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The Board of Education of the Northridge Local School District met in Regular Session on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM, via Zoom and Facebook Live with the following individuals present: Mrs. Jayma Bammerlin, Mr. Rick Burkholder, Mr. Doug Hart, Mr. Chris Pokorny, Mr. Jeffrey Schrock*, Board Members; Mr. Scott Schmidt, Local Superintendent; Dr. Kristine Michael, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Britt Lewis, Treasurer; Building Administrators and other interested citizens and employees.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Mr. Doug Hart, Board President followed by the pledge of allegiance, presented by 7th grade math students; and roll call for attendance.

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

**Mr. Schrock indicated that he has been delayed a little bit and will join the meeting as soon as possible.*

Mission and Viking Values Statements

Mission Statement: *Empowering all students to reach their fullest potential*

Viking Values: *Trust, Leadership, Communication, Collaboration, Accountability, Integrity, Respect*
See Something, Say Something

Approve Minutes

21-034 It was moved by Mr. Pokorny and seconded by Mr. Burkholder to approve the minutes of Regular Session, Monday, March 15, 2021 as submitted on April 16, 2021.

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

**Mr. Schrock entered the meeting at 7:07PM.*

Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Overview of Consent Agenda Items
- B. Changes to the Agenda - None
- C. Approval of the Agenda

21-035 It was moved by Mr. Pokorny and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

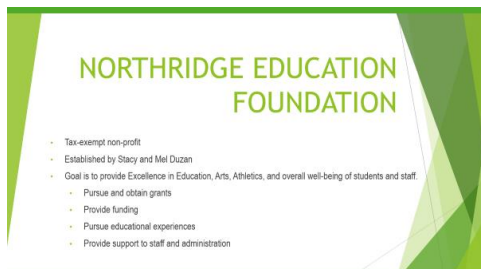
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Scheduled Visitors:

- Modern Learning Facility Update - Owners Representative Mike Mendenhall, Mendenhall & Associates and Construction Contractor Clay Keith, Robertson Construction



- Northridge Education Foundation – Mel Duzan



-Mr. Hart Thanked Mel and her husband Stacy Duzan for all they have done with working through the Levy and now with this Education Foundation.

Staff Comments Regarding Specific Agenda Items - None

Unscheduled Visitors (Maximum 30 minutes) Comments of Specific Agenda items - None

Discussion Items:

- Treasurer
 1. OFCC Update - \$1 Million match
 2. Five Year Forecast to be updated on April 21, 2021

• Building/Department Reports

Elementary Building (Primary and Intermediate):

- State Testing in grades 3-5 starts next week.
- Teachers in grades K-3 have been helping students select books to be mailed this summer to their homes to encourage reading through a non-profit organization called, “Kids Read Now”. Dr. Michael is spearheading this initiative and the staff and students are so excited about it.
- BLT is meeting and planning the end of school activities and how to modify them for safety protocols. Plans include field day, walk-a-thon, Parkers Park, and clapping out at the Primary.
- Teachers are being asked for input into the master schedule for the new building.

Middle School:

- Middle School Teacher, Laura Roberts, was asked to be a Code.org Ambassador for Battelle. Mrs. Roberts wrote a letter that is featured in the latest blog for the Ohio STEM Learning Network. She is able to connect with teachers and administrators from our region to encourage Computer Science in their schools and to share experiences.
- Students are getting ready for their OST testing that will take place on the following days:

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- ELA 6-8: April 20th and 21st
- Science 8 (only): April 28th
- Math 6-8 (including those taking ALG1 and GEO): May 4th and 5th
- Students will be on a modified schedule during the regular school day.
- Digital students will be coming into the building to take their exams and will be in a different location in the buildings to test.
- The Boys and Girls Track Teams have received 2 first place wins so far. Baseball is also off to a great start with 3 wins. Softball has a win under their belt as well.

