



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT **Monday, January 09, 2023 (6:30 PM)**

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## 1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Requested all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 2.0 Roll Call

### 2.1 Call of the Roll

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Nicole Taulbee  
Mark Gilbert  
Matt Tietzort  
Jim Detzel  
Chris Heather

**Number in Attendance: 28 Guests**

## 3.0 MISSION STATEMENT

### 3.1 Mission Statement

Board President read the Mission Statement.

*The Northwest Local School District will create a responsive learning community where all students are valued, challenged, and guided along a pathway to success.*

## 4.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

### 4.1 Motion to Adopt Agenda

The Board President recommended to adopt the agenda as presented.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Jim Detzel**) Moved, Member (**Matt Tietzsort**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board President recommends to adopt the agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Mark Gilbert   | Yes |
| Jim Detzel     | Yes |
| Matt Tietzsort | Yes |
| Chris Heather  | Yes |
| Nicole Taulbee | Yes |

## **5.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

### **5.1 OSBA School Board Recognition Month**

January is School Board Appreciation Month. The Board was recognized.

Superintendent Darrell Yater introduced Emily Dobliger, Assistant Director of Curriculum, to lead the recognition.

Melody Smith, CMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Director introduced choir students, who performed selections from the mini-musical, SNOW BIZ! By John Jacobson and Mac Huff. The following students performed solos.

- Cody Winters – “Catch My Drift”
- Bella Luca – “Snow Angel”
- Jeremiah Smith – “The Postal Worker March”

As part of the celebration, students from one art class from each middle school were asked to make artwork to show their gratitude. An upward of thirty submissions of artwork expressing gratitude were received. All artwork was displayed and each Board member was given one framed artwork to keep. In addition to the artwork, each Board member received a ‘Thank You’ card and a gift bag.

On behalf of our Board of Education, eleven books were donated to each of the schools to continue with the district’s relentless focus on literacy.

- Preschool received one copy of *How to Apologize* by David LaRochelle.
- Elementary schools received one copy each of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle.
- Middle schools received one copy each of *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.
- High schools received a copy each of *Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance* by Nikki Grimes and illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton.

These books were donated in honor of the 2023 Board of Education.

## Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Thank you, Ms. Smith. I've seen you get the whole crowd going at the Dodgeball Tournament, and I know how hard you work with students. You guys are talented; I had no idea. Great job.
- **Mr. Yater:** Thank you to the parents for making sure the students were here tonight, and thank you Ms. Smith for arranging this. It's really important that we continue to keep students at the forefront of what we do because, whether it's serving in the capacity of a Board member, as an administrator, a teacher, or any other role in the district, everything that we do is in service of and work toward the betterment of students. It's nice to have you (students) here because you're the reason that we exist and the reason we're here, and to see the kind of talent that was brought here tonight; we really appreciate that.

## 6.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 6.1 Executive Session

The Board of Education approved a motion to move into executive session to conference with an attorney concerning disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion to move into executive session as listed.

#### **ORIGINAL – Motion**

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Matt Tietsort**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the motion to move into executive session as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**.  
The motion Carried. **5 - 0**

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| Mark Gilbert   | Yes |
| Jim Detzel     | Yes |
| Matt Tietsort  | Yes |
| Chris Heather  | Yes |
| Nicole Taulbee | Yes |

The Board moved into executive session at 6:50 PM.

### 6.2 Return from Executive Session

The Board returned from executive session at 7:02 PM.



## 7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

### 7.1 Student Achievement Liaison report

#### A) Student Achievement Liaison Report by Board Representative

Board member Matt Tietsort presented the Student Achievement Liaison Report as follows.

