

The Board of Education of the Northridge Local School District met in Regular Session on Monday, January 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM, in the Northridge District Office in Johnstown, Ohio with the following individuals aye: Mrs. Jayma Bammerlin, Mrs. Kate Creager, Mr. Doug Hart, Mr. Geoff Wiggins; Mr. Scott Schmidt, Local Superintendent; Mr. Britt Lewis, Treasurer; Dr. Kristin Michael, Assistant Superintendent and other interested citizens and employees.

Regular Meeting (Tuesday January 17, 2023)

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Mr. Geoff Wiggins, Board President followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call for attendance.

Mr. Wiggins thanks Mr. Hart for his 10 years as President of the Board.

Mr. Hart it was an honor to serve as the President of the Board for many years. He stated it was time to transition and Mr. Wiggins will do a fine job as President of the Board.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, present; Mr. Creager, present; Mr. Hart, present; Mr. Schrock, absent; Mr. Wiggins, present.

Mission and Viking Values Statements

Mission Statement: Empowering all students to reach their fullest potential

Viking Values: Trust, Leadership, Communication, Collaboration, Accountability, Integrity, Respect

We Adhere to: *See Something, Say Something* Campaign

Approve minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting on December 19, 2022 as submitted on January 13, 2023.

Mrs. Bammerlin stated it was a great job on the minutes.

Mr. Lewis thanked Tina for her great work on the minutes and working with himself and Mr. Schmidt to get the minutes ready.

23-010 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mrs. Creager to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting December 19, 2022, submitted on January 13, 2023.

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

Adoption of Agenda

- Overview of Consent Agenda Items
- Changes to the Agenda
 - Move 7.10 to Section 9
- Approval of the Agenda

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve the agenda.

23-011 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mr. Hart to approve the Agenda as modified.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin aye; Mrs. Creager aye; Mr. Hart aye; Mr. Wiggins aye.
The President declared passed without dissent

Scheduled Visitors and Staff Comments

Scheduled Visitors

- Kevin Jarrett - Athletic Director
- Student Athletes - Ethan Goodwin, Braden Yutzy; & Albree Ashbrook-Hall

Students shared their appreciation for the Boards support of the new athletic stadium and facility.

Staff Comments Specific to Agenda Items

- None

Unscheduled Visitors - Specific Agenda Items

- None

Unscheduled Visitors Comments Specific to Agenda Items

- None

Discussion Items

Academic Updates

- Elementary update - Mrs. Beaver and Mrs. Brechbill

The Elementary School Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) initiative, which started when the building opened in the fall of 2021. Respectful, accountable, and safe are the words the staff choose to use consistently across the building to support the elementary student's daily behavior.



Expectations Posters

CAFETERIA

BEE... RESPECTFUL

- USE MANNERS
- SCHOOL APPROPRIATE CONVERSATIONS
- EAT YOUR OWN FOOD
- TALK TO YOUR TABLE ONLY

ACCOUNTABLE

- FOLLOW LUNCHROOM PROCEDURES
- RAISE YOUR HAND TO LEAVE YOUR SEAT
- CLEAN UP LUNCH ITEMS
- TRY TO OPEN ITEMS BEFORE ASKING FOR HELP
- FOCUS ON EATING

SAFE

- SIT IN YOUR ASSIGNED SEATS
- HAND SANITIZER IN/OUT OF CAFETERIA AND PLAYGROUND
- WALKING FEET
- ASK FOR HELP IF YOU SPILL FOOD

PLAYGROUND

BEE... RESPECTFUL


- KEEP ADAPTIVE SWINGS FOR FRIENDS WHO NEED THEM

ACCOUNTABLE

- KEEP HANDS AND FEET TO YOURSELF
- LINE UP QUICKLY
- KEEP MULCH ON THE GROUND
- GO TO AN ADULT FOR HELP

SAFE

- ONE AT A TIME ON THE SLIDE, SIT AND GO FEET FIRST
- USE EQUIPMENT PROPERLY
- STAY ON THE PLAYGROUND



You Were Caught BEEING

Respectful, Accountable, and Safe!

Student Name: _____

Please choose 1 of the following rewards:


- ☐ Piece of candy from the office
- ☐ Custodian helper (15 min.)
- ☐ Book Vending Machine coin (takes 3 tickets)
- ☐ Pick your seat in class for the day/period
- ☐ Read morning announcements over PA
- ☐ Eat lunch with a teacher (takes 3 tickets)




Teacher Signature: _____

BEE Passes

Students can earn them from any staff member for demonstrating the 3 Expectations—revamp them with different rewards throughout the year




January 6th....



