE & SEED, LLP

The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the following resolution to permit the Administration to use the legal services of Brinza, McIntyre & Seed, LPA. This firm will be used to take action to protect and conserve our tax duplicate as requested.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the following resolution as stated.

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

SECTION 1: The firm of Brinza, McIntyre & Seed, LPA, and agents, are hereby retained (1) to make appearances and file complaints in the Summit County Board of Revision; (2) to file, prosecute and defend appeals in the Board of Tax Appeals or Courts of the State of Ohio from orders of the Summit County Board of Revision; (3) to take other actions to represent the interest of the Nordonia Hills City School District relative to valuation and taxation of property with said boards and courts; and (4) to render such other legal services in connection with the operation of the School District as may from time to time be assigned to them by the superintendent or designee of this Board. Such services may be terminated at any time by the Board or said Brinza, McIntyre & Seed, LPA, by written notice to the other.

SECTION 2: In rendering such legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney/client relationship, said Law Firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of this Board in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the state, any county or cities, or of this Board, or the execution of public trusts.

SECTION 3: For such legal, said Law Firm shall be paid reasonable fees as approved by the Board, and shall be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses including, but not limited to, travel, long distance telephone expenses and duplicating expenses incurred in rendering such legal services, from funds appropriated or that may be appropriated, by the Board from time to time for such purpose.

RETAIN LEGAL AND CONSULTATIVE SERVICES OF McGOWN & MARKLING IN CONNECTION WITH LEGAL MATTERS RELATING TO EDUCATION AND THE OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the following resolution to permit the Administration to use the legal services of McGown & Markling. This firm will be used for educational services or projects as requested.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the following resolution as stated.

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

SECTION 1: Services of McGown & Markling are hereby retained, such legal services to be in the nature of legal representation, including, but not limited to, appearances in court, advice, options, and/or all phases of labor negotiations, appearances before the State Employment Relations Board and recommendations that may from time be requested by the Board or the Superintendent concerning legal matters relating to education and the operation of the school district. Such services may include the review of any and all records of the client in this attorney-client relationship. In rendering such legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, said McGown & Markling shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of this Board in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State, any county or city of this Board or the execution of public trusts. Such services may be terminated at any time by the Board or said McGown & Markling by written notice to the other.

SECTION 2: For such legal and consultative services, said McGown & Markling shall be paid reasonable fees as approved by the Board, and shall be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses including, but not limited to travel, long distance telephone expenses and duplicating expenses incurred in rendering such services, from time to time for such purpose.

SECTION 3: All notices and proceedings relating to this meeting and the actions of the Board of Education have been in compliance with the provisions of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES OF GALLAGHER, SHARP

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the use of Gallagher, Sharp Legal Counsel Services for general counsel advice. This firm will be used for educational services or projects as requested.

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

APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD'S HEARING OFFICER
11-01-10-112

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

The Superintendent recommends the appointment of Assistant Superintendent, to serve as the Board's Hearing Officer in suspensions for bus misconduct, student code violations and student attendance appeals.

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

APPOINTMENT OF TITLE IX AND AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT OFFICER AND SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE
11-01-10-113

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

The Superintendent recommends that the Assistant Superintendent and Director of Pupil Services be appointed the District's Title IX and the American Disabilities Act Amendments Act Officers. The Nordonia Hills Board of Education intends to provide equal education and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, or sex as per Civil Rights Act 1964 and Title IX of 1972 Educational Amendments and the American Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities.

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

RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND
11-01-10-114

It was moved by Mr. Masteller and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to approve the following recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board continue membership in the Ohio School Boards Association and Legal Assistance Fund effective January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, the cost of membership is $7,534.

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

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RECOMMENDATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IDEA-B and PRE-SCHOOL GRANT (SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The federally funded IDEA-B and Preschool projects provide supplemental assistance to school districts for supporting the educational program for students with disabilities.

No Board action taken.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE NON-SALARY REMUNERATION
11-01-10-115

It was moved by Mrs. Sethna and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to approve the following recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends approval of non-salary remuneration to recognize outstanding service and/or in-service training, and to recognize those persons who make worthy contributions to this School District. The budget shall be set at $10,000. Any District expense shall be processed through a budget line monitored by the Superintendent.

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

ADJOURNMENT
11-01-10-116

It was moved by Mrs. Klingenberg and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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

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President

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Treasurer

Treasurer's Note: The meeting was videotaped and audiotaped.