The North Fork Board of Education met in Regular session on Monday, April 20, 2026, at Newton Elementary School, 6645 Mount Vernon Road, Newark, OH 43055.

The meeting was called to order by President Krueger at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hartley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of the Treasurer, President Krueger appointed himself Treasurer Pro Tempore, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3313.23.

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

RECOGNITIONS

- None

REPORTS:

1. **Superintendent** – Mr. Hartley – State Testing is taking place; graduation reminder; 24 school days left.

2. **Treasurer** – Curriculum budget presented by Stephanie Kimpel

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)
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 Presentation** – Representatives from the OFCC presented information for possible future participation.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC
Public comment was requested, and the following responded:
- None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS
- None

OLD BUSINESS
- None

NEW BUSINESS

2026-04-0042

Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting.

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

2026-04-0043

Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, 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.

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

2026-04-0044

Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

Chelsea Tischner

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

2026-04-0045

Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, 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.

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

2026-04-0046

7.1 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve the 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)
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Yea: Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Atherton, Dr. Krueger, Mr. Pargeon – 5
Nay: - 0
The president ruled the motion carried.

2026-04-0047

7.2 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mr. Pargeon, that the Board approve the following volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Michael Hunter Benjamin Posey Aubrey Rodeniser

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

2026-04-0048

7.3 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton that the Board 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

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

2026-04-0049

7.4 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the board 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.

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

2026-04-0050

7.5 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to 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.

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

2026-04-0051

7.6 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, to 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.

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

2026-04-0052

7.7 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mr. Pargeon, to 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.

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

2026-04-0053

7.8 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve the agreement with Strategic Management Solutions for E-Rate consulting services for funding year 2026.

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

2026-04-0054

7.9 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to 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.

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

2026-04-0055

7.10 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve the purchase of a 10-passenger, 2026 Ford Transit van.

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

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

- None

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

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

Time: 7:13 p.m.

Next Meeting: **May 18, 2026**

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

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Rob Krueger, President

Kellie Breehl, Treasurer