-  Assembly—Revisiting the 3 Expectations
-  Spent half a day with all students going through a review of the expectations in certain areas
-  Led by our administration team and Guidance Counselor and Social Worker

Expectation Review Included:

- Rotation through 6 stations including a review of: Cafeteria Expectations, Self Regulation Skills, Playground, Restroom, Classroom, and Bus/Bus Dismissal
- These 6 areas were based on data collected first semester as areas of need.



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Mr. Wiggins stated PBIS is excellent, and has a student that attends the elementary school. Mr. Wiggins stated he feels it is getting through to the students and it is a great program.

Dr. Michael highlighted in addition to the PBIS initiative at the elementary there is an initiative with Multi-tier Support Services (MTSS). The principals and coaches have been working with teacher as well as the instructional department. Dr. Michael shared a parent/guardian assessment letter, the letter is sent home three times a year. The letter has a glossary of terms because there are so many acronyms and abbreviations used in education. The glossary will also be added to the website as well.

Mrs. Bammerlin stated it is good to see communication going home about the students. Early intervention is vital for the success of students. Mrs. Bammerlin also asked Dr. Michael about the Financial Literacy Course that will be required. Dr. Michael stated there is also a new Economics class that will be required and will be discussed next month.

Treasurer Reports

- Finance Committee
- Stadium Funding
 - Patrick King, Stifel
 - Mike Mendenhall, Mendenhall and Associates

Patrick King from Stifel shared the Stadium project funding options with the Finance Committee at the January 11, 2023 meeting, the finance committee recommending a \$6 million-dollar financing option to be paid back over 15-year period.

Mr. Lewis stated the Finance Committee is recommending to the Board, the 15-year finance option, Mr. Lewis stated this Stadium funding option will put pressure on the Permanent Improvement Fund (PI) and cash flows of both the PI Funding and the General Fund. Matt Lauvrey (NRSD internal accountant) and Mr. Lewis determined a private sale was the best option, however when the private sale reached \$6 million dollars it did not make sense financially and for interest rates. Matt Stout from Bricker and Eckler (our council) agreed, Mr. Lewis agreed but need to hear what the finance committee had to say. All parties agree to the process and there will be some intense work in the next 6-9 weeks, with Patrick King, Matt Stout, and Matt Lauvrey, to get it done and in the middle of an audit. Mr. Lewis is confident the work will get completed due to the great people involved.

Mr. Hart stated one of his concerns is that this is a general obligation for the district and questioned Mr. King if this is a general obligation of the district. Mr. King concluded that it is not a general obligation. Mr. King explained the general obligation is the highest standard, the most secure type of security within a school district can access, which is done with a vote. Mr. King stated this is not a general obligation however it is a certificate of participation. He

explained a general obligation bond is a common type of municipal bond in the United States that is secured by a state or local government's pledge to use legally-available resources, including tax revenues, to repay bondholders, and a certificate of participation is a tax-exempt lease-financing agreement that is sold to investors as securities resembling bonds. Mr. King stated that this is a safe investment.

Mike Mendenhall from MCS and Associates stated he was part of the K-5 project and excited to continue their efforts for the stadium project. Mr. Mendenhall introduced the Chief Operating Officer, Holly McLean. Ms. McLean will be part of the beginning stages of the stadium project.

Mrs. Bammerlin questioned what can be expected after the January board meeting. Mr. Lewis stated we will start moving forward on the funding and how that will fit with the design development phase. There will be work with the increment/decrement list as well as the 5-year forecast, completing the audit, and working on the funding.

Superintendent Reports

- Stadium Project Update
 - Clay Keith & Robertson Construction

Mr. Schmidt reviewed the Robertson Document dated 1/16/23 pertaining to the schematic design. These numbers have not changed from the presentation at the December AFMP committee meeting.

- Growth and Development Watch

Upcoming SWLWSD meeting- someone from the district will attend

Work Continues with Cooperative strategies

- Cafeteria
 - Clean Audit and Commendations
- Booster's Fundraising - efforts continue
- Board Recognition Month

Thank you to the board members for their service to the district.

- Offer free breakfast for the month of February - utilize federal funds to provide free breakfast to all students, a joint recommendation from Mrs. Lewis and the ODE representative completing the cafeteria audit.

23-012 It was moved by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to approve the Superintendent recommendation to provide free breakfast for all students during the month of February.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin aye; Mrs. Creager aye; Mr. Hart aye; Mr. Wiggins aye.
The President declared passed without dissent

Board

- Legislative
- AFMP
- Superintendent and Treasure Goals

Mr. Hart shared legislative information pertaining to the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives.

Mrs. Bammerlin stated the final AFMP meeting will be held Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

The Board shared they have reviewed the Superintendent and Treasure objective and goals from the past few months. At the Organization Meeting on January 12, 2023, it was discussed to change the goals and objectives and select two for both the Superintendent and Treasure. The measure will be to focus on the updated goals and objectives over the next 6 months to ensure success.

