

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education**

District Office

6248 North Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065

Thursday, January 24, 2013

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Tom Kinser, Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Collin Crull, Mr. Glen Gratz and Mrs. Amy Morris (arrived 6:34 p.m.)

Absent: *None*

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Jason Kruckenberg, spoke about the extremely large basketball uniforms that were given to his daughter and many other girls on the team to wear for Middle School Basketball. The girls who were previously on the Lady Vikes Basketball Team decided to wear the uniforms they still had from that team. Apparently, people are saying "What makes these girls special." So a group of parents have raised \$1300 to pay for new uniforms for those who don't have the Lady Vikes type uniform. He asked why that money isn't being welcomed by the district. He also asked whether something is set up for the other schools and, if not, suggested the Booster Club be restructured to include 7th and 8th grade extra-curricular activities. The Girls Middle School Basketball team would like to use their Lady Vikes uniforms and buy additional uniforms for those girls who do not have these uniforms.

David Osadjan, continued that the uniforms that were given to the Girls Middle School Basketball team are nine years old, made for boys and are very large. He supported the request to purchase additional uniforms for those girls who do not have the Lady Vikes uniforms.

Shannon Long, displayed the Lady Vikes uniforms that the group of parents would like to purchase for those on the Girls Middle School Basketball team who do not have them. She estimated that they would have to purchase approximately 35 to 40 uniforms and they have raised most of the money needed. She asked how much the uniforms will cost and who would make up the difference.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Jacob Hubert announced that eight high school students have been named 2013-14 State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement. As he called each of the following

students forward to receive recognition from the Board, he reiterated comments he received from each student's teacher and listed their extra-curricular participation:

Nicole Abraham	Jacob Ellsworth	Megan Johnson	Kristen Lee
Brandon Pagni	Sarah Timm	Alexandra Wood	Shannon Zelek

Dr. Sharon Olds announced that Lily Perez earned a perfect score on her 4th Grade ISAT math exam. Lilly is now in 5th grade at the Upper Elementary and is very much missed at Poplar Grove Elementary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the Agenda. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Baule thanked Mr. Bob Balgemann for the nice article in the Belvidere Daily Republican about Lily Perez earning a perfect ISAT score in math. He added that Breanna Schaedel, a senior at North Boone High School, has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Sauk Valley in Dixon, IL.

Dr. Brent Clark, Executive Director of IASA, recently spoke at a meeting in Rockford on school funding and pension rule changes. In essence, Dr. Clark expressed doubt that any decisions would be made on pension until after the 2014 elections and heard Dr. Koch say that the GSA would stay at 80%. It is expected that the Speaker of the IL House of Representatives will not agree to any type of agreement that would cost the state money.

Poplar Grove Elementary now has before school care which Dr. Olds set up. The District is breaking even on the expenses, and as long as it is working out, hopefully, we can keep it.

Dr. Baule anticipated that the vocational center involving CEANCI and Rock Valley College (RVS) would serve a lot of students' needs. It seems the Winnebago County Board and RVC are anxious to get this going. Greg Brown, Business Manager at District 100, and Dr. Baule will be on two boards representing Boone County.

Dr. Baule announced that Ms. Kim Moore would be leaving the Boone County Special Education Cooperative (BCSEC) as of July 1, 2013. She has taken the position of Executive Director for the Winnebago Special Education Cooperative. He thanked Ms. Moore for doing a fabulous job during her tenure as Director of the Boone County Special Education. Three years ago, over 30 of our students were out-placed; we now have only eight out-placed students. District 100 would like to dissolve the BCSEC. If dissolved, there is a \$2.5M fund balance at BCSEC of which \$403K would be due to North Boone and the remaining to Belvidere based on enrollment. Dr. Baule discussed four options available to this district:

1. Oppose the dissolution and hire a new cooperative director
2. Oppose the dissolution and hire our own director, effectively making the cooperative dormant.

3. Allow for the dissolution and join another special education cooperative
4. Allow for the dissolution and hire our own special education director

Options 3 and 4 above would require approval by the Illinois State Board of Education. Dr. Baule discussed the pros and cons of each option. This district currently has one student placed at Belvidere, and they are willing to enter into an intergovernmental agreement allowing us to continue placement of our students there. They would also like to place some of their students in our Agriculture Program. It is very difficult to find a certified state Special Education Director. Ms. Moore stated that North Boone is managing its special education students very well and our programs are top notch. She would not recommend moving our students back to Belvidere. Typically, a district the size of North Boone would hire a director would handle two positions. It was clarified that if the cooperative is dissolved, services to our students would not be interrupted. Dr. Baule requested that the Board advise him their preference in moving forward.

