NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA



Dr. Robert Krueger, President
Mrs. Farrah Cooperider, Vice President
Mrs. Jordan Atherton, Member
Mr. Daniel Pargeon, Member
Mrs. Debra Paxton, Member

Mr. Scott Hartley, Superintendent
Mrs. Kellie Breehl, Treasurer

Meeting Date: April 20, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location:
Newton Elementary School
6645 Mount Vernon Road
Newark, Ohio 43055

0169.1 - **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. The Board offers public participation to members of the public in accordance with the procedures below. The Board applies these procedures to all speakers and does not discriminate based on the identity of the speaker, content of the speech, or viewpoint of the speaker.

The Board is also committed to conducting its meetings in a productive and efficient manner that assures that the regular agenda of the Board is completed in a reasonable period of time, honors the voluntary nature of the Board's time and using that time efficiently, and allows for a fair and adequate opportunity for input to be considered. Consequently, public participation at Board meetings will be governed by this bylaw.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at all public meetings of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
B. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the designated public participation portion(s) of a meeting.
C. Participants must first be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
D. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration unless extended by the presiding officer.
E. During the portion of the meeting designated for public participation, no participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
F. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
G. The presiding officer may:
    1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's session when they make comments that are repetitive, obscene, and/or comments that constitute a true threat (i.e., statements meant to frighten or intimidate one (1) or more specified persons into believing that they will be seriously harmed by the speaker or someone acting at the speaker's behest).
    2. request any individual to stop speaking and/or leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum or is disruptive to the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;
    3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;
    4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;

The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a vote of the Board.

The Board may permit individuals to attend meetings remotely through live broadcast; however, public participation will be limited to those who are in attendance at the meeting site only. The Board is not responsible for any technology failures that prevent or disrupt any individual from attending remotely.

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Revised 11/21/16
Revised 10/15/18
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Attn: Board of Education

Please allow two to three weeks to answer your question.

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: _____

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Atherton_____ Cooperider_____ Krueger_____ Pargeon_____ Paxton_____

RECOGNITIONS

REPORTS:

1. Superintendent

2. Treasurer/Curriculum Budget

WORK SESSION

- **NEOLA Additions/Revisions**

First Reading
8500 Food Services (Operations)

Second Reading
2431.06 (New) Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) in Athletics (Program)
3440 Job-Related Expenses (Professional Staff)
4440 Job-Related Expenses (Classified Staff)
5112 Entrance Requirements (Students)
5223 Released Time for Religious Instruction During the School Day (Students)
(continued)

5421	Grading (Students)
5422	Weighted Grading (Students)
5430	Class Rank (Students)
6220	Budget Preparation (Finances)
6320	Purchasing and Bidding (Finances)
6325	Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds (Finances)
6423	Use of Credit Cards (Finances)
6424	Procurement Cards (Finances)
6425 (New)	Use of District Tax Exempt Certificate (Finances)
6460	Vendor Relations (Finances)
6465 (New)	Affinity, Rewards, or Other Discount Programs (Finances)
7540.09	(Replacement) Artificial Intelligence ("AI") (Property)

- **OFCC – Informational**

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

I. It is recommended that the Board waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

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II. It is recommended that the Board approve and certify the attached list of seniors for graduation on May 17, 2026, providing that all requirements set forth by the North Fork Board of Education and the State Department of Education have been met.

(Item 2A)

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

III. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel actions:

Certified

3.1 Approve the Licking Regional Educational Service Center Certificated Substitute List No. 11 for the 2025-2026 school year.

(Item 3A)

3.2 Accept a letter of resignation from Clayton Chaffin, high school teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

(Item 3B)

3.3 Approve the employment of Elizabeth Biedron in the position of elementary teacher on a one-year limited contract for the 2026-2027 school year, pending proper certification and background checks; compensation to be Step 2 of the Bachelor's scale of the NFEA Negotiated Agreement.

(Item 3C)

3.4 Approve the following certificated staff members to be awarded one-year limited contracts for the 2026-2027 school year; compensation to be as per the NFEA Negotiated Agreement.

Madison Clapp	Ruby Goddard	Abigail Parsil
Caitlynn Curtin	Peyton Liggett	Kenneth Poland
Lauren Gilcrest	Chelsea Lively	Kelsey Wilson

3.5 Approve the following certificated staff members to be awarded two-year limited contracts for the 2026-2027 school year; compensation to be as per the NFEA Negotiated Agreement.

Parker Caples	Cody Duke	Joseph Moorehead	Adam Schreiner
Lora Ellen Carter	Holly Fahner	Natalie Pullin	Rebecca Wallace
Brooklynn Cutrone	Jessica Mather	Karen Schmitt	

3.6 Approve the following certificated staff members to be awarded three-year limited contracts for the 2026-2027 school year; compensation to be as per the NFEA Negotiated Agreement.

Brittany Carruthers	Chandra Gardner	Lenae Marston	Christopher Trost
Cameron Drake	Sydney Harrison	Leslie O'Bryan	Jennifer Trost
Lindsey Ellinger	Caleb Hickman	Allisha Rauch	Mindy von Freymann
Lareese Evers	Tami Hughes	Shawn Sapp	Bethany Watson
Laura Ewing	Jeremy Krausz	Kimberly Stalling	Jennifer Wygle
Susan Fairbanks	Ashley Lange	Jamie Taylor	Jessica Yancey

Extra Service/Supplemental

3.7 Approve the following supplemental positions for the 2026-2027 school year, pending proper certification and background check:

Name	Position	Level	Step
Cody Duke	Cross Country Head Coach	2	1

3.8 Employ Mason Bowen on an Extra Service Contract for summer computer cleaning under the supervision of the Technology Supervisor, effective May 18, 2026, not to exceed 40 hours per week, payable by timesheet; total hours not to exceed 400 hours at the rate of $12.00 per hour.