6. Consent Agenda - Treasurer's Recommendations

6.1 Approve Monthly Financial Reports

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve the Monthly Financial Reports as approved by Finance Committee as submitted on January 13, 2023.

6.2 Approve Donations

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve the following donations:

- Donation from Northridge PTO for MS PBIS --Prize Wheel in the amount of \$122.76
- Donation from Licking County Foundation -- Amy Hall, 2022 Leaders for Learning Award, in the amount of \$1000
- Donation from Edward Guirlinger -- 3D Printer, Vinyl Letter Cutting machine, new printer w/ extra drum and computer, in the amount of \$800

6.3 Approve Estimated Resources and Appropriations

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve estimated resources and appropriations

- 1.) Increase in appropriations in the amount of \$9,749.53 for FY 2022 Title VI-B Fund (516-9022).

Increase in estimated resources and appropriations in the amount of \$9,137.67 for FY 2023 Title VI-B Fund (516-9023).

Increase in estimated resources and appropriations in the amount of \$10,425.46 for FY 2023 Title I School

Improvement Supplement Fund (536-9023).

Decrease in estimated resources and appropriations in the amount of \$191.74 for FY 2023 Title III Fund (551-9023).

Increase in appropriations in the amount of \$1,875.73 for FY 2022 Title I-A Fund (572-9022).

Increase in estimated resources and appropriations in the amount of \$4,586.84 for FY 2023 Title 1-A Fund (572-9023). Increase in estimated resources and appropriations in the amount of \$1,770.10 for FY 2023 Expanded Opportunities Early Childhood Fund (572-9023).

Increase in estimated resources and appropriations in the amount of \$4,556.24 for FY 2023 IDEA Early Childhood Spec Ed Fund (587-9023).

Increase in estimated resources and appropriations in the amount of \$513.61 for FY 2023 Title II-A (590-9023).

These changes were a result of the FY 2022 Grants being closed

- 2.) Increase in estimated resources in the amount of \$801.93 for the HS Principal Fund (018-9004).

Increase in estimated resources in the amount of \$691.32 for the MS Principal Fund (018-9005).

Increase in estimated resources in the amount of \$1,272.03 for the EL Principal Fund (018-9012).

These increases are a result of the Current Negotiated Agreement regarding the transfer of remaining tuition monies.

6.4 Approve Inter-fund Transfers

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve the following inter-fund transfers

Approve the transfer in the amount of \$801.93 from the General Fund to the HS Principal Fund (018-9004).

Approve the transfer in the amount of \$691.32 from the General Fund to the MS Principal Fund (018-9005). Approve the transfer in the amount of \$1,272.03 from the General Fund to the EL Principal Fund (018-9012). These transfers are a result of the Current Negotiated Agreement regarding the transfer of remaining tuition monies.

7. Consent Agenda - Superintendent’s Recommendations

7.1 Approve Classified Five (5) Year Contracts Extensions

Recommended Action: Approve Five (5) Contract Extensions for the following managerial positions, contract extension effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

Position	Last Name	First Name
Assistant Treasurer	Kyle	Rowena
Food Service Director	Lewis	Carley
Maintenance Supervisor	Liggett	Dave

7.2 Approve Classified Three (3) Year Contracts

Recommended Action: Recommendation for employment of the following Classified Personnel on a Three (3) Year Limited Contract, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026

Position	First Name	Last Name
Accountant	Lauvray	Matt

7.3 Approve Classified Substitutes for the 2022-2023 School Year

Recommended Action: 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 2022-2023 school year pending favorable reports of the content of the BCI/FBI check and meeting all other employment requirements.

Position	First Name	Last Name
Sub Custodian	Wayne	Peterman

7.4 Acknowledge Resignations

Recommended Action: Recommendation to acknowledge the resignation of the following individual:

- Allison Johnson, effective December 30, 2022 as accepted by the Superintendent on January 3, 2023.
- Sylina Elliotte, effective January 3, 2023 as accepted by the Superintendent on January 4, 2023.

7.5 Approve Volunteers

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve the following as a volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year pending a favorable report on the content of the BCI and/or FBI check or Criminal Background Screening (BIB) and meeting all other volunteer requirements. [(A) = Athletic Volunteer]

Last Name	First Name
Daley	Jo Ann
Van Kirk	Barbara
Bingham	Jamie
Shreve	Agata

Somerville	Laurelann
Somerville	Jeffrey
Wood	Christina

7.6 Approve Athletic Supplemental Coaches

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve the following Athletic Supplemental positions for the 2022-2023 school year pending a favorable report on the content of the BCI and/or FBI check and meeting all other employment requirements. [*Non-Teacher]

Position	Last Name	First Name	Step	Rate of Pay
MS Game Day Coordinator (Winter)	Blume	Brian	2	\$3641.00

7.7 Approve Field Trips

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve the following Field Trips:

- 1) ES 4th Grade Science Program, The Works, Feb 21, 2023 - Newark, OH, 2 buses, 86 students
- 2) ES 1st Grade Study Animals, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, May 18, 2023 - Columbus, OH, 2 buses, 83 students
- 3) HS Rotary Ethics and Leadership Conference, OSU-Newark/COTC, Jan 25 -Newark, OH, 1 bus, 21 students

7.8 Approve FMLA for Certified Staff

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve FLMA for Jennifer Ulery for a one-year period commencing January 11, 2023.