High School:

Listed are just a few of the many accomplishments our high school students have achieved this school year:

- Nicholas Houck and Olyvia Ashbrook-Hall recently earned their State FFA Degree. Olyvia was also an Agri-science Fair Finalist for her study of meat packaging methods to reduce browning.
- Senior, India Alar was the recipient of The Hagan Scholarship. The Hagan Scholarship is a national need-based merit scholarship designed to help high-achieving students from small towns and rural areas to graduate college debt-free.
- Junior, Dylan Dick and Sophomore, Kora Garee have been accepted into the Youth Conservation Ambassadors for the Licking Land Trust. The eight-month program is for motivated and energetic youth who have an appreciation for the outdoors and protecting the environment.
- Sophomore Mia Sigenthaler was accepted to the Delaware Area Career Center, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium School Program. She will begin this experience this upcoming summer.

Athletics:

- Weather has changed and our athletes are able to practice and compete outside.
- Lindsey Stocks was named Honorable Mention All-State in girls basketball.
- The Boosters continue to work on the stadium initiative project, progress is being made.
- Cheer interviews will begin on April 16, 2021.
- Girls basketball interviews will follow. The job has been posted on the OHSAA website.
- The baseball and softball team are competing hard, both teams are young so this is a rebuilding year.
- Track is continuing

Special Education:

- We have completed our first preschool screening and it was a success.
- We have enough peer models to open up a 3rd AM classroom.
- We have selected a school psychologist pending board approval.

Instructional Services:

- State Testing in grades 3 through HS starts next week. Technology, Dr. Michael & principals have been working to ensure devices and bandwidth are ready to go.
- I met with teachers in grades K-3 have been helping students select books to be mailed this summer to their homes to encourage reading through a non-profit organization called, "Kids Read Now". This is part of our Learning Recovery Plan and provides a universal support to all our students. Mrs. Beaver, the coaches and are exploring whether we can develop our own version in-house for grades 4 and 5.
- I began meeting with the BLT teams to explain the new OneNeeds Assessment from the state. Each building will complete the process are part of our CCIP.
- Students will begin taking the Panorama Social Emotional Wellness screener in early May so we will have baseline information to help us plan for next school year. Sample questions will be shared with the option for families to opt out. We were able to cover the cost of this ODE approved tool with a grant from K-12 Prevention Education Funding through Mental Health & Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties.
- There are multiple grants/funds that are specifically for Social Emotional Wellness. These are in addition to the above-mentioned grant. Additionally, there is the annual Wellness money from the Governor's budget, funds from Attorney General Dave Yost for training staff to support students with mental health challenges. Mrs. McJessy and Dr. Michael are working to ensure all our systems are aligned and providing support for all students.

Technology:

- Chromebooks and wireless have been checked and readied for testing in all buildings.

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- Many of the technology devices to be installed in the new Elementary have arrived and are waiting for the appropriate times to install.
- The wireless internet in the building has been opened to all access during after school hours and weekends. The “Open” wireless can be used by staff and student devices when on campus.
- After the testing window is finished, the district will move to a new internet filtering process offered by LACA. Issues with the current provided has prompted a change by LACA and the schools.
- Work on the main campus updated video security system and door access has been worked on the past few weeks by our technology partner ForwardEdge.

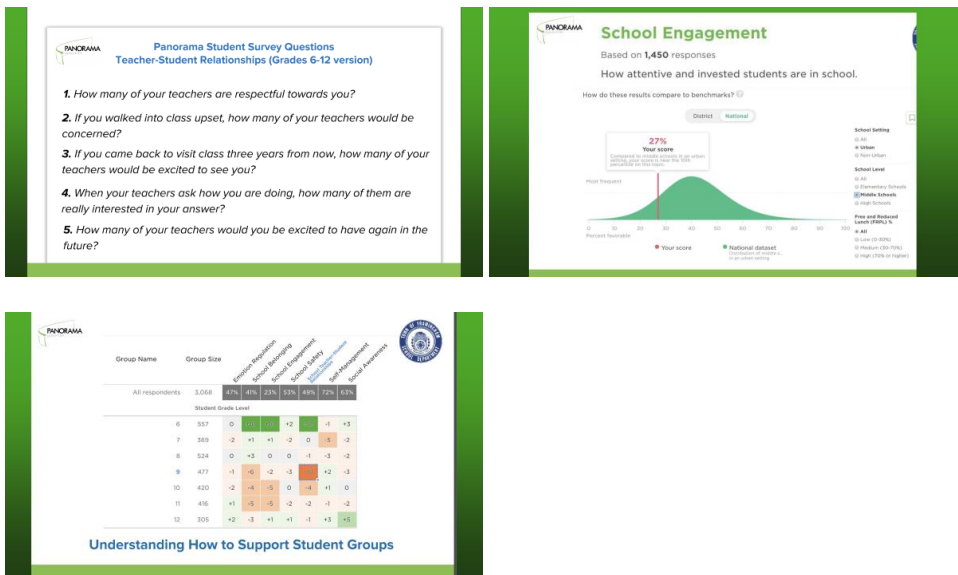
Maintenance:

- The new chiller at the high school was started and is now fully operational.
- Worked with Midwest Floor Restore to reseal all the floors in the high school student restrooms. This improves the appearance and cleanliness of the floors.
- Currently meeting with all custodial and maintenance staff to complete performance reviews and discuss goals.
- Maintenance staff is working to complete various outdoor projects.

Superintendent

1. Modern Learning Facility – Athletic Department Partnership
2. Social/Emotional Learning – Dr. Kristine Michael

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-Mrs. Bammerlin thanked Dr. Michael for this presentation and the focus on student teacher relationships.
 -Mr. Hart commented, "I will be very interested to see the results and thank you for an excellent presentation".

- Board - None

Consent Agenda

Treasurer’s Report and Recommendations

Recommendation # 1 - Approve Monthly Financial Reports

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Financial Reports as submitted on April 16, 2021.

Recommendation # 2 – Approve Donations

Recommendation to approve the following donations as submitted on April 16, 2021:
 -American Electric Power – Teacher Vision Grant to Brian Roberts; \$499.97
 -Miller United Methodist Church – Water and Snacks for Students

Superintendent’s Recommendations

Recommendation # 1 – Approve Resignations and/or Retirement

Recommendation to approve the following resignations and/or retirement for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Karen Hamilton, Teacher; effective last day September 1, 2021 for retirement purposes
- J. Mike George, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, effective last day July 31, 2021
- Drew Billman, Preschool Intervention Teacher, effective end of 2020-2021 school year
- Paige Naylor, HS Head Varsity Softball Coach, effective last day April 11, 2021 (to be paid at 75% of full contract amount for a payment total of \$2,921.25)

Recommendation # 2 – Approve Administrative Contract

Recommendation to approve the following Administrative Contract contingent upon favorable reports of the content of the BCI/FBI checks, Ohio Department of Education Certification and all other employment requirements for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name	Position	Days	Contract	Salary
K. Renee Linn	Coord of Special Education Services (Preschool)	260	1 Year	\$70,000.00

Recommendation # 3 – Approve School Psychologist

Recommendation to approve school psychologist on a Two (2) Year Limited Contract, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 contingent upon favorable reports of the content of the BCI/FBI checks, Ohio Department of Education Certification and all other employment requirements for the 2021-2022 school year:

Last Name	First Name	Step	Cert.	Contract	Contract Days	Salary
Drop	Mary Catherine	2	MA+30	2 Year	205	\$70,681.00

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Recommendation # 4 – Approve New Hire Certificated Employment for 2021-2022:

Recommendation to approve the following certificated contract contingent upon favorable reports of the content of the BCI/FBI checks, Ohio Department of Education Certification and all other employment requirements for the 2021-2022 school year:

First Name	Last Name	Step	Cert.	Contract	Salary	Position
Alexander	Healey	0	BA	1 Year	\$35,406.00	High School Band Director

Recommendation # 5 – Approve Athletic Supplemental Coach

Recommendation to approve the following Athletic Supplemental position for the 2020-2021 school year pending a favorable report on the content of the BCI and/or FBI check and meeting all other employment requirements.

First	Last	Position	Step	Rate of Pay
Jenna	Guathier	HS Head Softball Coach- begin 4-12-2021 to be paid at 25%. (Previously approved on 12/21/2020 as Assistant Softball Coach)	3	\$1,033.25

Recommendation # 6 – Approve Classified Substitute for the 2020-2021 School Year

Recommendation to approve the following substitute personnel on an as-needed basis at the hourly rate determined by Board approved sub pay rates per position for the 2020-2021 school year pending favorable reports of the content of the BCI/FBI check and meeting all other employment requirements.