##### Colerain Middle School

- This quarter's Cardinal Café included hot chocolate and cookies with light music and time to relax with friends. The following students earned this perk by displaying positive behaviors.

|                      |                   |                     |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Abigail Mitchell     | Katie Gill        | Cole Kostoff        |
| Alejandra Cruz       | Kristopher Zieger | Derris Price        |
| Alethea Cload        | Landon Feiser     | Isabella Heidorn    |
| Avery Prater         | Lucas Johnson     | Jabriel Shauntee    |
| Braniya England      | Lydi Waite        | Kellie Vickers      |
| Braxton Alexander    | Rashad Robinson   | Kendell Smith       |
| Caleb Craig          | Ta Mela Ledford   | Langdon Udry        |
| Chace Sigafoose      | Weston Lies       | Marquise Bridges    |
| Chase Rezny Tillmann | Bailey Sparks     | Trinity Dike        |
| Evan Young           | Chloe Burkard     | Bryson Wurzelbacher |
| Alexa Hartwig        | Braden Spaulding  |                     |

##### White Oak Middle School

- The following students were recognized as Student of the Month for December:

| 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade |                 |                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Kaylie Hadley         | Jimatlee Setile | Dashiell Suess    |
| Cole Gregory          | Ceci Engel      |                   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade |                 |                   |
| Randy Sowders         | Blaine Scherz   | David Amdemichael |
| Ellie Neidlinger      | Maliha Nichols  | Kensy Krieg       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade |                 |                   |
| Destinee Smith        | Alexis Renner   |                   |
| Shawn Hubbard         | Arzan Hodar     |                   |



### **Colerain Elementary**

- CE held their Spelling Bee on January 6, 2023 in the auditorium for grades 4-5. Congratulations were given to all fifteen participants who made the final round after winning their individual classroom Spelling Bee. Sophia Gear was announced as the winner and Isabel Duebber was the runner-up.
- The following students were recognized as Cardinal of the Month for each grade level:

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| 1st Grade: Ruby Otten<br>2nd Grade: Madelyn Byrd<br>3rd Grade - Ellenor Otten | 4th Grade: London Hutchinson<br>5th Grade: Jordan Beach |
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### **Northwest High School**

- Mitchell Graves and Becky Herrera were recognized as Students of the Month.
- Congratulations were given to the Boys Bowling Team for winning the EEC/SWOC Tournament.

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| Broderick Brown – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place with a 710<br>TJ Johnson Jr. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place with a 708<br>Edward Walker | Elias Anderson<br>Nathan Gross |
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### **Houston Early Learning Center**

- HELC was excited to have encouraged parent volunteers back in their building this school year. Mrs. Lydia Bibb, one of the preschool teachers, made it one of her professional growth plan goals that by the end of this school year, every one of her families will attend at least one school function outside of parent teacher conferences. Parent participation is very important to Mrs. Bibb and the culture of her classroom. She is tracking how many parents have attended an event at HELC. Half-way through the school year 80% of parents have attended an in-person event. Many parents work during school hours and find it hard to attend after school events. Therefore, quite a few families (64%) have donated resources for crafts and special snacks she has had throughout the school year. When adding the totals for in-person events and volunteered resources, it's 92% of her parents (that's 23/25 families!).

### **Struble Elementary**

- Each day SE students earn points as they take care of themselves, each other, and the school. When students returned to the building last week, they spent time reviewing, practicing, and modeling classroom and school-wide expectations. Collectively, students earned 8,786 PBIS points in just three days for following the Blue Jay Way.

### **Monfort Heights Elementary**

- MHE had a “Light Up MHE” event on December 8, 2022, where students had an evening of learning about holiday celebrations around the world.
- A Carol Fest was held on December 15, 2022 at CHS. MHE had two sessions with large crowds at both. Each grade level sang three songs and had a great night of holiday singing.
- MHE will be hosting their Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. They will have twenty 4th and 5th graders competing in the event.