Since Leave will be unscheduled total amount utilized cannot exceed 12 weeks during the one-year period.

7.9 Approve Fund Raisers

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve the following fundraisers for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Northridge Viking Innovations (200-9127) - Viking Valentine - Student Sold - January 30, 2023 to February 14, 2023
- HS Musical (200-9116) - T-Shirt Sales - Student/Teacher Sold online - February, 1, 2023 to March 13, 2023
- HS Musical (200-9116) - HS Musical Program Ad Sales - Student Sold - February 1, 2023 to March 13, 2023
- HS Musical (200-9116) - HS Musical Ticket Sales - Student Sold online - February 24, 2023 to March 26, 2023
- HS Musical (200-9116) - Concessions/Flowers Sale - Student Sold - March 24, 2023 to March 26, 2023

7.10 Approve Payment-in-Lieu of Transportation – Moved to section 9

7.11 Approve Home Instruction Hours

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve an Intervention Specialist to provide at home instruction and support to a Middle School student, starting January 17, 2023, home instruction hours not to exceed 15 hours per week at the rate of \$25 per hour for a certified teacher.

7.12 Approved 2023-2024 School Calendars

Recommended Action: Recommend to approve the K-12 and Preschool School Calendars as submitted on 1/13/2022

7.13 Approve Early High School Graduation

Recommended Action: Recommendation to approve early graduation for high school student Eshak Dahal

8. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the above consent recommendations.

22-013 It was moved by Mr. Hart and seconded Mrs. Bammerlin by to approve Treasurer & Superintendent consent agenda items.

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

9. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Recommended Action Recommendation to approve Payment-in-Lieu of Transportation Waiver Contract for the 2022- 2023 school year in lieu of providing transportation upon completion and verification at the end of this school year for the following:

1. Crystal Blake for Lilly Blake, 106 Sharon Road SW, Pataskala, to Madison Christian - Groveport, Groveport, OH

22-014 It was moved by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to table the above removed recommendation(s) for the consent agenda

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mrs. Creager, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Wiggins, aye.
The President declared the motion tabled and asked Mr. Lewis to review.

10. Separate Consideration Items

10.1 Motion to approve Resolution Declaring Intent to Proceed with Election on the Question of the Renewal of an Emergency Tax Levy

Recommended Action APPROVE RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO PROCEED WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EMERGENCY TAX LEVY (Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.194 - 5705.197)

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO PROCEED
WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION
OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EMERGENCY TAX LEVY

(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.194 - 5705.197)

Renewal Emergency Levy

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2022, the Board passed a resolution (the “Resolution of Necessity”) declaring the necessity, in order to renew all of the existing tax levy, to raise the amount of \$2,100,000 for each year that said levy is in effect, for a period of five years, and upon the entire territory of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of Licking County, Ohio (the “County Auditor”) has certified to the Board that an estimated annual levy of 5.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which is \$192.50 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor’s appraised value, will be required to produce the annual amount set forth in the Resolution of Necessity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Northridge Local School District, Licking, Delaware and Knox Counties, Ohio, a majority of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. The Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of such renewal emergency tax levy (the “Emergency Levy”) to the electors of the School District.

Section 2. The question of the Emergency Levy shall be submitted to all the electors in the entire territory of the School District at the election to be held on May 2, 2023 (the “Election Date”) at the usual voting places within the School District. All of the territory of the School District is located in Licking, Delaware and Knox Counties, Ohio.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Northridge Local School District, Licking, Delaware and Knox Counties, Ohio for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, in the sum of \$2,100,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 5.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$192.50 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value, for a period of five years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed to and shall certify, not later than February 1, 2023 (which date is not less than 90 days prior to the Election Date), to the Board of Elections of Licking County, Ohio (the “Board of Elections”) a copy of the Resolution of Necessity and a copy of this resolution together with the amount of the average tax levy, expressed in mills for each \$1 of taxable value, as well as in dollars for each \$100,000 of appraised value, as estimated by the County Auditor.

