The North Fork Board of Education met in Regular session on Monday, May 18, 2026, at Utica Senior High 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
2025-2026 Retirees

- Julie Baker, Mark Bowman, Randy Felumlee, Paul Gregory, Melissa Pfister, Valerie Ramsey, Kimberly Stalling

REPORTS:

1. **Superintendent** – Mr. Hartley
   - Thank you to all who attended graduation and the senior class advisors for a great event.
   - Congratulations to our retirees for the 2025-2026 school year.
   - We have four days of school left. Thank you to all staff.

2. **Treasurer** – Food Service Report and Legislative Update

WORK SESSION

- **NEOLA Additions/Revisions**

  Second Reading
  8500 Food Services (Operations)

- **Strategic Plan – Goal 2**

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

- Becky Green – Mechanic's hourly wage, SEC Program

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

- Remove 7.12
- Add "January 2027" to 7.26

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

2026-05-0056

Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026, Regular Meeting.

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

2026-05-0057

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

Time 6:26 p.m.

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

The Board returned to open session at 7:17 p.m.

2026-05-0058

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

Certified

3.1 Accept a letter of resignation from Christopher Trost, elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

3.2 Approve the employment of Kody Taylor in the position of athletic trainer on a one-year limited contract for the 2026-2027 school year, pending proper certification and background checks; compensation to be Step 11 of the Bachelor's scale of the NFEA Negotiated Agreement.

3.3 Approve the employment of Kyler Dickey in the position of intervention specialist on a one-year limited contract for the 2026-2027 school year, pending proper certification and background checks; compensation to be at Step 1 of the Master's scale of the NFEA Negotiated Agreement.

3.4 Approve the employment of Jacey Hartman 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 at Step 1 of the Bachelor's scale of the NFEA Negotiated Agreement.

3.5 Approve Madison Maize as a long-term substitute at Utica Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year.

3.6 Approve the certified substitute daily rates, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, as follows:

Degree Substitute	$120.00	Non-Degree Substitute	$100.00

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
Brad Kittle	Cross Country Assistant Coach	4	5
Abbie Taylor	Cheerleading Advisor HS (Fall)	3	4
Lee Ann Renner	Cheerleading Assistant Advisor HS (Fall)	5	5
Kandice Wise	Cheerleading Advisor MS (Fall)	4	2
Lisa Ritzer	Volleyball Head Coach	1	5
Alexandra Keith	Volleyball Assistant Coach	3	5
Lora Ellen Carter	Volleyball Assistant Coach	3	0
Laura Gilmore	Volleyball Assistant Coach	3	5
Tatum Thompson	Volleyball Assistant Coach	3	1
Laurie Londot	Volleyball Assistant Coach	3	5
Joe Bousquet	Golf Head Coach (Boys)	2	5
Pam Vickers	Golf Head Coach (Girls)	2	4
Doug Lunsford	Golf Coach MS	5	4
Brett Bousquet	Golf Assistant Coach (Boys) 50%	5	2
Randy Whisner	Golf Assistant Coach (Boys) 50%	5	5
Charlie Rowley	Football Head Coach	1	5
Brandon Wygle	Football Assistant Coach	3	5
Cameron Drake	Football Assistant Coach	3	5
Jamie Taylor	Football Assistant Coach	3	5
Michael Heckman	Football Assistant Coach	3	5
James Meek	Football Assistant Coach	3	5
Jay Campbell	Football Assistant Coach	3	5
Mark Smith	Football Assistant Coach (50%)	3	5
Kirsten Watts	Marching Band Director	2	5
Michael Twymon	Marching Band Assistant Director	6	4
Peyton Liggett	Majorette/Flag Corps Advisor	5	0
Micah Keith	Basketball Head Coach (Girls)	1	5
Brandi Baker	Basketball Assistant Coach (Girls)	3	1
Brandi Smith	Basketball Assistant Coach (Girls)	3	1
Kyler Dickey	Basketball Assistant Coach (Girls)	3	0
Laura Gilmore	Basketball Assistant Coach (Girls)	3	5
Mark Rakoczy	Wrestling Head Coach	1	5
Brandon Wygle	Wrestling Assistant Coach	3	5
Cameron Drake	Wrestling Assistant Coach	3	0
Jamie Taylor	Wrestling Assistant Coach	3	5
Ashley Bauer	Wrestling Assistant Coach	3	3
Spencer Kendall	Basketball Head Coach (Boys)	1	5
Ronnie Smith	Basketball Assistant Coach (Boys)	3	0
Brody McDaniel	Basketball Assistant Coach (Boys)	3	3

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Chad Kegler	Basketball Assistant Coach (Boys)	3	4
Zachary Walton	Basketball Assistant Coach (Boys)	3	1
Ken Harper	Basketball Assistant Coach (Boys)	3	0
Joe Beaubien	Bowling Head Coach	4	2
C. J. Tilley	Bowling Assistant Coach	5	2
Abbie Taylor	Cheerleading Advisor HS (Winter)	3	4
Lee Ann Renner	Cheerleading Assistant Advisor HS (Winter)	5	5
Kandice Wise	Cheerleading Advisor MS (Winter)	4	2

3.8 Approve extra service contracts for the following people for the summer maintenance crew, effective June 1, 2026, not to exceed 40 hours per week, per person; total hours not to exceed 520 hours per person at the rate of $17.40 per hour.