### **Taylor Elementary**

- The following students were recognized as PBIS Positive Behavior Weekly Winners:

Ra Myah Phillips 1<sup>st</sup> - Kindness and positive attitude

Audrey Badgley 4<sup>th</sup>: Positive attitude

Troy Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> - Exceptional Leader

Danquan Davidson 5<sup>th</sup>: Respectful and Kindness

Axle Burger 3<sup>rd</sup> - Each day with a positive attitude

- On December 13, 2022, TE had an amazing 1<sup>st</sup> grade Winter concert with a Family Night attached. They described the evening as fantastic, with a huge crowd, and wonderful holiday caroling. Taylor families were thanked for attending.

### **Colerain High School**

- Butler Tech student, Danny Tietz, who is in the Aviation Exploration program at the Russell Lee and the Middletown Airport, was one of the six seniors in the program to pass his written Pilots Exam in December 2022.

## Discussion:

- **Mr. Detzel:** What does Danny have to do now to get the Pilot's license to actually start flying the plane? How long does that take?

**Mr. Tietzort:** He is looking forward to early Spring to start going through in-person training. I am not sure how long that will take. It's a lot of hours, I can tell you that.

**Mr. Heather:** As a private pilot, typically for a fixed-wing aircraft, it's about fifty-five hours. The first are usually with your instructor and then you get signed off to go out and practice on your own. Some have been able to do it in six weeks because they do four hours a day, and then there are others that take six years because they do an hour a month. It's whatever speed you want to do it at; but it's by hours, and you have to sign off that you can fly in certain weather, and you have to do some instrument training. It's involved. It's not easy.

- **Mr. Detzel:** They're going to be building another hanger up there, at the Middletown Airport because Butler Tech got \$15 million from the County Commissioners to do that. Then, down by the Miami Hamilton Campus, they are putting a manufacturing school.

## 7.2 Legislative Update

### B) Legislative Update by Board Representative

Board member Chris Heather, provided the legislative update as follows.

In the lame-duck session that was previously talked about, one of the Bills they passed was an election reform. The Governor signed it, so it's going to be law in ninety days. This means that there will be no more August Special Elections except under one condition: if a district, city, or township, declares a fiscal emergency, they can run it. The only time that a Special Election can now be run is in November, in the Primary.

## 7.3 Butler Tech Update

### C) Butler Technology Update by Board Representative

Board member Jim Detzel provided the Butler Tech update as follows.

Butler Tech will have their Organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2022.

Mr. Detzel suggested that they have a Board Meeting at the Butler Tech Natural Science Center, which is a new building that opened in October 2022. Once a date is chosen, Butler Tech will provide them with a tour.



## 8.0 PUBLIC PRESENTATION

### A) Report from Any Employee Organization

#### 8.1 Report from Any Employee Organization

Board President asked if there was a representative from any employee organization who wished to speak.

No one was present to speak.

### B) Community Communications

#### 8.2 Community Comments

Board President acknowledged audience members who completed a “Request to Address the Board” card and read the NWLSD Board Policy, *Public Participation at Board Meetings* (169.1) which can be viewed through the following link:  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/oh/nwlsdhamiltonoh/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJML8T555E8F>

*The Northwest Board of Education welcomes the opportunity to listen to Northwest Local School District resident's comments, suggestions, and concerns on educational issues. It is important to remember that the Board conducts the meetings in public but the meetings are not public forums. The intent of the meetings is to allow the Board to complete needed business. Per board policy (169.1), each submission will be given three (3) minutes to speak on agenda items of any topic during “Community Comments”. However, no more than fifteen (15) minutes will be devoted to public participation unless the Board votes unanimously to continue the discussion. No response to this submission will occur from any Board member or district administration during this time. Once the fifteen (15) minutes' time frame is over, appropriate follow up by the district administration may occur at a later time if warranted.*

No one was present to speak.