Section 5. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed and shall certify to the Board of Elections that the Emergency Levy will run for a period of five years and that the Emergency Levy will include a levy on the 2024 tax list and duplicate (2025 collection year) if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Mr. Schmidt stated this is the second step of a two-step process to put this before the voters for approval. Just a reminder the emergency tax levy is a name of the funding opportunity. It does not indicate the district is in emergency status. It is a renewal for operation funds used in the district.

Mr. Lewis stated there has not been a new operating levy since 2009. This is a renewal and not new money.

Mrs. Bammerlin stated the Finance Committee has discussed and this levy is critical for the 5-year forecast and used for operating funds for the district.

Mr. Wiggins states this is different than the Permanent Improvement funds, which is the funds used for the projects with a life span of 5-years or more. The emergency levy is used in the classrooms to teach the students.

Mr. Hart stated this particular levy is fixed at \$2.1 million and will not increase. The auditor will continue to monitor, recalculate based on property values.

23-015 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mrs. Creager to approve recommendation 10.1 Intent to Proceed with Election.

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

10.2 Consulting Services Proposal

Recommended Action Recommendation to approve Consulting Services Proposal from MCS & Associates, Ltd.

Mr. Schmidt recommended hiring MCS and Associates for the to support the Stadium project, the Board and community heard what they would be offering.

Mr. Hart stated he is not particularly fond of spending the funds for the Stadium project but does support Mr. Mandenhall and Associates be involved in the Stadium project.

Mrs. Bammerlin mentioned MCS and Associates bring to us expertise as they have been working on serval stadium projects. This is what the district needs to be successful and under budget.

23-016 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mr. Wiggins to approve recommendation 10.2 Consulting Service Proposal.

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

10.3 Amend Supplemental Contracts List for the 22-23 School year and approve Supplemental Contracts

Amend the supplemental contract list for the 2022-2023 school year only to include: HS Musical Director Group VI and amend Elementary K-3 Music Program Director to read Elementary 2-3 and add Elementary K-1 Music Program Director Group X.

Position	Last Name	First Name	Step	Rate of Pay
HS Musical Director	Nguyen	Jace	0	\$2,210
Elementary Music Program Director K-1	Nilsen	Siri	0	\$737

*Typo had step 1 on agenda, minutes reflect corrected typo step, step 0

23-017 It was moved by Mrs. Creager and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to approve recommendation 10.3 Amend Supplemental Contracts.

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

10.4 Approve Certificates of Participation for School Facilities Project

Recommended Action Motion to approve resolution Authorizing the lease-purchase financing of \$6,000,000 for School Facilities Projects.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A BASE LEASEHOLD INTEREST IN CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT LAND AND FACILITIES TO A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY AND A LEASE BACK OF SUCH LAND AND NEW OR IMPROVED SCHOOL FACILITIES FROM SAID THIRD-PARTY ENTITY, ALL PURSUANT TO A BASE LEASE AND LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TRUST INDENTURE WITH A TRUSTEE AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF SUCH LEASEHOLD INTERESTS TO THE TRUSTEE; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION EVIDENCING PROPORTIONATE INTERESTS IN RENT TO BE PAID BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION UNDER SAID BASE LEASE AND LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF OTHER DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS RELATING THERETO; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the School District is in need of constructing, improving, furnishing, and equipping school facilities, including, but not limited to, constructing and improving an athletics stadium with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto (collectively, the “Project Facilities”); and

WHEREAS, in order to finance the costs of constructing, improving, furnishing, and equipping of the Project Facilities (the "Project") pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.375, it is determined to be necessary and appropriate to undertake a lease-purchase financing as described herein; and

WHEREAS, the principal amount to be financed for the costs of the Project and the costs associated with issuing the Certificates (as defined herein), as authorized by this Resolution, shall not exceed \$6,000,000; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, LICKING, DELAWARE, AND KNOX COUNTIES, OHIO THAT:

- i. 1. It is hereby determined to be necessary and in the best interest of the inhabitants of the School District that the Board, on behalf of the School District, construct, improve, furnish, and equip, or cause to be constructed, improved, furnished, and equipped, the Project in accordance with the plan of lease- purchase financing described in this Resolution. The Project Facilities shall be constructed or are located on land (referred to herein as the "Project Site") owned by the School District, as such Project Site and Project Facilities will be more particularly described in the Agreement (as defined herein). In addition, certain of the Project Facilities financed under the plan of lease-purchase financing described herein may be constructed, improved, furnished, equipped and installed on other properties and buildings owned by the School District, which properties shall not be included within the Project Site but which nonetheless may be financed with proceeds from the Certificates.
- ii. 2. The Board shall lease the Project Site and the Project Facilities located thereon on a non-exclusive basis for use in common with the School District (the "Base Leasehold Interest") to a third-party entity (the "Lessor"), which Lessor shall be as determined by the Treasurer of the Board (the "Treasurer") and set forth in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer (as defined herein), pursuant to the terms of a Base Lease and Lease-Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement"). The term of the Base Leasehold Interest shall run not later than five years beyond the final renewal term of the Lease-Purchase Interest (as defined herein). The rental payments, if any, due for the Base Leasehold Interest shall be set forth in the Agreement.
- iii. 3. The Board shall lease the Project Site and the Project Facilities located or to be constructed thereon back from the Lessor pursuant to the terms of the Agreement (the "Lease-Purchase Interest"). The Agreement shall require the Board, as agent for the Lessor, to construct or cause to be constructed the Project Facilities, and shall provide, among other things, for the payment of rent (referred to herein as "Rent") from the Board to the Lessor. Rent shall be payable in periodic installments over the term of the Agreement, in such amounts and at such times as shall be determined by the Treasurer and reported to this Board in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer. The Agreement shall provide for termination in the event the Board fails to appropriate funds adequate to pay rent due with respect to any renewal term.

