

September 17, 2012

The Board of Education of the Northridge Local School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 6:30 PM, in the Homer Library in Homer, Ohio with the following individuals present: Mrs. Jayma Bammerlin, Mr. Mark Dann, Mr. Doug Hart, Mr. Chris Pokorny, Mr. Jeffrey Schrock, Board Members; Mr. Britt Lewis, Treasurer; Building Administrators and other interested citizens and employees. Mr. John Shepard, Local Superintendent, absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Mr. Mark Dann, Board President followed by roll call for attendance and the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, present; Mr. Hart, present; Mr. Pokorny, present; Mr. Schrock, present*; Mr. Dann, present.

Approval and Signing of Minutes

Approve the minutes from the August 27, 2012 Regular Meeting; September 4, 2012 Work Meeting; as submitted.

12-162 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mr. Pokorny to approve the minutes as presented above.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Dann, aye.
The President declared the motion carried. 4-0.

Scheduled Visitors: Jackie Roudebush discussed Home School for her son Ben, Grade 4, for 1 subject.

- Dr. McCray, Licking County Superintendent, spoke regarding policy on Home School.
- Ms. Glenn questioned funding loss for this student.

12-163 It was moved by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to approve to resolve to interpret the policy to allow all students, Grades 4 – 12, to avail themselves the part-time opportunity to Home School if the ESC Superintendent otherwise determines it is applicable under guidelines and rules.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Dann, aye.
The President declared the motion carried. 4-0.

Unscheduled Visitors (20 Minutes Maximum): *Comments on specific agenda items:*

- Mr. Patrella and Mr. Payne spoke about Lookers Lane transportation and safety

Treasurer Discussion Items

1. Finance Committee – Discussed building usage fees, payment for newsletter and future project evaluation of transportation.
2. Buildings and Grounds – No Report
3. Insurance – No Report

*Mr. Schrock entered the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

Recommendation # 1 - Approve Monthly Financial Reports

Recommendation to approve the financial reports as submitted.

Recommendation # 2 – Approve Fund to Fund Transfer

Recommendation to approve the following \$300.00 Fund to Fund Transfer to correct processing error:

From HS Principal Fund (018-9004)
To Spanish Club (200-9113)

Recommendation # 3 – Approve Donation

Recommendation to approve donation from Wells Fargo Foundation in the amount of \$120.00.

Recommendation # 4 – Approve Donation

Recommendation to approve donation from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$500.00. To be used for café.

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Recommendation #5 – Approve AEP Energy Reduction

Recommendation to approve the AEP Energy Electric Service Agreement reduction of the Electric Supply Charge per kWh to \$.0592 beginning September 28, 2012.

12-164 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mr. Pokorny to approve treasurer recommendations # 1-5.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Dann, aye.

The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

Recommendation # 6 – Approve ODE Non-Public Transportation Ruling

The Superintendent of Schools, John T. Shepard, recommends that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 3327.01 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that, “A board of education shall not be required to transport elementary or high school pupils to and from a non-public or community school where such transportation would require more than thirty minutes of direct travel time as measured by school bus from the public school building to which the pupils would be assigned if attending the public school designated by the district of residence”; and

WHEREAS, On August 15, 2012, following notification from Petermann, Ltd., the District’s transportation supplier, that, using the fastest available route, the direct travel time required to transport certain students identified in Resolution 12-113 (the “Identified Students”) from the District building to which they would be assigned to their non-public school, measured by school bus, exceeds thirty minutes of travel time, the Board rescinded Resolution # 12-113, duly adopted on July 2, 2012, because, “under the laws of the State of Ohio, the District is not required to transport any of the Identified Students to the non-public schools they attend, rendering moot any issue regarding the impracticality of transportation of the Identified Students;” and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2012 three parents have filed a lawsuit with the Licking County Court of Common Pleas on behalf of their children (the “pupil”) attending Liberty Christian and St. Mathews schools vs. Northridge Local School District (the “District”) seeking among other things to force the District to maintain transportation for their children in opposition to ORC 3327.01.; and

WHEREAS, to minimize legal fees and eliminate uncertainty, through counsel the District agreed to continue to transport children to Liberty Christian and St. Mathews schools unless an official Ohio Department of Education (the “ODE”) timing run determined that the students were ineligible for transportation to their respective schools; and