## 9.0 APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

### 9.1 Adoption of Superintendent's Consent Items

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the adoption of Superintendent's consent items as listed.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Matt Tietsort**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the adoption of Superintendent's consent items as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Mark Gilbert   | Yes |
| Jim Detzel     | Yes |
| Matt Tietsort  | Yes |
| Chris Heather  | Yes |
| Nicole Taulbee | Yes |

### **A) Personnel**

#### **9.2 Personnel Items**

##### Acceptance of Classified Resignations and Retirements

Cain, Ashley – CMS – MD Assistant  
Effective: 10/12/2022 (Personal)

Mitchell, Celeste – Transportation – Bus Driver  
Effective: 12/14/2022 (Personal)

Neace, Robert – WOMS – Custodian II  
Effective: 12/19/2022 (Personal)

Pollard, Bonny – SE – MD Assistant  
Effective: 12/12/2022 (Personal)

Varner, Tiffany – Transportation – Bus Driver  
Effective: 1/19/2023 (Personal)

##### Acceptance of Extra Duty Resignations

Dearing, John – PRMS – 7/8th Grade Track Coach, Step 6  
Effective: 6/30/2022

Hiatt, John – NWHS – Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, Step 6  
Effective: 6/30/2023

Huber, Carl – CHS – Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Step 6  
Effective: 6/30/2023

Huber, Carl – CHS – Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, Step 6  
Effective: 6/30/2023

Morgan, Austin – NWHS – Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Step 3  
Effective: 6/30/2022

Saccaggi, Ashley – CHS – Assistant Varsity Girls Tennis Coach, Step 3  
Effective: 06/30/2023

Woltz, Jeffrey – CHS – Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Step 6  
Effective: 6/30/2023

Approval of Classified Leaves of Absence

Daniel, Thomas – Transportation – Mechanic  
Effective: 12/30/2022 (Family & Medical Leave)

Fatora, Amanda – SE – MD Assistant  
Effective: 12/13/2022 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Gerrety, Stephanie – Transportation – Bus Driver  
Effective: 12/30/2022 (Family & Medical Leave)

Hellkamp, Debbie – WOMS – Custodian II  
Effective: 12/9/2022 (Family & Medical Leave)

Milligan, Tina – Transportation – Bus Driver  
Effective: 11/9/2022 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Murphy, Laurie – MHE – OP 5  
Effective: 12/9/2022 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Smith, Dean – MHE – OP 4  
Effective: 12/22/2022 (Family & Medical Leave)

Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence

Dempsey, Jessica – CHS – Social Studies  
Effective: 11/29/2022 (Family & Medical Leave)

Skipton, Lori – CE – Intervention Specialist  
Effective: 1/12/2023 (Family & Medical Leave)



Traore, Amy – Transitions – Intervention Specialist  
Effective: 1/5/2023 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Approval of Initial Classified Appointments

**Fraley, Molly**  
Salary: Café Assistant, Step 2  
Effective: 1/6/2023 (Replacement)

**Mendenhall, Shannon**  
Salary: OP 4, Step 3  
Effective: 1/6/2023 (Replacement)

Approval of Classified Change in Status

Stahley, Melissa – TE – from 7.5 hr., Office Personnel, Class 5, Step 3, to 7.5 hr.,  
Office Personnel, Class 4, Step 3  
Effective: 1/3/2023 (Temporary)

Approval of Flex (Guaranteed Sub) Bus Driver at \$20.44 per hour – Effective  
1/9/2023

Scott, Cody

Approval of Extra Duty Contracts for 2023-24 Effective 7/1/2023

**Colerain High School**

Huber, Carl – Head Varsity Football Coach, Step 6

Resolution (#2305) of Job Abandonments

Resolution recognizing that Carolyn Youngquist has abandoned her position with the Northwest Local School District Board of Education effective December 15, 2022. The District has attempted to be in contact with Ms. Youngquist to have her fulfill her contractual duties to the Board. However, Ms. Youngquist has refused to fulfill such contractual duties. This job abandonment is not done with the consent of the Board of Education, and this resolution should not be seen as "consent" under RC 3319.15. This resolution is passed only to recognize the job abandonment so that the District administrative offices can do what is necessary to remove Ms. Youngquist from the District's employment rosters and other systems.