3.9 Employ Carson Andres on an Extra Service Contract for summer computer cleaning under the supervision of the Technology Supervisor, effective May 18, 2026, not to exceed 40 hours per week, payable by timesheet; total hours not to exceed 400 hours at the rate of $10.00 per hour.

3.10 Approve extended service time for the following for the 2026-2027 school year:

Middle School Dean of Students	15 days
Middle School Guidance Counselor	15 days
Middle School Vocational Agriscience Teacher	20 days
High School Guidance Counselor (2)	20 days
High School Vocational Agriscience Teacher	40 days
Work-Based Learning (WBL) Teacher	5 days
Technology Training Coordinator	40 days
Technology Coordinator	40 days
Technology Support Coordinator	20 days

Classified

3.11 Accept a letter of resignation from David Casto, mechanic, effective at the end of the day on March 13, 2026.

3.12 Accept a letter of resignation from Sarah Phillips, paraprofessional aide, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

(Item 3E)

3.13 Accept a letter of resignation from Ashton Fletcher, instructional aide – health, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

(Item 3F)

3.14 Accept a letter of resignation from Payton Nelson, instructional aide, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

(Item 3G)

3.15 Approve the following classified staff member to be awarded a one-year limited contract for the 2026-2027 school year; compensation to be as per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Dianna Finkle Jodi Ramsey Christain Williams

3.16 Approve the following classified staff members to be awarded two-year limited contracts for the 2026-2027 school year; compensation to be as per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Jaclyn Bennett	Rebecca Hamilton	Gabriela Palacios	Virginia Yarnelli
Shelbi Bixler	Cindy May	Trisha Ware	
Christina Ford	Janet McQuigg	Steven Williams	

3.17 Approve the following classified staff members to be awarded continuing contracts for the 2026-2027 school year; compensation to be as per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Bart Hufford	James Wilfong	Melissa Wray
Andrew Spaulding	Melissa Woodard	Brandon Wygle

3.18 Approve the non-renewal of the contract of Terri Thompson, food service server, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

3.19 Approve increasing the hours per day for the high school head cook and the middle school head cook to eight (8) hours per day, effective with the 2026-2027 school year.

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3.20 Approve the following classified substitute for the 2025-2026 school year:

Chelsea Tischner

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

IV. *Items pulled out for separate consideration.*

4.1 _____

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Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

4.2 _____

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Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

V. It is recommended that the Board approve the following financial actions:

5.1 Approve the financial and reconciliation reports for the Month of March 2026.

5.2 Approve bills as presented for March 2026 and payment of bills with "Then and Now" certificates.

5.3 Authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to issue purchase orders in accordance with Board Policy 6400.

5.4 Approve the following resolution:

ADOPTION OF UPDATED OASBO 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Education maintains a 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) has issued an updated model plan document;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the updated OASBO 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Document, effective, which supersedes all prior versions.

5.5 Approve the following resolution:

ADOPTION OF UPDATED OASBO 403 (B) PLAN DOCUMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education maintains a 403(b) Plan Document for eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) has issued an updated model plan document;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the updated OASBO 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Document, which supersedes all prior versions.

5.6 Approve the curriculum budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y	N	A
Cooperider	Y	N	A
Krueger	Y	N	A
Pargeon	Y	N	A
Paxton	Y	N	A

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VI. *Items pulled out for separate consideration.*

6.1 _____

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Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

6.2 _____

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Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

VII. Other Board Action – It is recommended that the Board:

7.1 Approve adoption of the following policy revisions/additions/deletions:

2431.06 (New) Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) in Athletics (Program)
3440 Job-Related Expenses (Professional Staff)
4440 Job-Related Expenses (Classified Staff)
5112 Entrance Requirements (Students)
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Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
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7.2 Approve the following volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Michael Hunter Benjamin Posey Aubrey Rodeniser

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

7.3 Approve the following students for early graduation, provided that all requirements set forth by the North Fork Board of Education and the State Department of Education have been met.

Tyler French Kaylee Linger Rayna Spergin Kanon White

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

7.4 Approve an overnight trip to Manchester University in North Manchester, IN, for the girls wrestling team to attend camp from June 11, 2026, through June 14, 2026.

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

7.5 Approve an overnight trip to Manchester University in North Manchester, IN, for the boys wrestling team to attend camp from June 14, 2026, through June 18, 2026.

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

7.6 Approve the Negotiated Agreement between the North Fork Education Association (NFEA) and the North Fork Local School District Board of Education, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

7.7 Approve the Negotiated Agreement between the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local 709 (OAPSE) and the North Fork Local School District Board of Education, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

7.8 Approve the agreement with Strategic Management Solutions for E-Rate consulting services for funding year 2026.

(Item 7A)

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

7.9 Approve reserving one (1) 2027, 72-passenger conventional Cummins gasoline school bus, with Rush Bus Centers, through META Solutions Bus Bid for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y N A
Cooperider	Y N A
Krueger	Y N A
Pargeon	Y N A
Paxton	Y N A

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7.10 Approve the purchase of a 10-passenger, 2026 Ford Transit van.

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y	N	A
Cooperider	Y	N	A
Krueger	Y	N	A
Pargeon	Y	N	A
Paxton	Y	N	A

BOARD DISCUSSION

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

VIII. It is recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion_____ Second_____

Carried/Failed ____ to ____

Atherton	Y	N	A
Cooperider	Y	N	A
Krueger	Y	N	A
Pargeon	Y	N	A
Paxton	Y	N	A

Time: _____

Next Meeting: May 18, 2026

Location: Utica Senior High School
260 Jefferson Street
Utica, OH 43080

Time: 6:00 p.m.