



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.

October 11, 2010 6:30 PM Special Board of Education Meeting, North Olmsted Administrative Office, 24725 Butternut Ridge Road

The meeting was called to order, and the roll call was taken. The Board Members present were: Mike Raig, John Lasko, Terry Groden and Tom Herbster, and Joanne DiCarlo. The purpose of the meeting was to interview the candidates for the Board’s appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission to the City of North Olmsted.

November 6, 2010 9:30 AM Special Board of Education Meeting, North Olmsted Administrative Office, 27425 Butternut Ridge Road

The meeting was called to order, and the roll call was taken. The Board Members present were: Mike Raig, John Lasko, Terry Groden and Tom Herbster, and Joanne DiCarlo. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a work session to discuss the possible placement of an operating levy on the February 2011 ballot.

November 15, 2010 7:30 PM Regular Board of Education Meeting, North Olmsted Board Office, 27425 Butternut Ridge Road

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

Under Announcements:

Vera Brewer reviewed important district dates, including concerts and performances with a reminder to visit the district website for the complete list of dates and times. Vera reported on a new initiative to bring in revenue at no cost to the district by working with “Scholastic Sponsors” for business partnerships using the district website. Sponsors include major corporations, including the Cleveland Clinic, First Energy, the Cleveland Indians and more to come. North Olmsted studied the proposal and the Board approved the partnership at their September meeting. Many other districts are interested and are signing on as finances continue to be tight and districts work for creative ways to generate revenue. Vera also advised that the Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 18th with the help of almost 50 students from the Middle School and High School who are involved in the Builders Club (NOMS) and Key Club (NOHS.) In more partnerships, the Chamber of Commerce continues to sponsor the monthly school page in the Westlife, which allows the district to feature student and staff accomplishments in a full-page monthly spread. The **Educational Focus** included: Recognition of Birch and Butternut as *Schools of Promise*; the Direct Energy Volunteers of the Year Award to Chuck and Pat Milheim, retired teachers who volunteer every day at Butternut Primary, which included a \$5,000 check to Butternut’s Media Center; North Olmsted High School National Merit Finalists recognition, including Aubrey Rybarczyk (Semifinalist), Megan Drews, Alexa Kitko, Megan Luck, Donald Mate, Hyo Young Seo (Chrissie), and Jack Szeltner – all Commended Students and NOHS Senior, Hannah Abrahamson, presented a slide show on her junior year spent as an exchange student in Costa Rica and life with her host family.

Under Recommendation of the Treasurer:

The Board approved the following: Financial Statement and Payments for September and October 2010; The Modifications to the 2010-2011 Annual Appropriations; The Five-Year Financial Forecast; The establishment of a new fund, Chick and Pat Millheim 2010 Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award, for the purpose of maintaining separate accounting of program revenue and expenses; The Student Activity Goal and Budget for the Media Center for the 2010-2011 school year; Payment of 6 purchase orders based upon “Then and Now Certifications”; 1 Contract/Agreement; Parent-Payment in Lieu of Contracts for parents of 9 students; and, donations from Debbie O’Malley, Betty Feltham, Office Max, Clair Stair, Susan Ruple, Direct Energy, Marcy Cahill, Kiwanis Club of North Olmsted, and Walmart.

Under Recommendations of the Superintendent – Personnel:

Persons Discontinuing Employment:

The Board approved **2-Resignations:** Catherine Hoyt, Bus Operator, effective September 24, 2010 and Darlene Ross, Food Service Assistant I, effective October 22, 2010; **2-Medical Leaves:** Darlene Brenizer, Food Service Assistant I, from September 7, 2010 until released by a doctor to return, with pay through November 4, 2010 and benefits through November 30, 2010, and Kevin O’Boyle, High School Head Night Custodian, from November 30, 2010 until released by a doctor to return, without pay but with benefits through February 21, 2011.

Persons Beginning Employment – Certified:

The Board approved 6 reserved teachers, at the established rate, as needed, for the 2010-2011 school year.