Resolution recognizing that Austin Morgan has abandoned his position with the Northwest Local School District Board of Education effective January 27, 2023. The

District has attempted to be in contact with Mr. Morgan to have him fulfill his contractual duties to the Board. However, Mr. Morgan has refused to fulfill such contractual duties. This job abandonment is not done with the consent of the Board of Education, and this resolution should not be seen as "consent" under RC 3319.15. This resolution is passed only to recognize the job abandonment so that the District administrative offices can do what is necessary to remove Mr. Morgan from the District's employment rosters and other systems.

#### Approval of Release and Waiver of All Claims

#### Approval of Revised Tutor Job Description

The Tutor Job Description can be viewed online as an ESB attachment.

### **B) General Business**

#### **9.3 Donations to Northwest Local School District**

| <b>Donations for Board of Education Approval</b> |                             |             |               |  |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| <u>Donor Name</u>                                | <u>Recipient Name</u>       | <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Description of what was donated</u>   |
| Side-by-Side                                     | School Libraries            | 12/06/2022  | \$603.72      | 1 boxed set of <i>Disney Villains</i> books by Serena Valentino for each elementary and middle schools, <i>The Heroes of Olympus</i> (PRMS/NWHS), <i>The Darkest Minds</i> (CHS) |
| Robin Riechele                                   | Elementary Schools          | 12/12/2022  | \$300.00      | Books (New), <i>Dear Zoo</i> , <i>Brown Bear</i> , <i>Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> , <i>Goodnight Moon</i>  |
| Turnkey Technology                               | Hands Health Fair Committee | 01/03/2023  | \$100.00      | Gift Card with multiple restaurants.   |

#### **9.4 Vendor Contracts**

In compliance with ORC 3313.33; following is a list of vendor contracts requiring Board approval.

| <b>Vendor Contracts</b> |                  |                |   |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|---|
| <u>Vendor</u>           | <u>Timeframe</u> | <u>Amount</u>  | <u>Description</u>                          |
| HCESC                   | 12/9/22 – 6/1/23 | \$64.00 per hr | Interpreter for Extra Curricular Activities |

|                  |                 |            |   |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|---|
| HCESC            | 1/2/23 – 5/6/23 | \$563/day  | SLP services @ PRMS & SE (not to exceed \$16,890) |
| Synced by Design | 12/23 – 05/23   | \$1,850.00 | Music Arrangements                                |
| Jessica Cox      | 01/23           | \$350.00   | Choral Accompanist                                |

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| <i>* Paid for with Auxiliary or Federal Non-Public grant monies.</i> |
| <i>Addition cost to the current fiscal year's July 1st budget.</i>   |

### C) Curriculum and Instruction

#### 9.5 2023-24 High School Program of Study

The Curriculum Department presented the proposed 2023-24 High School Program of Study for approval. The Program of Study was developed in collaboration with administration, counselors and teachers at both CHS and NWHs. This was presented for information at the December 12, 2022 Board meeting.

The 2023-24 High School Program of Study can be viewed online as an ESB attachment.

## 10.0 APPROVAL OF FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS

### 10.1 Adoption of Fiscal Consent Items

The Treasurer recommended the Board of Education approve the adoption of fiscal consent items as listed.

#### ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Jim Detzel**) Moved, Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Treasurer recommends the Board of Education approve the adoption of fiscal consent items as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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|----------------|-----|
| Mark Gilbert   | Yes |
| Jim Detzel     | Yes |
| Matt Tietsort  | Yes |
| Chris Heather  | Yes |
| Nicole Taulbee | Yes |

### 10.2 Minutes – Regular Meeting – December, 12, 2022

The minutes may be viewed on the ESB online attachment with today's date.



