



# North Olmsted City Schools School Board News



(A FYI report of recent School Board action)

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the North Olmsted public schools—a partnership of students, staff, parents, and community dedicated to excellence—is to ensure all students learn skills and knowledge to thrive in their future education and work, by providing superior educators, programs and services, and expectations which maximize each student's abilities and aspirations.

### March 21, 2011 6:30 PM Special Board of Education Meeting, Administrative Offices Board Room, 27425 Butternut Ridge Road

The meeting was called to order, and the roll call was taken. The Board Members present were: John Lasko, Joanne DiCarlo, Mike Raig, Terry Groden and Tom Herbster. The Board members recessed to Executive Session to continue the evaluation of the Superintendent and the Treasurer.

### March 22, 2011 6:30 PM Special Board of Education Meeting, Administrative Offices Board Room, 27425 Butternut Ridge Road

The meeting was called to order, and the roll call was taken. The Board Members present were: John Lasko, Joanne DiCarlo, Mike Raig, Terry Groden and Tom Herbster. The Board members recessed to Executive Session to continue the evaluation of the Superintendent and the Treasurer.

### April 9, 2011 9:00 AM Special Board of Education Meeting, Administrative Offices Board Room, 27425 Butternut Ridge Road

The meeting was called to order, and the roll call was taken. The Board Members present were: John Lasko, Joanne DiCarlo, Mike Raig, Terry Groden and Tom Herbster. The Board members recessed to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding possible Reduction in Force.

### April 20, 2011 7:30 PM Regular Board of Education Meeting, Administrative Offices Board Room, 27425 Butternut Ridge Road

The meeting was called to order, and the roll call was taken. The Board Members present were: John Lasko, Joanne DiCarlo, Mike Raig, Terry Groden and Tom Herbster.

### Under Announcements:

Vera Brewer announced the following: Jared Anderson and Mason Pavlos, NOMS 7<sup>th</sup> graders, took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their division for the **Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out!** writing competition sponsored by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Beachwood, Ohio. They attended the recognition ceremony at Severance Hall on April 11, 2011 with their teacher Claudia Bestor, and Principal Tom Dreiling. A feature story in the Westlife on April 6, 2011 talks about the partnership between **Birch Primary School and the Wellington Place Assisted Living** facility in North Olmsted. Principal Frank Samerigo has been working with Marissa Barda – the activities coordinator at Wellington Place - to have senior residents read to the children. **Butternut Primary** students were featured on Channel 19's news on April 18, 2011 with Mrs. Hoon's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class who organized a **Shoes for Souls** drive for needy children in Afghanistan. The drive was the idea of Jazmine Mullins, whose dad is currently serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. View the clip on the district website. Information flyers on fundraisers to benefit the **North Olmsted Relay for Life** teams are on the information table. This year's **Relay for Life will be held on June 18 and 19, 2011 at the High School stadium.** LOG ON to Relay for Life/North Olmsted for complete details. The Westshore Regional CERT – **Community Emergency Response Team** – is hosting a fundraiser on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Rocky River Brewing Company. The flyer on the information table has complete details.

**Pine Intermediate School** held a **Pint Size Hero Blood Drive** at their school on March 21, 2011. The Red Cross was deeply grateful for their efforts and to Lynne Furin, a parent who helped at the blood drive and coordinated the donor appointment schedule. The **Top Scholars for the Class of 2011** were recognized at a breakfast with their Principal, Jeff Stanton, and guidance counselors. **Top Scholars are: Megan Luck, Meghan Drews, Tai Vo, and Jack Szeltner.** They are featured in our monthly school page in the Westlife and on the district website.

The High School musical **Oklahoma** will be performed on April 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> in the High School cafeteria starting at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. We all deeply mourn the loss of our very own John Kepperley. His spirit will be present as his passion for our students and our community live on through their music and the many activities he was involved in. John was also very involved with the **Olmsted Historical Society and Frostville Museum.** A full schedule of their events is available in the flyer on the information table. The line up of family friendly events includes an 1860 Vintage Baseball game in June. The **Polaris Career Fair** on March 30, 2011 was successful in placing job seekers with hiring employers. There were 1,200 job seekers and 106 hiring employers in attendance.

