MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORDONIA HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Nordonia Hills Board of Education was held on January 24, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. in the Northfield Elementary Cafeteria, 9374 Olde Eight Road, Northfield, Ohio. The Board President, Mr. Douglas Masteller, called the meeting to order with the following members present:

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

Also present:
Wayne Blankenship, Superintendent
Joe Clark, Assistant Superintendent
Tom Hartman, Business Manager
Kevin Staller, Treasurer
Patti Koslo, Public Relations
Irene Beville, Curriculum Director
Margo Costello, Pupil Services Director
NewsLeader Reporter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES
11-01-24-125

It was moved by Mrs. Klingenberg and seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meetings:	December 20, 2010
Special Meetings	December 20, 2010

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

DONATIONS
11-01-24-126

It was moved by Mrs. Sethna and seconded by Mr. Masteller to approve the following donation:

Mr. Terrence Lowis and Family donated a 55 gallon fish aquarium and accessories to the Middle School, approximate value of $200.

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

COMMUNICATION

Patti Koslo noted The NewsLeader will begin to publish weekly questions from community regarding school related concerns and responses provided by the school district. She also reviewed four questions from the community forum meeting and presented answers.

- Question – "With all the bustling retail areas in Nordonia Hills don't the schools collect money from the sales tax being charged?"
  - Answer - No the district does not receive any financial support from sales tax charged at local retail outlets.
- Question – "How do we compare 'apples to apples' with other school districts for the number of administrators?"
  - Answer – Using the Ohio Department of Education Web site, clicking on the CUPP report you can obtain significant information about Nordonia Schools and school districts across the state. Looking only at the school districts located in Summit County, using data in the most current CUPP report, shows Nordonia Hills City Schools ranks the 4th lowest in administrative costs per pupil and has the 4th highest number of pupils to administrators. This suggests that Nordonia Hills City Schools have less administrators than most school districts in Summit County.

- Question – "Where can I learn more about the financial health of the school district?"
  - Answer – As previously mentioned, the Ohio Department of Education Web site has a wealth of information. During the month of February, Network Nordonia which airs on Cable 9 will feature Mr. Kevin Kevin Staller and Mr. Blankenship. The program focuses on the financial health of Nordonia Schools.
- Question – "Why do the salaries/wages and benefits make up about 84% of the district expenditures? This seems like a really high amount."
  - Answer – We are not a manufacturing facility, we do not produce a commodity, we are a people intensive organization. Our business is the education of students as a result we operate differently than a manufacturing plant, hospital, restaurant, or retail store.

Mr. Joe Faessler from Petermann Transportation presented an informational presentation regarding the beginning stage and initial review of the services provided by Petermann for the future consideration of outsourcing transportation.

No Board action taken.

OPEN FORUM

- OAPSE field representative, Albert Jackson shared concerns over the consideration of outsourcing of transportation.
- Parent, Jason Roberts, shared concerns and asked the board to delve deeper regarding the long-term impact and potential savings associated with the consideration of outsourcing bussing.

No Board action taken.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Finance Committee: No report.
- OSBA Legislative Liaison: No report.
- OSBA Student Achievement Liaison: No report.
- Curriculum Liaison: No report.
- Facilities Liaison: No report.
- Policies and Procedures: No report.
- Public Relations Liaison: No report.
- Cuyahoga Valley Career Center: Betty Klingenberg announced CVCC Superintendent search; deadline for applications February 28, 2011. The career center anticipates being on the November 2011 ballot for a 1 mill levy renewal. CVCC introduced two new programs: Medical Administrative Specialist and Pharmaceutical Tech.
- Athletic Advisory Committee: No report.
- Tax Incentive Review Board: No report.
- Technology and Information Systems: No report.

No Board action taken.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE REVISED POLICIES
11-01-24-127

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

2370	Educational Options (Revised)
3122/4122	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (Revised)
3430.03/4430.03	Call to Active Duty Leave (New)

5111.01	Homeless Students (Revised)
5111.02	Educational Opportunity for Military Children (New)
5517.01	Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior (Revised)
8450	Control of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases
9160	Public Attendance at School Events (Revised)

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

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS
11-01-24-128

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

CERTIFIED:

TITLE I BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL MATH PROGRAM

The Superintendent recommends that Renee Foerster be reimbursed for her work on the Title I math program before and after school at Lee Eaton using Title I funds at her individual hourly rate.