The initial term of the Lease-Purchase Interest (the "Initial Term") shall be until June 30 of the fiscal year in which the Agreement is entered into. The Board shall have the right to renew the Lease-Purchase Interest for a series of additional one-year (or partial-year) renewal terms equivalent in duration to the lesser of the useful life of the Project Facilities, as determined by the Treasurer, or 15 years (the "Maximum Term"), which Maximum Term shall be calculated from the date of December 1, 2023. Such renewal terms of the Lease-Purchase Interest will begin on July 1 of the fiscal year after the Initial Term, and will continue on July 1 of each year thereafter through and including the last renewal term, which shall end on a date that is not later than the Maximum Term. The Treasurer shall determine the term of the Agreement, subject to such limitations, and report the same to this Board in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer. The President of the Board (the "President") and the Treasurer are authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Board the Agreement with the Lessor. The President and the Treasurer shall approve the form and content of the

Agreement on behalf of the Board and consistent with this Resolution, and such officers' execution of the Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, the Base Leasehold Interest and the Lease-Purchase Interest may be conveyed through two separate leases, and, where appropriate, references to the Agreement in this Resolution shall be read to include both leases.

- i. 4. The Board hereby consents to and approves the assignment of the Agreement from the Lessor to a bank to be determined by the Treasurer, as trustee (the "Trustee"), and the execution of a Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") with the Trustee relating to the collection and distribution of rental payments and the execution and delivery of the Certificates of Participation (Northridge Local School District, Licking, Delaware, and Knox Counties, Ohio School Facilities Project), Series 2023 (Evidencing Proportionate Interests in Rent to be Paid by the Board of Education of the Northridge Local School District, Licking, Delaware, and Knox Counties, Ohio) (the "Certificates"). The Indenture and form of Certificates shall be in such form, not inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution, as the Treasurer shall determine. The Certificates may be issued in one or more series provided that the total principal amount of all series of the Certificates shall not exceed \$6,000,000.

The final terms of sale of the Certificates, and the resulting terms of the Agreement and the Indenture, including but limited to the interest rate, financed amount, maximum term, amortization schedule, redemption provisions, and the name of the Lessor, shall be as determined by the Treasurer and reported to this Board in a Certificate of Fiscal Officer Relating to Terms of the Certificates (the "Certificate of Fiscal Officer"). The Treasurer is authorized to arrange for the establishment of a debt service reserve fund, if necessary, in connection with issuance of the Certificates, if in the Treasurer's judgment such debt service reserve fund would result in a cost savings to the School District.

- i. 5. The Treasurer shall sell the Certificates to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated or to such other purchaser or purchasers (collectively, the "Original Purchaser") as the Treasurer shall designate in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer at the purchase price set forth in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer. The Treasurer, the President, and the Superintendent of the School District (the "Superintendent"), or any of them individually, are authorized to execute on behalf of the Board a certificate purchase agreement with the Original Purchaser, setting forth the conditions under which the Certificates are to be sold and delivered, which agreement shall be in such form, not inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution, as the Treasurer shall determine.

The proceeds from the sale of the Certificates, except the premium and accrued interest thereon, shall be used for the purpose aforesaid and for no other purpose. Any accrued interest received from such sale shall be transferred to the fund created under the Indenture to be used for payment of principal and interest on the Certificates (the "Certificate Fund"), and be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates. Any premium received from the sale of the Certificates may be used to pay the financing costs of the Certificates, within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 133.01(K), or be deposited into the Certificate Fund. 6. The distribution of an Offering Circular of the School District, in preliminary and final form, relating to the original issuance of the Certificates is hereby authorized if the Treasurer determines that it is necessary or advisable to prepare and distribute an Offering Circular in connection with the original issuance of the Certificates. If the Treasurer so determines, then the Treasurer and the President are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, prepare and execute, on behalf of the School District and in their official capacity, the Offering Circular and any supplements thereto as so executed in connection with the original issuance of the Certificates, and they are authorized and directed to advise the Original Purchaser in writing regarding limitations on the use of the Offering Circular and any supplements thereto for purposes of marketing or reoffering the Certificates as they deem necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the School District. The Treasurer and the President are each authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the School District and in their official capacities, such certificates in connection with the accuracy

of an Offering Circular, in either preliminary or final form, and any supplements thereto as may, in their judgment, be necessary or appropriate.

