



NEWS
For Immediate Release:
March 2, 2015

CONTACT: Jennifer Watson
Phone: (330) 643-8386
watson@prosecutor.summitoh.net

Former Nordonia Hills School Board President Pleads

AKRON, OHIO – March 2, 2015 – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Steven Bittel, 53, of Ballantrae Drive in Sagamore Hills, pleaded guilty to:

- Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor, a felony of the second degree;
- Pandering, Four counts, felonies of the fourth degree;
- Illegal Use of a Minor in Nudity, Ten counts, felonies of the fifth degree;
- Obstructing Official Business, Four counts, felonies of the fifth degree.

On September 5, 2014, Bittel, who at the time was the President of Nordonia Hills Board of Education, was arrested after a five-hour standoff with police at his home, during which Bittel threatened police officers with a handgun during the incident. Sagamore Hills Police, working with the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, were executing a search warrant issued by Stow Municipal Court after discovering Bittel's IP address was involved in a file sharing network involving child pornography.

Bittel has since resigned his position with the Board of Education. Visiting Judge Richard Reinbold will sentence Bittel on April 22, 2015 at 11:00a.m. Bittel faces a sentence of up to 31 years in prison.