Kyler Dickey Hanna Dolby Deb Parker Shawn Sapp

3.9 Approve the following individuals as Credit Recovery Camp instructors at Utica High School from June 1 – 12, 2026; compensation to be at the Home Instruction Tutor's rate of the NFEA Negotiated Agreement, payable by timesheet.

Cody Duke Carly Sumption

Classified

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

Lisa Anderson

3.11 Approve the substitute rates, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, as follows:

Instructional Aide	$13.18	Grounds Keeper	$19.86
Transportation Aide	$13.18	Head Maintenance	$19.86
Paraprofessional	$14.37	Records Clerk	$14.37
Building Services	$17.40	Secretary	$15.59
Food Service Server	$13.18	Driver w/o CDL	$16.79
Food Service Cashier	$13.70	Driver with CDL	$17.62
Head Cook	$14.52	Vehicle Mechanic	$17.88

Administrative

3.12 Approve the Middle School Principal's calendar to be 223 days per year, effective with the 2026-2027 school year.

3.13 Approve Brian Radabaugh as Middle School Principal on a 3-year limited contract effective with the 2026-2027 school year; compensation to be at Step 20 of the Middle School Principal's scale of the Administrative Benefits Package. He will continue as Athletic Director through the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

3.14 Approve the July 1, 2026, - June 30, 2029, Administrative Salary and Benefit Handbook.

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

2026-05-0059

Mrs. Paxton 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 April 2026.

5.2 Approve bills as presented for April 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 a three-year agreement with Julian & Grube, Inc. to prepare the GAAP Compilation for the district's financial report.

5.5 Approve the following appropriation modifications:

	Fund	Original Appropriation	Increase/ Decrease	Total Appropriation
Data Communications Fund	*451*	*8,000.00*	*234.00*	*8,234.00*

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

2026-05-0060

7.1 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve the adoption of the following policy revisions/additions/deletions:

8500 Food Services (Operations)

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

2026-05-0061

7.2 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, that the Board approve the General Services Contract with the Licking Regional Educational Service Center for one year from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

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

2026-05-0062

7.3 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, that the Board approve the Early Education Services for Children with Disabilities Contract with the Licking Regional Educational Service Center for one year from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

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

2026-05-0063

7.4 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, that the board approve the student fees, as presented, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Newton and Utica Elementary Schools Utica Middle School Utica High School

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

2026-05-0064

7.5 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve the student handbooks, as presented, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Newton and Utica Elementary Schools Utica Middle School Utica High School

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

2026-05-0065

7.6 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton, to approve the Athletic Handbook, as presented, for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

2026-05-0066

7.7 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Coooperider, to approve an overnight trip to Ashland University in Ashland, OH, for the high school football team to attend team camp from July 16, 2026, through July 17, 2026.

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

2026-05-0067

7.8 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mr. Pargeon, to approve an overnight trip to the Cedar Point Sports Complex in Sandusky, Ohio, for the high school girls' basketball team to attend camp from June 18, 2026, through June 20, 2026.

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

2026-05-0068

7.9 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve an overnight trip to the Eastern Ohio Sports Complex in Sherrodsville, Ohio, for the high school boys' basketball team to attend camp from June 21, 2026, through June 23, 2026.

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

2026-05-0069

7.10 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve an overnight trip to Lancaster, Ohio, for the Utica FFA Chapter's officers to attend the officer retreat from June 23, 2026, through June 26, 2026.

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

2026-05-0070

7.11 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve an overnight trip to Carrollton, Ohio, for the Utica FFA Chapter to attend the Ohio FFA Camp from July 6, 2026, through July 10, 2026.

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

7.12 *(Removed in Agenda Adjustments)*

2026-05-0071

7.13 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve reestablishing the Dean of Students in the middle school, effective 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.

2026-05-0072

7.14 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Paxton to approve the lunch rates for the 2026-2027 school year:

Elementary $2.80 Middle School/High School $3.30

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

2026-05-0073

7.15 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve an overnight trip from November 18 – 20, 2026, for seventh-grade students to attend Outdoor Education at the Heartland Retreat in Marengo, Ohio.

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

2026-05-0074

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

Grace Marston Riccilynn Taylor

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

2026-05-0075

7.17 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve the Apple Inc. proposal in the amount of $65,383.50 for the purchase of iPads, cases, and keyboards.