HOME INSTRUCTION

Laurel Lohrey

SUPPLEMENTALS

(MS Non-Athletic):

MS Director of Drama (split)	Justin Shank (*)	1.5%
MS Director of Drama (split)	Jennifer Lindsey	1.5%

(HS Athletic):

HS Assistant Girls' Basketball (9th)	Travis Scott	6% (remainder of contract)

(*) correction

SUBSTITUTES

Lauren Fenimore	Substitute Teacher
Jacqueline Harris	Substitute Counselor

CLASSIFIED:

CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

Pam Meeks (R), from MS Special Education Attendant, 4.0 hours per day, to MS Special Education Assistant, 5.0 hours per day, Classification II, Pay Grade IV, Step 2, Effective 1/24/2011

Patricia Miller (R), from HS Special Education Attendant, to CVCC Special Education Attendant, 3.5 hours per day, Classification II, Pay Grade V, Step 2, Effective 1/10/11

TWE STUDENTS

Increase from $7.30 per hour to $7.40 per hour, due to increase in minimum wage.

Daniel Bunn Alex Krieger

Paul Cook	Christian Long
George Demian	James Mong
Kamyar Sadegi	John Muter
Brandon King	Alex Picone
Scott Klein	Robert Schweikert
Nick Kontura	David Simenc
	Sean Tyrrell

SUBSTITUTE

Paula Kapinski	Educational Assistant Special Education Assistant

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
11-01-24-129

It was moved by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the Financial Statements as follows for the month ending December 31, 2010:

A. Financial Report by Fund – FYTD & MTD (Page 10-11)
B. Comparative Financial Report (Page 12)

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

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TRANSFER
11-01-24-130

It was moved by Mrs. Sethna and seconded by Mrs. Klingenberg to approve the Transfers as follows for the month ending December 31, 2010:

Transfers:

From:	General Fund	(001)	$4,260.00
To:	HS Athletics	(300)	$4,260.00
Description:	Transfer funds for HS winter sports participation		
From:	IDEA 2009-2010	(516)	$124,757.48
To:	IDEA 2010-2011	(516)	$124,757.48
Description:	Transfer previous year fund to reclassify carryover balance		
From:	Ltd English Prof	(551)	$4,090.40
To:	Ltd English Prof	(551)	$4,090.40
Description:	Transfer previous year fund to reclassify carryover balance		
From:	Title I 2009-2010	(572)	$8,780.11
To:	Title I 2010-2011	(572)	$8,780.11
Description:	Transfer previous year fund to reclassify carryover balance		
From:	Drug Free School 2009-2010	(584)	$2,940.06
To:	Drug Free School 2010-2011	(584)	$2,940.06

Description:	Transfer previous year fund to reclassify carryover balance		
From:	IDEA Preschool 2009-2010	(587)	$8,339.16
To:	IDEA Preschool 2010-2011	(587)	$8,339.16
Description:	Transfer previous year fund to reclassify carryover balance		
From:	Improv Teacher Qual 2009-2010	(590)	$17,898.36
To:	Improv Teacher Qual 2010-2011	(590)	$17,898.36
Description:	Transfer previous year fund to reclassify carryover balance		

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

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORDONIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE
11-01-24-131

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

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2011, this Board adopted a resolution, pursuant to Section 5706.03(B) of the Revised Code, declaring it necessary to levy an additional 7.4-mill tax levy for a continuing period of time and requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2011, the Summit County Fiscal Officer certified that the total tax valuation of the District is $1,012,515,960, and that the estimated property tax revenue to be produced by that 7.4-mill additional levy would be $7,492,618 annually during the life of the levy, assuming the tax valuation remains constant throughout the life of the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Nordonia Hills City School District, County of Summit, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members of said Board elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the Board of Education of the Nordonia Hills City School District within the ten-mill limitation on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this School District, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of current expenses in the amount of 7.4 mills for a continuing period of time.