Visit the **district website** at [www.northolmstedschools.org](http://www.northolmstedschools.org) for a complete list of dates for the many activities, concerts and special events now until the end of the year. Visit the home page and click on **"Join our Mailing List"** – follow the prompts to be added to the list. **Alumni** are also now plugged into the website – click on the **"Alumni"** tab off the homepage to sign up for updates, and to view alumni information, including a complete list of upcoming reunions. The **SITES** (Social Involvement Through Education and Service) service-learning program at NOHS offered several mini-grants from the Learn and Serve Ohio Model Grant to teachers at Birch Primary, Maple Intermediate and North Olmsted High School. SITES student Eric Goots worked with the City of North Olmsted and Iron Mountain to coordinate a community wide day of shredding on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Educational Focus will feature students from Forest Primary School demonstrating the **Early Literacy program – Foundations.** The **SITES** students will then describe their experiences in Appalachia as part of their service outreach and also their Greater Cleveland Area Urban Experience.

**Under Recommendation of the Treasurer:**

The Board approved the following: Financial Statement and Payments for March 2011; Modifications to the 2010-2011 Annual Appropriations; The payment of 4 purchase orders based upon the "Then and Now Certification"; 2 Contracts/Agreements; and donations made from Ms. Ramsay, Mrs. Creel, The GRAMMY Foundation and Best Buy, and Mr. Herbster.

**Under Recommendations of the Superintendent – Personnel:****Persons Discontinuing Employment:**

The Board approved **3-Retirements:** Bruce DeCrane, Spruce Head Custodian, effective June 30, 2011; Monica Glending, Forest First Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2011; Marilyn Rolko, Food Service Assistant I, effective June 30, 2011; **1-Resignation:** Nicole Lynch, Parent-Mentor, effective March 31, 2011; **1-Maternity Leave:** Jennifer Meng, leave from April 5, 2011 through June 9, 2011 with pay through May 5, 2011 and benefits throughout, and returning for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Non-Renewal of Contracts:**

The Board approved the non-renewal of 4 tutors, Elaine Denega, Susan Kiss, Elizabeth Miller and Elizabeth Szombatfalvy, at the end of the 2010-2011 school year with benefits to end August 31, 2011, and the non-renewal of Kathleen Golden, a long-term leave replacement teacher effective June 30, 2011.

**Reduction-In-Force-Certificated:**

The Board approved the reduction-in-force of six teachers, Megan Almasie, Kelly Kalata, Robert Armentrout, Hsiupe Wang, Judith Ballard, and Justin Zrenner, at the end of the 2010-2011 school year due to decreased enrollment.

**Persons Resuming Employment – Recall:**

The Board approved Paula Korsnak, Special Educational Assistant II/Ortho, 4 hours per day, 186 days per year, effective March 17, 2011.

**Persons Beginning Employment - Certificated:**

The Board approved Hsin-Rou Lee and Elba Adrianna Perez as a Reserve teacher, at the established rate as needed, for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Persons Beginning Employment – Classified:**

The Board approved Sandra Zenone, Food Service Assistant I, 3 hours per day, 188 days per year, Step 1, effective April 4, 2011, for a 90 day probationary period, at the established rate, and Robert Stanko, for a substitute position, at the established rate as needed, for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Contract Renewals:**

The Board approved the following Administrative Contracts: Two-year administrative contract for Kathleen Alm, Director of Transportation Services, Step 5, 260 days of the Administrative Index, effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013; Two-year administrative contract for Demetrios Alexandrou, Elementary Principal, MA, Step 5, 204 days of the Administrative Index, effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013; Three-year administrative contract for Terese D'Amico, Elementary Principal, 204 days per year, MA+45, Step 5 of the Administrative Index, effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2014; Two-year administrative contract for Brent Monnin, Elementary Principal, MA+30, Step 5, 204 days of the Administrative Index, effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013; Three-year administrative contract for Scott Moore, Elementary Principal, 204 days per year, MA+45, Step 5 of the Administrative Index, effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2014; Three-year administrative contract for Anne Pyros, Learning Resource Supervisor, 260 days per year, MA+45, Step 5 of the Administrative Index, effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2014; Two-year administrative contract for Frank Samerigo, Elementary Principal, MA+15, Step 3, 204 days of the Administrative Index, effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013. Also approved were contracts for the following Psychologists, for the days indicated, effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013: Two-year contract for Margaret Amato, MA+30, Step 5, for 204 days of the Psychologist Index; Two-year contract for Erika Hays, MA+45, Step 5, for 204 days of the Psychologist Index; and two-year contract for Kathleen Suhadolnik, MA+15, Step 5, for 204 days of the Psychologist Index. Continuing Contract were approved for 12 teachers and one-year limited contracts were approved for 33 teachers for the 2011-2012 school year in accordance with Section 3319.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the negotiated agreement effective August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2012.