WHEREAS, during the last week of August 2012, the ODE conducted official timing runs for Liberty Christian Academy, St. Mathews and Gahanna Christian schools, and pursuant to ORC 3327.01 notified Northridge Local Schools via letter dated September 5, 2012 that, “Since the timing exceeded 30 minutes, pursuant to ORC 3327.01, the Northridge Local School Board of Education should declare that the pupils living in Northridge are not eligible to be transported to Liberty Christian School. . . . And, since the timing exceeded 30 minutes, pursuant to ORC 3327.01, the Northridge Local School Board of Education should declare that the pupils living in Northridge are not eligible to be transported to St. Mathew School. . . . And, since the timing exceeded 30 minutes, pursuant to ORC 3327.01, the Northridge Local School Board of Education should declare that the pupils living in Northridge are not eligible to be transported to Gahanna Christian School”; and

WHEREAS, despite the determinations of the ODE that the students are ineligible for transportation, one of the plaintiffs in the pending lawsuit has sought a court order compelling the district to conduct additional timing runs; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held before the Court and the Court has notified the parties to the lawsuit that a decision will be issued forthwith;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that:

The Northridge Local School District (the “District”) hereby accepts the results of the Ohio Department of Education (the “ODE”) official timing runs for Liberty Christian Academy, St. Mathews and Gahanna Christian schools, and pursuant to ORC 3327.01, since all of the timings for the three schools exceeded 30 minutes, the Board hereby declares that pupils living in the Northridge District that would be assigned to a school on the campus located on Northridge Road (the “Northridge Campus”) were they enrolled in the District are not eligible to be transported to Liberty Christian School, St. Mathew School and Gahanna Christian School; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that:

Upon advice of legal counsel, effective upon the issuance of an order by the Licking County Court of Common Pleas upholding the legitimacy of the ODE timing runs, the District will immediately stop all transportation to the Liberty Christian Academy, St. Mathew, and Gahanna Christian Schools for pupils that would be assigned to the Northridge Campus were they enrolled in the District.

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Recommendation # 7 – Approve Elimination of Pre-School Bussing

The Director of Business Services and Transportation, Britt R. Lewis, recommends that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Petermann, Ltd., the District’s transportation supplier, has notified District administration that, transportation of typical Pre-School age children is not required by ORC.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Education (the “ODE), Department of Transportation, has notified District administration that, transportation of typical Pre-School age children is not required by ORC.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that:

The Northridge Local School District will discontinue all transportation of typical Pre-School age children beginning Monday, ~~September 24, 2012~~. A letter will be sent to the parents those students currently being transported to Flying Colors Pre-School who are affected by this decision.

12-165 It was moved by Mr. Pokorny and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to amend the date of Recommendation # 7 to Monday, **October 1, 2012**.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Dann, aye.

The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

12-166 It was moved by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Dann to approve Recommendation # 6 and Recommendation # 7, as amended, as presented by Treasurer, Mr. Britt Lewis.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Dann, aye.

The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

Recommendation # 8 – Approve Building Usage Fee Schedule

Recommendation to approve the Community Use of School Facilities Fee Schedule as submitted.

12-167 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mr. Hart to approve Recommendation # 8 as presented by Treasurer, Mr. Britt Lewis.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Pokorny, abstain; Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Dann, aye.

The President declared the motion carried. 4-0-1 Abstain.

Superintendent’s Discussion Items:

- Goal Setting – No Report
- NEOLA Policies - 1432, 3432, 4432, 3131, 8451, 9270 – No Report
- 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee Update – Update given by Ms. Phoebe Glenn, Curriculum Director.

Superintendent’s Report and Recommendations

Recommendation # 1 – Approve Resignation

Recommendation to approve the following resignation:

Cassandra Chambers, 8th Grade Volleyball, effective date August 27, 2012.

Recommendation # 2 - Approve Reclassify JV Cheerleading Advisor Position

Recommendation to approve the reclassification of the JV Cheerleading Advisor position for the 2012-2013 Football season as a volunteer non-paid position revoking Maggie Keeran’s contract that was approved on August 27, 2012.

Recommendation # 3 - Approve Salary Movement

Recommendation to approve the following salary schedule movements for the 2012-2013 school year pending verification of transcripts.

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Name	From	To	Step	Salary
Dean, Kay	BA+	MA	19	\$54,744.00
Grow, Kristen	BA	MA	9	\$44,549.00
Howard, Wendy	MA	MA+	0	\$32,869.00
Muhlenkamp, Jason	BA+	MA	2	\$34,354.00

Recommendation # 4 - Approve Employment**A. Employment of Certificated Personnel:**

Recommendation to approve the following contracts contingent upon favorable reports of the content of the BCI/FBI reports and the Ohio Department of Education Certification and meeting all other employment requirements:

Name	Position	Step	Cert.	Contract	Salary	Total Days	ProRatedAmt.
Pelfrey, Tosha	Reading/Math Coach	5	MA	1 Yr	\$38,723.00	173	\$36,408.02

B. Approval of Classified Substitutes:

Recommendation to approve the following substitute personnel on an as-needed basis for the 2012-2013 school year pending favorable reports of the content of the BCI/FBI check and meeting all other employment requirements.

