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

The meeting was called to order by President Krueger at 6:24 p.m.

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
School Board Recognition Month

REPORTS:
1. **Superintendent** – Mr. Hartley – Calamity Day reminders, Welcome – board members

2. **Treasurer** – Mrs. Breehl – Update

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

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS
- 6.5 - Removed

OLD BUSINESS
- None

NEW BUSINESS

2026-01-0007

Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting.

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

2026-01-0008

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. 8 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
Clayton Chaffin	Track Assistant Coach (50%)	4	0

Administration

2.3 Accept the resignation of Tracey L. Smith, School Psychologist, effective January 12, 2026.

Classified

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

Chelsea Arsenault

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

2026-01-0009

Mrs. Paxton 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 December 2025.

4.2 Approve bills as presented for December 2025 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.

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

2026-01-0010

6.1 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the Board approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO SECURE TAX ADVANCES FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS, the North Fork Local School District (the "District") desires to reduce cash balance variability; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to increase its interest earnings on higher cash balances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the North Fork Local School District, Licking County, Ohio, authorizes the Treasurer to secure property tax advances from the Licking County Auditor on its behalf.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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

2026-01-0011

6.2 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, that the Board approve Argyle Photography as the district's photographer for individual student photos 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.

2026-01-0012

6.3 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve the following volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Tasha Little Leslie Marcelain

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

2026-01-0013

6.4 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve an FFA trip to the Next Gen Conference from March 2 – 7, 2026, in North Carolina. This trip is at no cost to the board.

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

2026-01-0014

6.6 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mr. Pargeon, to approve a study abroad trip to Northern Italy for Utica High School students. Current trip dates are June 4 – 12, 2027. This trip is at no cost to the board.

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

2026-01-0015

6.7 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, to approve the contract with Best Life Therapy for school psychology services for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

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

- None

2026-01-0016

Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, that the Board go into Executive Session, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), for the purpose of discussing the employment of an employee or official. No action was to be taken after the executive session.

Time: 6:50 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:47 p.m.

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: 7:48 p.m.

Next Meeting:	**January 28, 2026 (*Planning meeting)***
Location:	Utica Senior High School Room 106 260 Jefferson Street Utica, OH 43080
Time:	**9:00 a.m.**

Rob Krueger, President

Kellie Breehl, Treasurer