**Employment Contracts – Other:**

The Board approved the employment of Joshua Miller as a temporary mechanic helper, at \$12.00 per hour for 8 hours per day from June 13 through July 22, 2011 and of Thomas Tulcewicz as a bus operator, to be paid at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, for 8 hours per day from June 9 through July 30, 2011.

**Supplemental Positions for the 2010-2011 School Year:**

The Board approved the following: The appointments of Jennifer Priem, certified personnel, as the Chestnut Running Club Advisor and Troy Howell, classified personnel, to fill a supplemental position as a Volunteer Boys Volleyball Coach, per Resolution, contingent upon sufficient student participation; The employment of Judith Johnson to assist in Chestnut's Running Club, 45 minutes a day, one day a week from April 12 through May 17, 2011, to be paid a stipend of \$12.00 per hour; and the employment of 17 teachers and 2 volunteer administrators for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders trip to Williamsburg on June 1-3, 2011.

**Persons Changing Employment Status – Certified:**

The Board approved of the following: Wendy Kormos and Tricia Calloway will be participating in the Job Sharing program for the 2011-2012 school year, each working at one-half a contract; Change in Elaine Denega tutor hours at St. Brendan's for the 2010-2011 school year, to be paid from accounts as listed, effective March 1, 2011, from 3 hours, 45 minutes per day, 5 days per week (190 days per year), salary paid from Auxiliary Funds, and 1 hour, 15 minutes per day, 5 days per week (180 days per year), salary paid from Title I Funds, and 42 minutes per day, 5 days per week (180 days per year), salary paid from IDEA Part B Funds, to 3 hours, 45 minutes per day, 5 days per week (190 days per year), salary paid from Auxiliary Funds, and 1 hour, 15 minutes per day, 5 days per week (180 days per year), salary paid from Title I Funds, and 42 minutes per day, 5 days per week (180 days per year), salary paid from IDEA Part B Funds, and 42 minutes per day (M-Th), 4 days per week (51 days per year), 30 minutes per day (W&F), 2 days per week (23 days per year), with salary paid from IDEA Part B Funds.

**Persons Changing Employment Status – Classified:**

The Board approved the change in hours for Suzanne Beaune, from Special Educational Assistant II/Ortho, 4 hours per day, 186 days per year, Step 4, to Special Educational Assistant II/Ortho, 13 hours per week, 3.5 hours per day on Monday's and Wednesday's and 2 hours per day on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 186 days per year, Step 4, effective April 4, 2011.

**Stipends/Other Compensation:**

The Board approved the following: Payments to 4 individuals for services as an Announcer, Clock Operator, and Contest Supervisors, rendered for athletic competitions; Payment to Timothy Graham for rehearsals and performances of the Choral Concert on December 13 and 14, 2010; Payment to Alec Schumann for percussion accompaniment services for the High School Musical at \$60.00 per rehearsal and \$80.00 per performance not to exceed \$620.00; Payment to Daniel O'Brien for banjo/guitar accompaniment services for the High School Musical at \$45.00 per service/performance not to exceed \$300.00; Payment to David Byrd, of Masterpiece Music, for piano accompaniment services for the High School Musical at \$15.00 per hour per rehearsal/performance not to exceed \$750.00; Payment, at the current tutor rate, to Jennifer Vido-Elliott for two hours for data review in March 2011 of the Ohio Achievement Assessments; Payment to Dennis Andolek, at the current tutor rate, for two hours for the Ohio Graduation Test Preparation/Ohio Achievement Assessments results data review in November 2010; and payment at the current tutor rate, to 41 certified staff members for up to 1.5 hours each for data review in March 2011 of the Ohio Achievement Assessments.

**Under Graduation:**

The Board approved Graduation from North Olmsted High School of the following student, Jacqueline Meagan Finegan who has completed the minimum requirements for graduation as established by the North Olmsted Board of Education and Board of Education of the State of Ohio, in accordance with Section 3313.61 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Under Recommendation of the Associate Superintendent:**

The Board approved the following: Renewal of AlertNow Service Agreement from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012; Agreement with Shaker Heights School District for placement of their student(s) with disabilities to attend North Olmsted School District; and contract for Remedial Teacher Services, to be provided by PSI at Bethal Christian Academy paid with Title I Federal Grant during the 2010-2011 school year.

*A Special Board of Education Executive Session meeting is scheduled for the North Olmsted Board of Education April 21 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Offices to tour the District Buildings and facilities.*

*A Special Board of Education Executive Session meeting is scheduled for the North Olmsted Board of Education April 25 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Offices for the review of the Superintendent and the Treasurer Performance Goals*

The next regular **North Olmsted Board of Education Meeting will be held May 18, 2011, at 7:30 PM** in the Board Room at the Administrative Offices.