The North Fork Board of Education met in Regular session on Monday, February 9, 2026, at Utica Middle School, 260 Jefferson 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

- None

REPORTS:

1. **Superintendent** – Mr. Hartley – Approaching the end of the third grading period; Kim Stalling is this year's recipient of the "You Made a Difference Award."

2. **Treasurer** – Mrs. Breehl – Forecast presentation

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment was requested, and the following responded:

- Bethany Simon – school calendar
- Kayla Jones – school calendar

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

- 6.3 - Removed

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

2026-02-0017

Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, Organizational Meeting, the January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting, and the January 28, 2026, Planning Meeting.

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

2026-02-0018

Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mr. Pargeon, that the Board approve the following personnel actions:

Certified

2.1 Approve the Licking Regional Educational Service Center Certificated Substitute List No. 9 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Extra Service/Supplemental

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

Name	Position	Level	Step
Scott Daubert	Softball Assistant Coach	4	0

Classified

2.3 Approve the employment of David Casto in the position of transportation mechanic on a one-year limited contract effective January 26, 2026, pending proper certification and background checks; compensation to be Step 12 of the T-3 scale of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Non-Degree

2.4 Approve the following as non-degree substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year, pending proper certification and background checks:

Eileen Lewellen Latavia Murrell

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

2026-02-0019

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

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

4.2 Approve bills as presented for January 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 forecast as submitted by the Treasurer.

4.5 Approve the "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor."

4.6 Approve the following appropriation modifications:

	Fund	Original Appropriation	Increase/ Decrease	Total Appropriation
Debt Fund	*002*	*788,456.00*	*45,208.89*	*833,664.89*

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

2026-02-0020

6.1 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the Board approve an overnight trip to Sandusky, Ohio, for the Utica High School volleyball team to participate in the Cedar Point Spiketacular from July 16 – 18, 2026.

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

2026-02-0021

6.2 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the Board approve the revised student calendars for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.

Yea: Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Pargeon – 3
Nay: Mrs. Paxton, Dr. Krueger - 2
The president ruled the motion carried.

6.3 *Removed in agenda adjustments.*

2026-02-0022

6.4 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the board approve the Strategic Plan draft with The Impact Group.

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

2026-02-0023

6.5 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve the following volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Ashley Humphrey Jennifer Piper Bethany Swetnam

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

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

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

Time: 6:51 p.m.

Next Meeting: **March 16, 2026**

Location: Utica Elementary School
367 Church Street
Utica, OH 43080

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

Rob Krueger, President

Kellie Breehl, Treasurer