Dr. Baule stated that there was money in the ESL grant to hold Spanish classes through NIU at the high school for district staff. The staff members who have taken advantage of this offering are taking this class very seriously. In an effort to reach out to our Hispanic families, the district has also done a good job of hiring more bilingual staff.

The ESL parents held a family fun night in December and raised over \$1,000 in order to offer a scholarship. An ESL parent meeting was held on January 14th and Dr. Baule noted that the minutes of that meeting were attached to the Agenda online.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mrs. Balsley reported that the Policy Committee did not meet in January. The next Policy Committee meeting is to be determined.

Business Services Committee

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Business Services Committee did not meet in January. The next Business Services Committee meeting is to be determined.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee

Mr. Ward reported that the Facility/Long Range Planning Committee did not meet in January. The next Facility/Long Range Planning Committee meeting date is to be determined.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee

Mr. Gratz reported that the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee did not meet in January. The next Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee meeting date is to be determined.

Other Committee Reports

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Community Involvement Committee last met on January 9, 2013. The Committee discussed the pancake breakfast that was held on January 12, 2013, which

brought in almost \$1,000. The next Community Involvement Committee meeting date is to be determined.

Mr. Kinser reported that the Technology Subcommittee did not meet in January. However, he expected that information on the tablets will be presented at the next Board meeting. The next Technology Subcommittee meeting date is to be determined.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was submitted to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Mr. Crull, Mr. Gratz, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Zwart

Nays: *(none)*

Abstain: Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Ward

Motion passed 5-0, with two abstentions.

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 17, 2012

B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/End Date
1. Non-Certified - Hire				
District	Sonia Stanski	Bus Aide	\$9.00/hr.	01-24-13
NBHS	Lawrence King	Special Ed Teacher Assistant	TA120, Step 1	01-07-13
Capron	Sheri Sager	Pre-K Teacher Assistant	TA60, Step 2	01-07-13
PGE	Betsy Lopez	Bilingual Assistant	TA120, Step 1	01-22-13
2. Certified – Resignation				
NBHS	Ingrid Thorp	.2 Math Teacher	N/A	December 31, 2012
3. Extra-Curricular – Volunteer				
NBHS	Dan Hayes	Spring Fishing Team	Indemnify	2012-2013 School Year
4. Extra-Curricular – Resignation				
NBMS	Renee Roen	Middle School Girls Volleyball	N/A	End of 2012-2013 School Year

C. January 2013 Bills

D. Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

E. SVC Certified Public Accountants, S.C. Letter Agreement

F. Overnight Field Trip Request – Capron Elementary

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(No Unfinished Business)

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Establish Public School Calendar for SY 2014-2015**

Dr. Baule reviewed the calendar survey results and assured the Board that the unions have reviewed the proposed school calendar.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve the District School Calendar for SY 2014-2015.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. **Five-Year Fiscal Projections**

Dr. Baule advised the Board that any projected insurance costs or wind farm revenues were not included in the Five-Year Fiscal Projects. He then introduced Greg Kubitz, Senior Financial Advisor at PMA Financial Network, Inc.

Mr. Kubitz defined the Financial Planning Program as a comprehensive, interactive planning process that can be updated to assist the district in making financial decisions. It can be used in budget planning, trend analysis and to set fiscal policies. The EAV (Equalized Assessed Valuation) for Boone County has decreased about 23%; however, the average decrease in Illinois is at 28%. He agreed that the district should expect to receive 80% of its GSA (General State Aid). The CPI (Consumer Price Index) is at 3% and is set at 1.7% for the 2013 tax levy and is projected to be at 2.5% for the 2014 tax levy. The district property tax collection rate remains at 99%, which is the district largest source of operating revenue. All projections indicate that the district's deficit will continue to increase and the fund balances will continue to decrease accordingly.

Dr. Baule requested direction from the Board as to their preference in handling the increased deficit in the budget. In order to balance the budget, the district would have to either close a school or eliminate all extra-curricular activities. Alternatively, the Board could cut other items in order to reduce the deficit and extend it out another couple years. They agreed that any reductions should be those that have the least impact on students. Dr. Baule will develop three budget scenarios for Board consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 9:07 p.m. by Mr. Crull and seconded by Mrs. Morris to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters; student discipline; or other matters provided for pursuant to §2(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

The following members were present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Tom Kinser, Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Collin Crull, Mr. Glen Gratz and Mrs. Amy Morris.

The Open Session of the Board of Education was called to order at 10:07 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary Tom Kinser, Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Collin Crull, Mr. Glen Gratz and Mrs. Amy Morris

Absent: (None)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Crull to expel Student 2013-01 for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Zwart and seconded by Mrs. Balsley to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT _____ *Don Ward* /S/
Don Ward

SECRETARY _____ *Tom Kinser* /S/
Tom Kinser

APPROVED: 2-21-13