Section 2. The question of an additional 7.4-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses for a continuing period of time, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2011, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to this Board in calendar year 2012, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code to the electors of the Nordonia Hills City School District at an election to be held therein on May 3, 2011, as authorized by law, and that election shall be held at the regular places of voting in this District as established by the Board of Elections of Summit County, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be cast at the election on the question of this tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY
NORDONIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Nordonia Hills City School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 7.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 74 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2011, first due in calendar year 2012.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Treasurer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of said election as provided by law.

Section 5. The Treasurer is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution and the resolution and County Fiscal Officer's certificate referred to in the first preamble to this resolution, and deliver them to the Board of Elections of Summit County, Ohio, not later than the close of business on February 2, 2011.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Yeas: None
Nays: Mr. Masteller, Mr. Harris, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Klingenberg, Mrs. Sethna
The President declared the motion defeated.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORDONIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE
11-01-24-132

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

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2011, this Board adopted a resolution, pursuant to Section 5706.03(B) of the Revised Code, declaring it necessary to levy an additional 6.9-mill tax levy for a continuing period of time and requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2011, the Summit County Fiscal Officer certified that the total tax valuation of the District is $1,012,515,960, and that the estimated property tax revenue to be produced by that 6.9-mill additional levy would be $6,986,360 annually during the life of the levy, assuming the tax valuation remains constant throughout the life of the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Nordonia Hills City School District, County of Summit, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members of said Board elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the Board of Education of the Nordonia Hills City School District within the ten-mill limitation on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this School District, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of current expenses in the amount of 6.9 mills for a continuing period of time.

Section 2. The question of an additional 6.9-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses for a continuing period of time, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2011, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to this Board in calendar year 2012, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code to the electors of the Nordonia Hills City School District at an election to be held therein on May 3, 2011, as authorized by law, and that election shall be held at the regular places of voting in this District as established by the Board of Elections of Summit County, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be cast at the election on the question of this tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY
NORDONIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Nordonia Hills City School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 6.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 69 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2011, first due in calendar year 2012.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Treasurer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of said election as provided by law.

Section 5. The Treasurer is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution and the resolution and County Fiscal Officer's certificate referred to in the first preamble to this resolution, and deliver them to the Board of Elections of Summit County, Ohio, not later than the close of business on February 2, 2011.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORDONIA HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2011

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORDONIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE
11-01-24-133

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

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2011, this Board adopted a resolution, pursuant to Section 5706.03(B) of the Revised Code, declaring it necessary to levy an additional 6.5-mill tax levy for a continuing period of time and requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2011, the Summit County Fiscal Officer certified that the total tax valuation of the District is $1,012,515,960, and that the estimated property tax revenue to be produced by that 6.5-mill additional levy would be $6,581,354 annually during the life of the levy, assuming the tax valuation remains constant throughout the life of the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Nordonia Hills City School District, County of Summit, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members of said Board elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the Board of Education of the Nordonia Hills City School District within the ten-mill limitation on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this School District, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of current expenses in the amount of 6.5 mills for a continuing period of time.

Section 2. The question of an additional 6.5-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses for a continuing period of time, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2011, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to this Board in calendar year 2012, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code to the electors of the Nordonia Hills City School District at an election to be held therein on May 3, 2011, as authorized by law, and that election shall be held at the regular places of voting in this District as established by the Board of Elections of Summit County, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be cast at the election on the question of this tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY
NORDONIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Nordonia Hills City School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 6.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 65 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2011, first due in calendar year 2012.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Treasurer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of said election as provided by law.

Section 5. The Treasurer is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution and the resolution and County Fiscal Officer's certificate referred to in the first preamble to this resolution, and deliver them to the Board of Elections of Summit County, Ohio, not later than the close of business on February 2, 2011.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION
11-01-24-134

It was moved by Mrs. Sethna and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to meet in Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. for the purpose of conferencing with legal counsel over reducing personnel and discussion of the sale of district land.

Wayne Blankenship, Joe Clark, Tom Hartman, Kevin Staller, Patti Koslo, and legal counsel from Squire, Sanders and Dempsey were included in the Executive Session. Mr. Harris had to exit the meeting and did not participate.

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

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
11-01-24-135

It was moved by Mrs. Sethna and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Yeas: Mr. Masteller, 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 audiotaped and videotaped.