



# 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.

### April 21, 2011 3:30 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 toured the District Buildings and facilities.

### April 25, 2011 3:30 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 review of the Superintendent and the Treasurer Performance Goals.

### May 12, 2011 7:00 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 reviewed the financial impact HB 153 will have on the District's Five-Year Financial Forecast.

#### Under Recommendation of the Treasurer:

The Board approved to authorize to obtain bids for the replacement of the roofs at the High School and Butternut Primary School.

### May 18, 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, Communications Manager, announced the following:**

Ben McMurtrie received a special Teacher of the Year Award from Metro-West Kiwanis; Prom and After Prom are May 21<sup>st</sup> – the public is invited to view the decorations at the High School from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The After-Prom theme this year is *The Game of Life* and photos will be posted on the website under the Photo Gallery. The Prom will be held at LaCentre Party Center in Westlake. The NOHS Eagle Boosters are having an end of the year Spirit Wear sale loaded with bargains. Everyone is invited to go shopping in the Eagles Room at the High School on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; the North Olmsted Middle School Awards ceremonies will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>. -- 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be recognized at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium. In the evening, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have their awards ceremony at 7:00 p.m. This is a new format for the awards ceremonies to recognize students for all of their accomplishments during the year. High School Spring Sports Night is May 26<sup>th</sup> at NOHS at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. As part of this evening, the silver and gold eagle awards are presented. Baccalaureate for the NOHS Class of 2011 will be held at St. Clarence - June 1st at 7:00 p.m. The Academic Boosters Undergraduate Honors Night for grades 9–11 will be held at St. Clarence on June 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

**Relay for Life at NOHS June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>** - the day will be filled with activities to help raise funds for cancer research. We've all been touched in some way so please come and support the effort. The Luminaria ceremony in the evening is a touching tribute to both the survivors and in memory of those who lost the fight. You can visit the Relay for Life website for complete information or to make a donation.

#### **A Mini-Relay for Life will be held at Spruce Primary School on Monday, May 23 to raise funds for the N.O. Relay for Life.**

The "Sprucie Cruisers" will be lacing up their sneakers and sponsoring a pre-race event with their first "Mini Relay for Life Walk-a-Thon." Complete information is available on the back table in our monthly school page. The day will include Art, Math, Writing, and Science stations and a special partnership with the senior residents of the Emerald Village Retirement Community. Students will be decorating flowerpots and learn the proper way to plant the flowers that will fill their flowerpots, and will write and create original cards to give to their special friends.

On **Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**, Birch will also support the Relay for Life by holding a walk-a-thon and focusing on making healthy choices.

#### **News from Frostville Museum and the Olmsted Historical Society**

Frostville Museum and the Olmsted Historical Society will host the French and Indian War encampment and presentation from 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21 and from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be re-enactments from the Revolution through the Korean War. Frostville Military Museum will exhibit in the display barn, and a World War II canteen will take place in the events barn. The USO of Northern Ohio will collect cash donations for the U.S. military personnel. For more information call 440-779-0280.

Frostville is also hosting a **Farmers Market** every Saturday through October from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The community is invited to stay connected and informed now and through the summer by visiting the district website at northolmstedschools.org and clicking on the **“Join our Mailing List”** button on the homepage. Fill out the “Public User” information, and you will be able to receive a weekly eNewsletter that is sent on Sunday morning with district information.

Our website is now also the official **Alumni** site after partnering with the **Alumni Association**. We are providing information on upcoming reunions and alumni news. Alumni are encouraged to click on the “Alumni” button on the homepage to register.

The announcements included a special check presentation by **Dave Covell from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health** for North Olmsted’s participation in the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for your Life race**. North Olmsted finished in Third Place and will receive a check for \$500.00 to use for cardiovascular health efforts –new equipment, wellness activities, etc.

**Under Recommendation of the Treasurer:**

The Board approved the following: Financial Statement and Payments for April 2011; Modifications to the 2010-2011 Annual Appropriations; The Revised Five-year Financial Forecast; The return of advance from the Athletic Department to the General Fund from fiscal year 2010-2011; The payment of 3 purchase orders based upon the “Then and Now Certification”; The submission of application for 13 Federal and State programs for the 2011-2012 school year; 2 Contracts/Agreements; and donations made from Ms. Elaine Yambor, Cahoon Nursery, Dean’s Greenhouse and Zergott’s Landscape.

**Under Recommendations of the Superintendent – Personnel:**

**Persons Discontinuing Employment:**

The Board approved **2-Retirements:** Diana Yost, Executive Secretary, effective July 31, 2011 and Ruth Ritley, Administrative Secretary, effective June 30, 2011; **2-Resignation:** Stephen Barrett, Associate Superintendent, effective July 31, 2011 and Hsiupe Wang, High School Chinese Teacher, effective May 18, 2011.

**Non-Renewal of Contracts:**

The Board approved the non-renewal of Michelle Connavino, long-term replacement teacher effective June 30, 2011.

**Persons Beginning Employment - Certified:**

The Board approved Monica Logar as a Reserve teacher, at the established rate, as needed, for the 2010-2011 school year. The Board also approved the following Two-year Administrative Contracts: Lisa Ryan Curtin, Director of Pupil Services, 260 days per year, MA+30, Step 2 of the Administrative Index, effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013; and Anne Pyros, Associate Superintendent, 260 days per year, MA+45, Step 1 of the Administrative Index, effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013.