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

2026-05-0076

7.18 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve the renewal with OASIS Trust as the district's dental insurance carrier for the period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027, at the following rates:

Single Rate	Family Rate
$49.64	$106.78

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

2026-05-0077

7.19 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve Medical Mutual as the district's health insurance carrier for the period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, at the following rates:

Single Rate	Family Rate
$967.50	$2,411.25

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

2026-05-0078

7.20 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve the software agreement with Intellinetics to provide nonfinancial employee budget access services for the district.

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

2026-05-0079

7.21 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mr. Pargeon, to approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2026-2027 school year:

Jessica Quinif	Cross Country	Brock Wygle	Football, Wrestling
Carly Sumption	Cheerleading	Jacob Rohrbaugh	Football
Brandi Baker	Volleyball	Tracy Givens	Marching Band
Doug Vickers	Golf (Girls)	Andy Hollis	Marching Band
Stacey Lambert	Golf (Girls)	Howard Hill	Basketball (Boys)
Josh Lambert	Golf (Girls)	Clint White	Basketball (Boys)
Scott Webster	Football	Rob Krueger	Basketball (Boys)
Collin McCullough	Football	Jessica Lyon	Bowling

Yea: Mrs. Cooperider, Mr. Pargeon, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Paxton – 4
Nay: - 0
Abstain – Dr. Krueger - 1
The president ruled the motion carried.

2026-05-0080

7.22 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve the renewal agreement with Veregy to manage the district's peak load demand to limit annual demand fees charged by electricity generators.

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

2026-05-0081

7.23 Mrs. Paxton moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve an agreement with Woodhull Copiers, Printers, and Software Solutions to replace and upgrade district copiers and software.

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

2026-05-0082

7.24 Mrs. Cooperider moved, seconded by Mrs. Atherton, to approve the Tuition Payment Agreement between North Fork Schools and Rachel Norris for College Credit Plus coursework, funded through Title II-A, ESEA Federal Grant funds.

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

2026-05-0083

7.25 Mrs. Atherton moved, seconded by Mr. Pargeon, to approve the following resolution:

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
RESOLUTION RESCINDING REQUEST
FOR THE OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION
TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCOPE, ESTIMATED BASIC PROJECT COST & LOCAL SHARE
IN THE
CLASSROOM FACILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAPSED)

WHEREAS, the School District now desires to rescind the previously submitted resolutions dated **December 19, 2017, January 19, 2022, December 13, 2022 & May 18, 2023**; and

WHEREAS, the School District understands that with rescission of the previously submitted resolution seeking the approval to establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget) and estimated school district portion (local share), the School District will no longer receive approval at the previously requested time from the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the **North Fork Local School District, Licking County, Ohio** the School District, after further deliberation, rescinds the previous Resolution that sought to have the Ohio School Facilities Commission establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost for the Classroom Facilities Assistance project in accordance with the provisions of ORC Section 3318.054.

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

2026-05-0084

7.26 Mr. Pargeon moved, seconded by Mrs. Cooperider, to approve the following resolution:

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE
OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION
TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCOPE, ESTIMATED BASIC PROJECT COST & LOCAL
SHARE IN THE CLASSROOM FACILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAPSED)

WHEREAS, the conditional approval of the School District has lapsed and, as provided in ORC Section 3318.054, the School District seeks a new conditional approval of the project; and

WHEREAS, ORC Section 3318.054, provides that a lapsed School District may request that a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) be established by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (Commission); and

WHEREAS, the School District is requesting that the Commission establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost prior to resubmitting the ballot measures to the electors; and

WHEREAS, the project scope and estimated costs established shall be valid for one year from the date of approval by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the School District acknowledges the Commission recommendation that the School District engage a design and construction professional to assist in the review of the information presented in the Facilities Assessment Report. The School District has provided any information available to aid in the identification of any areas of concern for conditions, which cannot be readily observed by standard assessment procedures throughout the School District's facilities and the School District acknowledges that the scope of services provided by the professional authoring the Facilities Assessment Report does not include invasive facilities and grounds investigation; and

WHEREAS, the School District acknowledges that neither the School District nor the Commission has control over conditions which are hidden or otherwise unknown at the conclusion of the assessment report and master facilities plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the **North Fork Local School District, Licking County, Ohio** requests the Commission establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost for the Classroom Facilities Assistance project in accordance with the provisions of ORC Section 3318.054, at the **January 2027** Commission meeting.

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:

- Bethany Simon – New website

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

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

Time: 7:54 p.m.

Next Meeting:	June 8, 2026 (***Planning Meeting***)	June 22, 2026 (***Regular Meeting***)
Location:	Utica Senior High School Room 106 260 Jefferson Street Utica, OH 43080	Utica Senior High School 260 Jefferson Street Utica, OH 43080
Time:	**9:00 a.m.**	**6:00 p.m.**

Rob Krueger, President

Kellie Breehl, Treasurer