Name	Position	Rate of Pay
Cox, Emily	Sec/Ed Aide/ St.Attn	\$9.57/\$8.96/\$8.76 per hr as needed
Lahrmer, Martha	Lunchroom, Ed. Aide, St. Attn	\$8.58/\$8.96/\$8.76 per/hr as needed
McConnell, Faith	St.Attn	\$8.76 per/hr as needed
Stevens, Joyce	Lunchroom, Ed Aide ,Sec, St Attn	\$8.58/\$8.96/\$9.57/\$8.76 per/hr as needed
Tracy, Tina	Secretary/Ed Aide	\$9.57/\$8.96 per hour as needed
Wagner, Kelly	Custodian	\$10.45 per hour as needed

C. Approve Home Tutor

Recommendation to approve Home Tutor for Middle School Student. Pay Rate of \$20.00 per hour for up to 4 hours per week.

Jill McLaughlin, Middle School Teacher

Recommendation # 5 – Approve Supplemental Positions

Recommendation to approve the following Supplemental positions for the 2012-2013 school year pending a favorable report on the content of the BCI and/or FBI check and meeting all other employment requirements.

Name	Position	Step	Rate of Pay
Chambers, Rob	MS 8 th Gr Volleyball Coach	0	\$1,713.00
Wilbur, Christina	Vo-Ag Teacher	NA	\$6,300.00

Recommendation # 6 - Approve Volunteers

Recommendation to approve the following as a volunteer for the 2012-2013 school year pending a favorable report on the content of the BCI and/or FBI check and meeting all other volunteer requirements.

First Name	Last Name	Building	Area of Service
Mindee	Aamodt	PS	Classroom/Trips
Melissa	Bailey	IS	Classroom/Trips
Stacy	Blackburn	PS	Classroom/Trips
Dawn	Burton	PS	Classroom/Trips
Cassie	Chambers	HS	MS Volleyball
Susan	Dalton	PS	Classroom/Trips
Tim	Davison	MS	7 th Gr Football
Robert	Deaver	PS	Classroom/Trips
Randi	Fairall	PS	Classroom/Trips
Amy	Hill	PS	Classroom/Trips
Terri	Holder	PS	Classroom/Trips
Vicki	Lowery	PS	Classroom/Trips
Vicki	Moore	PS	Classroom/Trips
Anne	Patti	PS	Classroom/Trips
Aimee	Payne	PS	Classroom/Trips
Marlene	Roser	PS/IS	Classroom/Trips
Sabrina	Schwendeman	PS	Classroom/Trips
Heidi	Stone	PS	Classroom/Trips
Gina	Swearingen	PS/IS	Classroom/Trips
Glenn	Ullom	IS	Classroom/Trips
Jennifer	Wittman	PS	Classroom/Trips

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12-168 It was moved by Mr. Schrock and seconded by Mr. Pokorny to approve the above items as presented by Superintendent, Mr. John Shepard.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Dann, aye.
The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

Unscheduled Visitors (30 Minutes Maximum): None

Business Initiated by Members of the Board

- Mr. Pokorny attended the Academic Boosters meeting and discussed what the Boosters are doing. Mr. Pokorny passed out a handout from the Academic Boosters.

Discussion Items: None

Reaffirm Time and Place of Next Meeting:

Work Date: Monday, October 1, 2012 Time: 6:30 PM Location: High School Media Center

Regular Date: Monday, October 15, 2012 Time: 6:30 PM Location: High School Media Center

Executive Session

12-169 It was moved by Mr. Dann and seconded by Mr. Hart to enter into Executive Session at 7:46 PM.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Dann, aye.
The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

Check Applicable Circumstances:

- The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing.
- The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding.
- Conferences with the board's attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.
- Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.
- Specialized details of security arrangements.

Time out of Executive Session: 9:43 PM.

Adjourn Meeting

12-170 It was moved by Mr. Pokorny and seconded by Mr. Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 PM.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Pokorny, aye; Mr. Schrock, aye; Mr. Dann, aye.
The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

_____ Board President

_____ Treasurer

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