## **11.0 APPROVAL OF OTHER ITEMS**

### **A) Resolution (#2306) for the Book *The Bluest Eye***

The resolution for the book *The Bluest Eye* was presented for discussion and approval.

#### **NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2306**

#### **A RESOLUTION REMOVING *THE BLUEST EYE* FROM LIBRARY SHELVES AND LIMITING ACCESS WITH PARENT CONSENT**

**WHEREAS**, under Ohio Revised Code §3329.07, the Northwest Local School District Board of Education has been charged with the responsibility for the selection of textbooks and other books for use in its schools under its control, which includes books made available in the District's libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, a challenge to the book *The Bluest Eye* was received pursuant to Board of Education Policy 9130, and a Committee was formed to conduct an evaluation of the book, as well as make a recommendation to the Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, after hearing the Committee's recommendation, the Board rejects the Committee's recommendation and desires to remove *The Bluest Eye* from its libraries and solely make it available for check out to students who are 18 years of age, or for those under 18 years of age only with parent permission.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Northwest Local School District, Hamilton County, Ohio as follows:

#### **SECTION I**

Due to the graphic sexual content, sexual abuse of a child, and pedophilia in the book *The Bluest Eye*, the Board finds this book to be unsuitable and hereby directs the Superintendent to have *The Bluest Eye* removed from the District's libraries general circulation and placed within the Building Administration offices. The Board also directs the Superintendent to establish a procedure that would allow this book to be checked out of his office only by students who are 18 years of age or through parent consent.

## **SECTION II**

The Superintendent is authorized to take any and all action necessary to carry out the directives above.

## **SECTION III**

The Board of Education hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22, ORC.

The Superintendent recommended that Board of Education approve the resolution for the book *The Bluest Eye* as listed.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends that Board of Education approve the resolution for the book *The Bluest Eye* as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **1**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 1**

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| Mark Gilbert   | Yes |
| Jim Detzel     | Yes |
| Matt Tietz     | No  |
| Chris Heather  | Yes |
| Nicole Taulbee | Yes |

### **Discussion:**

- **Mr. Yater:** In the last meeting, the board did some discussion around *The Bluest Eye*. We just need to revisit so that we can be clear on the exact reason for the specific content that the Board is seeking the action that would remove it from circulation and be behind the circulation desk for parent permission.
- **Mr. Gilbert:** My opposition is because it has graphic pedophilia and inappropriate, sexual relationship with minors.
- **Mrs. Taulbee:** I agree that it is because it depicts child sexual abuse and just sexually explicit material that is inappropriate for minors.
- **Mr. Detzel:** I agree with what Nicole and Mark just stated.



- **Mr. Heather:** I agree. I just don't think it's something that 14-year-olds should be reading.
- **Mr. Tietzsort:** My vote is in support of our own committee through Northwest Local School District that reviewed the book. After reading the book myself, I concur with their recommendation to keep the book on the shelf.

## 12.0 APPROVAL OF FISCAL ITEMS

### A) Resolution (#2307) to Proceed with Bond Issue

WHEREAS, this board of education, by resolution duly adopted determined the necessity of issuing school improvement bonds in the principal amount of \$168,600,000 (the "Bonds") to pay the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Expedited Local Partnership Program and the costs of constructing other school facilities and improvements thereto, known as locally funded initiatives, which shall appear on the ballot as a question asking whether the electors of the Northwest Local School District (the "School District") will vote to support the aforesaid purposes, together with, as applicable, new construction, improvements, renovations, and additions to school facilities, including preschool, elementary and middle schools, and providing equipment, furnishings, and site development and improvements, and all necessary appurtenances therefor, including modern technology and safety and security measures, as well as capitalized interest, and the necessity of levying an annual direct tax on all the taxable property in this School District, outside of the ten mill limitation to pay the interest on and to retire the Bonds and provided that the question of issuing the Bonds and of levying said direct tax shall be submitted to the electors of the School District at the election to be held on the 2nd day of May, 2023, all in compliance with the State of Ohio Expedited Local Partnership Program.

