The North Fork Board of Education met for organizational purposes on Monday, January 12, 2026, at Utica Senior High School, 260 Jefferson Street, Utica, OH 43080.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cooperider at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hartley.

The ADMINISTRATION OF "OATH OF OFFICE" TO ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Farrah Cooperider Dr. Rob Krueger Mr. Daniel Pargeon

The following members were present at roll call: Mrs. Jordan Atherton, Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, Dr. Rob Krueger, Mr. Daniel Pargeon, and Mrs. Debra Paxton.

Election of Officers

2026-01-0001

1.1 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to elect Dr. Rob Krueger as Board President.

Yea: Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger, Mr. Pargeon – 5
Nay: - 0
The president ruled the motion carried.

President Krueger assumed the Chair.

2026-01-0002

1.2 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, to elect Mrs. Farrah Cooperider as Board Vice President.

Yea: Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger, Mr. Pargeon – 5
Nay: - 0
The president ruled the motion carried.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested, and the following responded:

- None

2026-01-0003

Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, to approve the following standing authorizations:

2.1 Advances on Tax Settlements
Authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the County Auditors when funds are available and payable to the school district.

2.2 Investment of Interim Monies
Authorize the Treasurer to invest interim monies as per Board Policy 6144 at the most productive interest rate whenever funds are available.

2.3 Payment of Bills
Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as they are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.

2.4 Employment of Treasurer's Office Personnel
Authorize the Treasurer to employ Personnel as needed. Any employment that exceeds 20 consecutive days in the same assignment is to be presented to the Board for approval at the next regular Board meeting.

2.5 Public Records Training
Authorize the Treasurer to attend public records training in lieu of the board members and serve as the public records designee.

2.6 Modifications to Appropriations and Transfers
Authorize the Treasurer to make modifications to appropriations and to make fund transfers or advances when necessary. A list of these changes is to be given to the board at the regular monthly meeting following the transfer or advance.

2.7 Blanket Purchase Order Maximum
Authorize the Treasurer to set the blanket purchase order maximum at $25,000.00.

2.8 Service Fund
Authorize the establishment of a Service Fund in the amount of $2.00 per student for a total of $2,966.00 from the FY2027 appropriation #001-2310-410-001 to reimburse the Board members for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. For the purpose of establishing this Service Fund, the Board certifies the number of students to be 1,483.

2.9 Appointment of Purchasing Agent
Authorize the Superintendent to serve as the Purchasing Agent for the school district.

2.10 Employment of Personnel
Authorize the Superintendent to employ Personnel as needed. Any employment that exceeds 20 consecutive days in the same assignment is to be presented to the Board for approval at the next regular Board meeting.

2.11 Resignation of Personnel
Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided, however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

2.12 Appointment of Federal Project Agent
Authorize the Superintendent to serve as Agent of Federal Projects.

2.13 Application for Funds and Grants
Authorize the Treasurer, or designee, to apply for appropriate local, state, and or federal funds and grants.

2.14 Tax Incentive Revenue Council
Appoint Scott Hartley, Superintendent, or his designee, to represent the North Fork Local School District as a member of the Tax Incentive Revenue Council (TIRC) for the 2026 calendar year.

2.15 Payments Over Contract Amounts
Authorize the Superintendent, or his designee, to approve payments over contract-specified amounts when overtime is necessary. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to make said payment above the contract amount for overtime that has been approved.

2.16 Accept Donations
Authorize the Superintendent or Treasurer to accept all donations to the school district on behalf of the Board of Education.

2.17 Official Newspaper
The Board designates *The Mount Vernon News* as the Official Newspaper, pursuant to North Fork Local Board of Education Bylaw 0154.

2.18 Agenda, Meeting Notification Requests
Authorize those persons who are residents of the North Fork Local School District requesting copies of the schedule of meetings, agenda, or notice of individual meetings to receive such free of charge for the calendar year 2026. Individuals wishing to receive these communications must submit a written request annually.

2.19 Regular Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

The Board establishes that it will meet each month at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted, on the dates and at the locations listed on the following 2026 Board Calendar.

January 12 (Second Monday)
Organizational Meeting 6:00 p.m.
followed by the Regular Meeting
Utica Sr. High School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

January 28 (*Wednesday*)
Planning Meeting
9:00 A.M.
Utica Sr. High - Rm. 106
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

February 9 (*Second Monday*)
Utica Middle School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

March 16
Utica Elementary School*
367 Church Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

April 20
Newton Elementary School*
6645 Mount Vernon Road
Newark, Ohio 43055

May 18
Utica Sr. High School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

June 8 ***(Planning Meeting)***
9:00 a.m.
Utica Sr. High School – Rm. 106
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

June 22 (Fourth Monday)
Utica Sr. High School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

July 20
Utica Elementary School*
367 Church Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

August 17
Utica Sr. High School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

September 21
Newton Elementary School*
6645 Mount Vernon Road
Newark, Ohio 43055

October 19
Utica Middle School*
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

November 16
Utica Elementary School*
367 Church Street
Utica, Ohio 43080

December 14 (Second Monday)
Newton Elementary School*
6645 Mount Vernon Road
Newark, Ohio 43055

2.20 Strategic Planning and Capital Improvement Committee Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

Approve the following meeting dates for the **Strategic Planning Committee** and the **Capital Improvement Committee**:

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
(*Times and Locations TBA*)

Monday, March 2, 2026
Monday, June 1, 2026
Monday, September 14, 2026
Monday, December 7, 2026

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
(*Times and Locations TBA*)

Monday, March 2, 2026
Monday, June 1, 2026
Monday, September 14, 2026
Monday, December 7, 2026

2.21 Facility Use for North Fork SACC

Authorize facility use at Utica Elementary and Newton Elementary for North Fork SACC, at no charge to the provider, per AG7510B, Category 2: Community Groups Affiliated with the Schools."

Yea: Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Atherton, Dr. Krueger, Mr. Pargeon – 5
Nay: - 0
The president ruled the motion carried.

2026-01-0004

Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mr. Pargeon, that the board designate Mrs. Paxton to serve as Legislative Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association and appoint Mrs. Cooperider as alternate.

Yea: Mrs. Paxton, Mr. Pargeon, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider, Dr. Krueger – 5
Nay: - 0
The president ruled the motion carried.

2026-01-0005

Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to designate Mrs. Atherton to serve as Student Achievement Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association for the calendar year 2026.

Yea: Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Atherton, Dr. Kruger, Mr. Pargeon – 5
Nay: - 0
The president ruled the motion carried.

2026-01-0006

Board Appointments
Per Board Policy By-Law 0155, the board appointed the following representatives to the following committees:

Strategic Planning Committee: Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider

Capital Improvement Committee: Dr. Krueger, Mr. Pargeon

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC
Public comment was requested, and the following responded:

- None

Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the meeting be adjourned.

Yea: Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Atherton, Dr. Krueger, Mr. Pargeon, Mrs.Paxton – 5
Nay: - 0
The president ruled the motion carried.

Time: 6:24 p.m.

Rob Krueger, President

Kellie Breehl, Treasurer