The North Fork Board of Education met in Regular session on Monday, March 16, 2026, at Utica Elementary School, 367 Church Street, Utica, OH 43080.

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

Mr. Hartley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Maintenance Department
- Mr. Hickman – FFA Award

REPORTS:

1. **Superintendent** – Mr. Hartley – Administrators will be attending job fairs. We are beginning the fourth grading period. Spring break is coming up.

2. **Treasurer** – Mrs. Breehl – Thanked the Strategic Plan's Finance Team.

3. **Committees**
   - Strategic Planning - Update

WORK SESSION

NEOLA Additions/Revisions

First 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)

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

- None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

2026-03-0024

Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, Regular Meeting.

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

2026-03-0025

Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, that the Board approve the following personnel actions:

Certified

2.1 Approve the Licking Regional Educational Service Center Certificated Substitute List No. 10 for the 2025-2026 school year.

2.2 Accept a letter of resignation from Julie Baker, elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year for the purpose of retirement.

2.3 Accept a letter of resignation from Mark Bowman, high school teacher, effective August 18, 2026, for the purpose of retirement.

2.4 Accept a letter of resignation from Randy Felumlee, high school teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year for the purpose of retirement.

2.5 Accept a letter of resignation from Paul Gregory, high school teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year for the purpose of retirement.

2.6 Accept a letter of resignation from Melissa Pfister, elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year for the purpose of retirement.

2.7 Accept a letter of resignation from Kimberly Stalling, high school teacher, effective October 7, 2026, for the purpose of retirement.

Extra Service/Supplemental

2.8 Approve the following supplemental positions for the 2025-2026 school year, pending proper certification and background check:

Name	Position	Level	Step
Stephanie Kimpel	After School Intervention (UE)	4	0

2.9 Accept a letter of resignation from Kaytlin Poland as district mail courier effective June 30, 2026.

2.10 Accept a letter of resignation from Korena Broseus as an on-bus instructor (OBI) effective February 17, 2026.

Classified

2.11 Approve an FMLA leave request for Payton Nelson, effective March 2, 2026, through the end of the day on May 22, 2026.

2.12 Accept a letter of resignation from Valerie Ramsey, transportation driver, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year for the purpose of retirement.

Administrative

2.13 Approve a four-year contract for Brett Ballinger as Elementary Principal, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030; compensation to be at the Elementary Principal's rate of the Administrative Salary Schedule.

2.14 Accept a letter of resignation from Chris Kamenski, Middle School Principal, effective July 1, 2026.

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

2026-03-0026

Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, that the Board approve the following financial actions:

4.1 Approve the financial and reconciliation reports for the month of February 2026.

4.2 Approve bills as presented for February 2026 and payment of bills with "Then and Now" certificates.

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

4.4 Approve the following appropriation modifications:

Appropriation Modifications

	Fund	***Original Appropriation***	***Increase/ Decrease***	***Total Appropriation***
Miscellaneous State Grants	*499*	-		
			13,500.00	*13,500.00*

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

2026-03-0027

6.1 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the Board the following volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Cassity Baker	David Morris	Esther Rudolph	Megan Zander
Jeffery Hindel	Khrista Ogle	Michael Sheets	

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

2026-03-0028

6.2 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, that the Board approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jessica Quinif	Track	Miranda McElroy	Softball

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

2026-03-0029

6.3 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mr. Pargeon that the Board approve the "Leader in Me" agreement effective February 28, 2026, through February 27, 2028.

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

2026-03-0030

6.4 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, that the board approve the Exclusive Beverage Agreement with G & J Pepsi-Cola Bottlers, Inc., effective February 15, 2026, through February 14, 2031.

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

2026-03-0031

6.5 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve the North Fork Local School District to renew its membership, including paying the required dues, with the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2026-2027 school year and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

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

2026-03-0032

6.6 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, to approve the Licking Regional Educational Service Center's Business Community Advisory Council's plan for 2025-2026.

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

2026-03-0033

6.7 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve the JAMF renewal agreement for iPad Cloud management, effective May 31, 2026 – May 30, 2027.

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

2026-03-0034

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

Hayvun Firman Serenity Johnson Hunter Roark Aden Webster

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

2026-03-0035

6.9 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve a high school Credit Recovery Camp targeting non-graduating seniors and credit-deficient juniors to be held June 1 – 12, 2026. The number of teachers is dependent on the final number of students. Final grades will be used to determine the final need.

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

2026-03-0036

6.10 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve the offering of a summer school program, if needed, for Utica Elementary and Newton Elementary students.

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

2026-03-0037

6.11 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to table approving 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. Paxton, Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Atherton, Dr. Krueger, Mr. Pargeon – 5
Nay: - 0
The president ruled the motion carried.

2026-03-0038

6.12 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve an overnight trip to the Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, WV, for the Utica High School girls' golf team from June 7, 2026, through June 9, 2026.

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

2026-03-0039

6.13 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, to approve an FFA trip to the National Soils Competition from May 4 – 8, 2026, in Oklahoma.

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

2026-03-0040

6.14 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with C-TEC for a Career Connections program for grades 6 – 8 as a program of C-TEC at Utica Middle School, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

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

2026-03-0041

6.15 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with C-TEC for a Pre-Engineering program for grades 6 – 8 as a program of C-TEC at Utica Middle School beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Yea: Mr. Pargeon, Mrs. Cooperider, Mrs. Atherton, 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. 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: 6:43 p.m.

Next Meeting:	**April 20, 2026**
Location:	Newton Elementary School 6645 Mount Vernon Road Newark, OH 43055
Time:	**6:00 p.m.**

Rob Krueger, President

Kellie Breehl, Treasurer