**Employment Contracts-Other:**

The Board approved the stipend of \$411.79 to be paid to Joy Gordon, School Nurse, to accompany students with medical needs on the 8<sup>th</sup> grader trip to Williamsburg on June 1-3, 2011.

**Extended School Year (ESY):**

The Board approved the following: Kimberly Toreky, Certified Lead Teacher for the Elementary Extended School Year Services (ESY) 2011 to be paid at the current tutor rate, for up to 84 hours from June 21 through August 11, 2011; Ellen Murphy and Christine Seeley, Certified teachers for the Elementary Extended School Year Services (ESY) 2011, to be paid at the current tutor rate, for up to 84 hours each which includes prep time, from June 21 through August 11, 2011; Katelyn Dixon and Sarah Seidletz, Certified tutors for the Elementary Extended School Year Services (ESY) 2011, to be paid at the current tutor rate, for 84 hours each which includes prep time, from June 21 through August 11, 2011; Sarah Rybarczyk, Certified Speech Therapist for the Elementary Extended School Year Services (ESY) 2011, to be paid at the current tutor rate, for 84 hours which includes prep time, from June 21 through August 11, 2011; Brigid Reese, Certified High School Coordinator for the High School Extended School Year Service (ESY) 2011, to be paid at the current tutor rate, for 40 hours from June 20 through August 4, 2011; Susan Kiss, Certified High School Program Teacher for the High School Extended School Year Services (ESY) 2011, to be paid at the current tutor rate, for 161.5 hours from June 20 through August 4, 2011.

**Persons Changing Employment Status-Administrative:**

The Board approved salary adjustment due to additional educational for Demetrios Alexandrou, from: MA, Step 4, to MA+15, Step 4.

**Persons Changing Employment Status – Certified:**

The Board approved salary adjustments due to additional educational credits, effective May 19, 2011 for the following: Michele Baerenstecher, from MA, Step 6, to MA+15, Step 6; Susan Cerny, from MA+30, Step 15, to MA+45, Step 15; and Keith Hrabnicky, From MA, Step 11, to MA+15, Step 11.

**Stipends/Other Compensation:**

The Board approved the following: Payment to Sandra Heim, Dorothy Paduch, and John Sizer, individuals for services rendered for athletic competitions paid through athletic activity accounts; Payment, at the current tutor rate, for 7 hours to Carolyn Polenske for her attendance at the Social Studies State Standards Pre-Planning Team Meeting held on March 31, 2011; Payment, at the current tutor rate, to 9 certified staff members for up to 1.5 hours each, for SMART XE Interactive Response System Training held on May 5, 2011; Payment to Brent Monnin, for up to 5 days at his current daily rate, for governance and administration of the Title I Federal Grant; Payment to Loretta Christafaris, for up to 20 hours at her current hourly rate, for secretarial work completed for Title I Federal Grant; Payment, at the current tutor rate, to Melissa Nudelman for up to 40 hours for the preparation and presentation of 16 Interactive White Board Training sessions held in April and May, 2011; Payment to Timothy

Graham for up to four hours of piano accompaniment services, at \$25.00 per hour, for rehearsals and performance of the Middle School's Spring Choir Concert held on May 18, 2011; Payment, of an additional \$60.00, to David Byrd, of Masterpiece Music, for additional piano accompaniment services for the High School Musical; Payment at the current tutor rate to 37 certified staff members for up to 12 hours each for participation in Interactive White Board Training sessions held in April and May, 2011.

**Persons Resuming Employment – Recall:**

The Board approved the certified recall of Kelly Kalata, Early Education of the Handicapped and Developmentally Handicapped K-12, MA+15, Step 13, effective August 21, 2011.

Under **Graduation:**

The Board approved Graduation from North Olmsted High School of the following student, Monica M. Gonzales 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 the North Olmsted City School membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSSA) for the 2011-2012 school year; Middle School Handbook for the 2011-2012 school year; High School Handbook for the 2011-2012 school year; Renewal of Infinite Cohesion, Ltd., Service Level Agreement for Web services, Hosting and Support from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; An Agreement for participation in State Supported Instructional Television and Technology Services, WVIZ/PBS ideastream for 2011-2012; Personal Service Contract with Laura C. Smith for 40 hours preparation and presentation of sixteen Interactive White Board Training sessions held in April and May, 2011; Application Contract between North Olmsted City Schools and Lake Erie Educational Computer Association (LEECA) for July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012.

*A Special Board of Education Executive Session meeting is scheduled for the North Olmsted Board of Education June 2, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office. The purpose of the meeting will be the following: To review and approve a Shared Recreational Facilities Agreement between the City of North Olmsted and the Board of Education; Approve the May 17, 2010 Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local 257 (OAPSE) for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 contract years; Approve a resolution to freeze the base salary of school psychologist, exempt employees, administrators, the Superintendent and the Treasurer for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 employment contract years; and review a proposal from the Administration to implement a student athletic transportation fee for the 2011-2012 school year.*

The next regular **North Olmsted Board of Education Meeting will be held June 15, 2011, at 7:30 PM** in the Board Room at the Administrative Offices.