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Megan	Prime		

Recommendation # 7– Approve High School 2021-2022 Course Guide

Recommendation to approve High School 2021-2022 Course Guide.

Recommendation # 8 – Approve Inter-District Open Enrollment

Recommendation to approve Inter-District Open Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year per Policy 5113.

Recommendation # 9 - Approve 2020-2021 Fund Raisers

Recommendation to approve the following fund-raisers for the 2020-2021 school year as submitted on April 16, 2021:

- HS Track Team – A&T Fundraising Discount Cards Fundraiser – April 7-23, 2021
- HS Football – Golf Outing – May 22, 2021
- Musical Cast Shirts – April 12-May 8, 2021
- PTO Walk-a-Thon: Primary – May 27, 2021 and Intermediate – May 28, 2021
- HS Football Youth Camp – June 21-23, 2021
- HS Wrestling Camp - July 17-18, 2021

Recommendation # 10 – Approve Paragon Tec Grant Subaward

Recommendation to approve the Paragon Tec, Inc. 2021 Engineering Design Challenge Grant Subaward in the amount of \$1,100.00 to Laura Roberts, Middle School Teacher.

Recommendation # 11 - Approve Volunteers

Recommendation to approve the following as a volunteer for the 2020-2021 school year pending a favorable report on the content of the BCI and/or FBI check and meeting all other volunteer requirements. [(A) = Athletic Volunteer]

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Keith	Walker (A)	Adam	Burkey
Amy	Burkey		

Recommendation # 12 – Approve 2020-2021 Field Trips

Recommendation to approve the following 2020-2021 field trips:

- OMUN – to Hyatt, Columbus, Ohio on May 11, 2021
- HS – Varsity Boys Basketball – Eastern Ohio Basketball Camp – Sherrodsville, Ohio, June 13-15, 2021

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Recommendation # 13 – Approve 2021-2022 Field Trip

Recommendation to approve the following field trip for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Band & Choir – Disney World, Orlando, FL; March 26-30, 2022

-Mr. Pokorny thanked Brian Roberts for doing the paperwork for the Grant that is benefiting students.

-Mr. Pokorny wished Mrs. Hamilton the best in her retirement, thanked Mr. George for his time at Northridge and welcomed Mr. Healy to Northridge.

21-036 It was moved by Mr. Burkholder and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to approve the above consent recommendations.

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

The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration - None

Board Recommendation - None

Business Initiated by Members of the Board

-Mr. Pokorny noted he is coordinator at Hartford Memorial Day Ceremony and sees no conflict of interest with his position on the Board.

-Mr. Hart agreed there does not appear to be a conflict of interest.

Announcements:

-Mrs. Bammerlin noted High School Musical will be in May, it will be an online program.

-Mr. Pokorny asked about the last day of school for students this year?

-Mr. Schmidt responded, June 2nd for students and June 4th for Teachers.

-Mr. Schmidt discussed 2021 Graduation on Sunday May 30th at 2PM, outdoors at the Hartford Fairgrounds.

-Mrs. Bammerlin thanked the School for working with the Health Department to offer COVID vaccines to for any student 16 years or older.

Reaffirm Time and Place of Next Board of Education Meeting(s):

Regular Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 Time: 6:30PM Location: Virtual Online

Reaffirm Time and Place of Next Committee Meetings:

Academic Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 Time: 6:30PM Location: Virtual Online

Finance Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 Time: 6:00PM Location: District Office/Virtual

Finance Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2021 Time: 6:00PM Location: District Office/Virtual

Executive Session

21-037 It was moved by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Burkholder to Enter into Executive Session at 7:47PM.

Check Applicable Circumstances:

To consider 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.

To consider 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 state statutes.

Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a school, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the school.

Time Out: 8:44PM

No decision coming out of Executive Session

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Adjourn Meeting

21-038 It was moved by Mr. Schrock and seconded by Mr. Burkholder to adjourn the meeting at 8:46PM.

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

The President declared the motion carried. 5-0.

_____ Board President

_____ Treasurer

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