The Superintendent and Treasurer recommend the Board of Education approve the resolution to proceed with Bond Issue as listed.

### ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Jim Detzel**) Moved, Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent and Treasurer recommend the Board of Education approve the resolution to proceed with Bond Issue as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Mark Gilbert   | Yes |
| Jim Detzel     | Yes |
| Matt Tietzsort | Yes |
| Chris Heather  | Yes |
| Nicole Taulbee | Yes |



## Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Will the years on that stay the same, but the value is lower because we're taking Houston out?

**Ms. Wells:** Correct.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** How soon would we start getting information out to the community?

**Mr. Yater:** Once you guys vote on this, we'll start working on a communication plan.

- **Mr. Heather:** What's the election date?

**Ms. Wells:** May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- **Mr. Heather:** My only issue with it is if you keep doing the same thing over and over and expect a different result. My thing is the unfairness of some kids having to go to 100-year-old schools versus others going to brand new schools. I wish there was some way we could do something different.
- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Before this meeting, I was at Colerain Middle School for a basketball game. I was sitting with Princeton parents who were like, "this must be their old gym. They must have put this game in their old gym." I'm like, this is our only gym. Then we have boilers and things that don't start up. It's so much more expensive to fix that old stuff.

## 13.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

### 13.1 Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Darrell Yater provided district updates as follows.

A reminder was given to everyone that the district is in the middle of a redistricting process and part of that redistricting is looking at the building capacities. There are three middle schools that are all over one-hundred percent capacity. It's not just about maintaining what the district has, but it's about the fact we don't have the capacity for what we have. We have to address our issues, both with facilities and enrollment. As a district, we chose to put two options out there that were presented by the consultant, in an effort to be transparent so people understand everything that has been looked at and that decisions were not made for the community prior to asking for input, Mr. Yater said. Those that provided feedback were thanked, but there was not a lot of feedback. We will look at everything that we have, Mr. Yater explained, and our team will continue to look at that. Transportation is a major factor into making sure that we not only maximize the

use the building, and make sure that the buildings are balance, but that it is done from the data perspective and an efficiency perspective.

Carl Huber was announced as the Colerain High School Football Coach. Mr. Yater stated that they are excited for what Mr. Huber will bring to the program and his vision for where it can go.

A special shout out was given to maintenance and custodial stuff. Over the break some, while some people were enjoying a little bit of time off, some facility needs occurred. With the extreme weather, some pipes burst and some flooding occurred. Maintenance and custodial staff, along with some restoration companies, were on-site trying to mitigate all of that. All of that was able to happen in a way students never missed a beat; they were able to come back and start school with everyone else.

To reiterate, whether it is January or December, the appreciation for what the Board does to set vision, to review policy, and to make sure that the district is efficient in moving toward operation remains. The partnership that we have is valuable and invaluable to me, Mr. Yater expressed. I appreciate everything that you guys do. People don't know; they see you here once or twice a month for a board meeting, but the amount of conversations you have outside of this and your time and commitment to this is admirable.

#### **Discussion:**

- **Mr. Gilbert:** Will there be a formal presentation about the redistricting?

**Mr. Yater:** Yes. Once we have a final plan, we'll do a final presentation publically, so that everybody knows the final way it shakes out. That'll be coming. We're planning on February, so that we can be in front of it, plus Transportation needs to start running routes and doing all that. It'll be coming in February.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Is there another meeting where Cropper will present anything, or will it be you guys presenting?

**Mr. Yater:** We'll probably have them with us when we present, but we'll bring it to the Board meeting so that it is public, it is filmed, and people can see it. Again, our website will be updated (the redistricting website) once a final map is finalized so that people can still see the change that will impact them. Not just the proposed changes, but the actual ones.

