

MINUTES

Nordonia Hills City School District
Nordonia Board of Education Meetings
Open Forum Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:30 pm - 8:50 pm
Northfield Elementary School
9374 Olde Eight Road
Northfield, Ohio 44067

In Attendance

Chad Lahrmer; Judy Matlin; Liz McKinley; Tammy Strong; William Busse

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1. Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Open Forum

Mr. Ellis commended the board on keeping the schools open and the students safe during the pandemic. There was good communications to parents during COVID. Social media is being used as a political platform. He inquired about whether there is a policy for social media (twitter and facebook). He further stated the Board needs to own the social media for control of content purposes. Ideology is creeping into our schools.

Stacy Kovach commented on keeping the schools open in person for five days. She took her four children out of Nordonia and sent them to private school where they were able to attend school five days a week.

The Board should make decisions based on the safety of students. There is racism in our schools and she referred to the art work in the hallway at the high school that is creating controversy.

Sabrina Pines has two children at the middle school and she is hoping the schools will be open 5 days in person in the Fall. She also commented on the graffiti in the high school restroom.

Chad Greene commented on the inability for students to use playground equipment at Lee Eaton and the wearing of masks during gym class.

Rick Nowak commended Northfield principal Kaminicki on his leadership.

Jason Roberts has two children in the district and commented on the first amendment rights and staff should separate personal and professional social media outlets.

High School Principal Wright responded to the controversial art work stating that it had been taken down within a half hour because it was disrupting school and the graffiti had been covered up.

D. Executive Session

Consideration of the employment of an employee or official.

The Board went into executive session at 7:30 P.M. and returned to the public meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Resolution 2021-4-21-49

Move: Liz McKinley Second: Judy Matlin Status: Passed

Yes: Tammy Strong, Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Judy Matlin, William Busse

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously consented to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. The President declared the motion passed.

Resolution 2021-4-21-50

Move: Judy Matlin Second: Tammy Strong Status: Passed

Yes: Tammy Strong, Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Judy Matlin, William Busse

Chad M. Lahrmer, Board President

Karen E. Obratil, Treasurer/CFO

Treasurer's Note: The meeting was video recorded.