- i. 7. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to obtain or update a rating or ratings on the Certificates and the School District if the Treasurer determines that it is necessary or advisable in connection with the original issuance of the Certificates. If the Treasurer so determines, then the Treasurer, Superintendent, and any officer of this Board are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to obtain such rating or ratings, including paying the rating fees imposed by any rating agency.
- ii. 8. The Treasurer is authorized to make appropriate arrangements, if the Treasurer deems it in the best interest of the School District, for the issuance of a municipal bond insurance policy with respect to all or any portion or series of the Certificates, including executing and delivering a commitment therefor and certificates and other documents in connection therewith and paying the insurance premium related thereto. All additional provisions required to be authorized by this Board for the issuance of a municipal bond insurance policy shall be contained in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer.
- iii. 9. The Board agrees to execute and perform the Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof. The Board agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Indenture insofar as they relate to the Board and the School District, and further agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of such additional documents and agreements relating thereto as shall be deemed, by the Treasurer or the President, in their discretion, to be necessary or appropriate in connection with the financing herein described, and such additional documents and agreements shall not be inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution.
- iv. 10. Nothing in the Agreement, the Indenture, the Certificates, or any agreements or documents relating thereto shall constitute or be construed or deemed to constitute a debt or bonded indebtedness or a general obligation of the Board, the School District, or any agency of the School District. Neither the taxing power nor the full faith and credit of the School District are pledged or shall be pledged for the payment or security of the Agreement, the Indenture, the Certificates, or any other related agreement or document.
- v. 11. The Treasurer may determine to issue all or any series or portion of the Certificates as obligations that the interest thereon is excluded from the gross income of the holders of the Certificates for federal income tax purposes, and the following provisions of this Section shall apply to such Certificates (or series or portions thereof):

The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with the requirements of all existing and future laws which must be satisfied in order that interest on the Certificates is and will continue to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, including without limitation restrictions on the use of the property financed with the proceeds of the Certificates so that the Certificates will not constitute "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Board further covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the Certificates in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the Certificates are issued, so that they will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code and the regulations prescribed thereunder (the "Regulations").

The Treasurer, or any other officer of this Board, is hereby authorized and directed (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval or waiver on behalf of the Board with respect to the Certificates as permitted or required to be made or given under the federal income tax laws, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or the status of the Certificates or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing any rebate amount or any payment of penalties, or making any payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, any excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by the Treasurer,

which action shall be in writing and signed by the Treasurer, or any other officer of this Board, on behalf of the Board; (b) to take any and all actions, make or obtain calculations, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the Board, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Certificates; and (c) to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the Board, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances, and reasonable expectations of the Board pertaining to Section 148 and the Regulations, and the representations, warranties and covenants of the Board regarding compliance by the Board with Sections 141 through 150 of the Code and the Regulations.

The Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate records pertaining to the use and investment of all proceeds of the Certificates sufficient to permit, to the maximum extent possible and presently foreseeable, the Board to comply with any federal law or regulation now or hereafter having applicability to the Certificates that relates to the use of such proceeds, which limits the amount of Certificate proceeds which may be invested on an unrestricted yield or requires the Board to rebate arbitrage profits to the United States Department of the Treasury. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to file such reports with, and rebate arbitrage profits to, the United States Department of the Treasury, to the extent that any federal law or regulation having applicability to the Certificates requires any such reports or rebates.

- i. 12. The Board hereby approves of the appointment of the law firm of Bricker & Eckler LLP to serve as special counsel to the School District with respect to the lease-purchase financing and the issuance of the Certificates as set forth in this Resolution. The fees to be paid to such firm shall be subject to review and approval by the Treasurer and shall not exceed the fees customarily charged for such services.
- ii. 13. The officer having charge of the minutes of the Board and any other officers of the Board, or any of them individually, are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and certify a true transcript of proceedings pertaining to the Certificates and to furnish a copy of such transcript to the purchaser. Such transcript shall include certified copies of all proceedings and records of the Board relating to the power and authority of the Board to issue the Certificates and certificates as to matters within their knowledge or as shown by the books and records under their custody and control, including but not limited to a general certificate of the Treasurer and a no-litigation certificate of the President and the Treasurer, and such certified copies and certificates shall be deemed representations of the Board as to the facts stated therein. Scanned and transmitted electronically and electronic and digital signatures shall be deemed original signatures for said transcript of the Certificates, for the purposes of this Resolution, and for all matters related thereto, with any such scanned, electronic, and digital signatures having the same legal effect as original signatures.