- **Mr. Gilbert:** I'm very impressed with the work the company has done. I feel like they're very, very professional. I think we learned a lot. The frustrating piece, for me, is that we've turned this into an opportunity for our community to voice their opinion and there were only a little over fifty to fifty-three responses. This is very discouraging. As much We gave a



platform; an opportunity to voice. I'm very disappointed in our community.

- **Mr. Yater:** We will continue to engage. We will continue to find ways to engage. As Chris mentioned, how are we going to communicate about the bond issue? We will continue to do everything that we can to push out information, to receive information in a two-way communication style, and be willing to listen. But again, we appreciate the fifty-three people who did take the time to do it.

## **14.0 OTHER BOARD ITEMS**

### **14.1 Board Members' Comments**

Board President asked Board Members for their comments.

**Mr. Heather:** I appreciate the entertainment tonight that the Colerain Middle School students did.

**Mr. Detzel:** I'd like to second that. The kids were great and there may be a few kids in there to join the show cards once they get up to the high school. I wanted to thank the board members for voting me back into Butler Tech as the Board Representative. I appreciate that. Then, we need to get this information out because our kids deserve to get these new schools and not be in the dilapidated buildings that they're in now.

**Mr. Tietzort:** I want to show my appreciation for Ms. Smith and the Colerain Middle School students that came in. They did an awesome presentation with their song and dance tonight.

**Mr. Gilbert:** I thought the performance was awesome. We do all this for that exact thing. I want to thank you guys for acknowledging us this month. I think I can speak on behalf of everybody, even though I'm not the President anymore, that it is a labor of love for sure. We enjoy supporting our kids and our community families at whatever work level that is. I am very appreciative. Thank you guys again for the opportunity to be President and lead last year. I genuinely appreciate it. I really liked the Houston Early Learning piece to this, where we've got a very intentional effort by Mrs. Bibb to engage her classroom. It is refreshing to hear. It would be interesting to track these kids to see what difference they have as they progress in their educational career in our school district, but kudos to Mrs. Bibb and Gina Sansone.

**Mrs. Taulbee:** I want to first thank you all for the opportunity to be the President. Thank you to Emily and everyone for recognizing the Board. Thank you to the Colerain Middle School singers and Ms. Smith. I have seen her at school and she can get the whole gym of students dancing or singing, and does an amazing job with them. The Colerain High School Choir had three students represent them on Saturday, January 07, 2023, up in



Columbus. They're working with Xavier to learn some Broadway. These students include Riley Hoeh, Brennan Green, and Lydia Maynus. I want to wish them good luck. Congratulations to Spelling Bee winners and our Northwest Bowling Team on their awesome wins. I also just wanted to recognize Side-by-Side because I see them out every weekend doing something with our community and districts, so I just wanted to recognize them and also thank them.

## **15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **15.1 Executive Session**

The Board of Education approved a motion to move into executive session to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion to move into executive session as listed.

#### **ORIGINAL – Motion**

Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Moved, Member (**Matt Tietz**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the motion to move into executive session as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Mark Gilbert   | Yes |
| Jim Detzel     | Yes |
| Matt Tietz     | Yes |
| Chris Heather  | Yes |
| Nicole Taulbee | Yes |

The Board moved into executive session at 7:30 PM.

### **15.2 Return from Executive Session**

The Board returned from executive session at 9:00 PM.

## **16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

### **16.1 Board President Called for Adjournment**

The Board President asked for a motion and second for adjournment.

**ORIGINAL – Motion**

Member (**Matt Tietz**) Moved, Member (**Chris Heather**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board President asks for a motion and second for adjournment'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Mark Gilbert   | Yes |
| Jim Detzel     | Yes |
| Matt Tietz     | Yes |
| Chris Heather  | Yes |
| Nicole Taulbee | Yes |

**The meeting ended at 9:01 PM.**

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