Persons Beginning Employment-Classified:

The Board approved 6 substitute positions, at the established rate, as needed for the 2010-2011 school year.

Employment Contracts – Other:

The Board approved the employment of 14 certified employees as Title I Math Tutors for the Intermediate Buildings, paid at the current tutor rate, for up to 90 hours each from September 28, 2010 through May 20, 2011. The Board also approved the employment of Dennis Andolek and Vincent Ketterick as the High School OGT Tutors, paid at the current tutor rate, for an additional three days (six hours) over and above the originally requested 210 hours for tutoring Polaris students at the end of the school day.

Persons Changing Employment Status – Certified:

The Board approved salary adjustments due to additional education credits, effective October 26, 2010 for the following certified staff: Ellen Christ from MA+45, Step 9, to MA+60, Step 9; Jennifer Meng from MA+30, Step 12, to MA+45, Step 12; Julie Pace, from BA, Step 9, to MA, Step 9; Kathleen Stuart from MA+30, Step 14, to MA+45, Step 14.

Person's Changing Employment Status – Classified:

The Board approved the permanent employment of Therese Guerry, Educational Assistant I/Media, who has successfully completed her probationary period of employment in accordance with the classified negotiated agreement, effective September 28, 2010. The Board also approved the adjustment to 2 Bus Attendant hours for the 2010-2011 school year, effective October 26, 2010.

Supplemental Position for the 2010-2011 School Year:

The Board approved the following: 52 advisors, coaches, mentors, etc., filled by certified personnel contingent upon sufficient student participation and 23 supplemental positions filled by classified personnel, per the Resolution, contingent upon sufficient student participation.

Stipends/Other Compensations:

The Board approved the following: Payment, at the current tutor rate, for one hour each to 3 certified staff members for their attendance at the AIMSWeb Training held on September 16, 2010; Payment, to 10 staff members for services rendered administering and/or supervising the PSAT on October 16, 2010; Payment, of \$250.00 to Patricia Maly, High School Counselor, as an Honorarium for the work done outside of school hours as the AP Coordinator for the 2010 AP Exams; Payment, at the current tutor rate, to Megan Sexstella for 12 hours of Wilson Reading Program Training held on October 15 and 16, 2010; Payment to 4 staff members as grant managers of the 2010-2011 Learn and Serve America Grant; Payment, at the current tutor rate, to 16 certified staff members for up to three hours each for Ohio Graduation Test Preparation/Ohio Achievement Assessment results data review and Study Island Training, to take place November 2010; Payment, at the current tutor rate, to 42 certified staff members for up to 1.5 hours each for Ohio Achievement Assessment results data review in November 2010; and payment to 21 individuals for services rendered for athletic competitions paid through athletic activity accounts.

Under Graduation:

The Board approved Graduation from North Olmsted High School of the following student, Angelina Burneson 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: An Overnight Field Trip, sponsored by SITES to attend the Ohio Youth Challenge Event, October 17-19, 2010 in Columbus, Ohio, with 4 students and 2 chaperones attending; Agreement with the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County for the 2010-2011 school year for the services of one Gifted Coordinator, at \$230.00 per day, for 40 days of service; Personal Service Contract with Lidia Manasrah to serve as a interpreter at meetings, conferences, etc. at the rate of \$25.00 per hour, as needed, for the 2010-2011 school year; Consultant Service Contract with Lori G. Wilfong, Ph.D. for audit and observations of current practices and professional development for teachers and administration; Contract with Henry Lagunzad, Consultant, for Item Analysis Data Reports and Disaggregated Data Reports for the 2010-2011 school year; and a contract with Henry Lagunzad, Consultant, for Item Analysis Data Reports on OAA and OGT Practice Tests for the 2010-2011 school year.

The next regular **North Olmsted Board of Education Meeting will be held December 13, 2010, at 7:30 PM** in the Board Room at the Administrative Offices.