The Treasurer and the President are hereby authorized and directed to take such action (including, but not limited to, hiring such professionals or consultants as may be needed to facilitate the issuance of the Certificates) and to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Board, the Agreement and such additional agreements, certificates, instruments, documents, and other items as may be in their discretion necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the intent of this Resolution. Such documents shall be in the form not substantially inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution, as they in their discretion shall deem necessary or appropriate.

- i. 14. The net proceeds of the Certificates are hereby appropriated for the payment of the costs of constructing, improving, furnishing, and equipping of the Project Facilities and for the payment of fees related to the lease-purchase financing and the issuance of the Certificates as set forth in this Resolution.

There is further appropriated, from unappropriated funds to be deposited or currently on deposit in the general fund and/or permanent improvement fund of the School District, a sum not to exceed \$250,000 to pay the cost of Rent payments due or coming due during the Initial Term of the Agreement. In the event that the Initial Term of the Agreement does not end on June 30, 2023 and the Rent payments due in such Initial Term exceed the aforementioned

appropriated amount, the Treasurer is further authorized and directed to provide for the payment of such additional Rent payments due or coming due under the Agreement from any funds lawfully available that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose.

Mr. King stated the proposal does not obligate the Board to do anything should circumstances changes. It is capped at \$6 million and capped at 15 years. There is a 6% interest rate that is capped as well.

Mrs. Bammerlin mentioned she was glad to hear Mr. King state it is a resolution to allow the district to start moving forward and look at financing. This allows the district to look and figure out what the interest rates will be. The Finance Committee viewed and passed the resolution.

Mr. Wiggins stated Mr. King provided a summary of the resolution at the Finance Committee meeting which made it easy to understand and comprehend the proposal process. It was also helpful to the Finance Committee to understand.

Mr. Lewis described the Finance Committee resolution: "For Purpose of the Stadium Project the Finance Committee recommends a public offering finance option for 15-year term up to \$6 million plus interest and fees currently estimated at \$2.1 million."

Mr. Hart declared he continues to oppose the nature of the expenditures because of the funds being used. The funds being used its tying up virtually all the Permanent Improvement funds for the next 5 years. He explained his opposition but states he love the Stadium Project and the great work the AFMP committee did to create the project but does not feel it should be afforded in this manner.

23-018 It was moved by Mrs. Bammerlin and seconded by Mrs. Creager to approve the above recommendation.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mrs. Creager, aye; Mr. Hart, nae; Mr. Wiggins, aye;
The President declared the motion carried 3-1.

10.5 Approve Schematic Design Phase of Stadium Project

Recommended Action Approve the Schematic Design (SD) Phase of the stadium project as presented and continue with Design Development (DD) phase.

Mr. Hart questioned the longevity of the turf life and if there is a replacement plan. Mr. Schmidt explained the longevity based on use and appropriate maintenance should be able to expect 12 years or more. Mr. Lewis stated there is a place holder in the increment/decrement list for replacement at 12 years if needed.

Mr. Lewis stated he wants to go through the increment/decrement list to ensure the financial numbers. Mr. Schmidt specified it needs to be updated with the current timeline. Mr. Wiggins declared he wants to make sure this project is not going to have a negative impact to the community. Mr. Hart stated he is opposed for the same reason stated for the previous motion.

23- 019 It was moved by Mrs. Creager and seconded by Mrs. Bammerlin to approve recommendation 10.5 Schematic Design Phase of Stadium Project.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin, aye; Mrs. Creager, aye; Mr. Hart, nae; Mr. Wiggins, aye;
The President declared the motion carried 3-1.

11. Unscheduled Visitors General Comments (5 minutes per comment, Maximum

Mrs. Dufner – Ohio Department of Education (ODE)
Mr. Miller – Masking

12. Business Initiated by members of the Board -- None

13. Announcements

13.1 General Announcements

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

Regular Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 Time: 6:30PM Location: District Office

13.3 Reaffirm Time and Place of Next Committee Meetings

Academic Excellence Date: Thursday, January 26th, 2023 Time 6:30PM Location: Elementary Media Center

Finance Date: Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 Time 6:00PM Location; District Office

AFMP Date: Thursday, February 2nd, 2023 at 6:30 PM; District Office and Zoom

14. Executive Session- None

15. Adjourn Meeting

15.1 Adjourn the Meeting

Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

23-020 It was moved by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mrs. Creager to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bammerlin aye; Mrs. Creager aye; Mr. Hart aye; Mr. Wiggins aye.

The President declared passed without dissent.

_____ Board President

_____ Treasurer

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