

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200
Minutes of the Business Services Committee Meeting
District Office
6248 North Boone School Road
Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Ed Mulholland at 6:30 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Mike Greenlee, Ed Mulholland, Kelly Holsker, Jamie Pearce, and Julia Saunders. Also present: Mary Maxey and Mike Parrott from Gallagher Benefits. Absent: Brian Reininger, Kelly Hanaman and Jeannine Plath.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

INSURANCE COOP INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Greenlee met with NBEA and NBESS and mentioned both unions strongly communicated they liked the current health network.

Mr. Parrott mentioned we could shop the market, but noted some vendors offer good rates in the beginning but we may be at risk of rates rising after that initial year. He noted we weren't eligible to join a coop in the past, as they required 150 lives. The requirement has been lowered to 100 lives, which now makes us qualified.

He said the original quote from Health Alliance reflects a 12% decrease, but they would need to go through our higher claims, and savings could decrease dramatically. Mr. Parrott noted some larger hospitals are not on their plan.

Dr. Greenlee asked what might happen if the coop struggled. Mr. Parrott said we need to have conservative underwriting. Mr. Parrott stated to exit the coop, his company would need a 90 or 120 day notice, and said we cannot opt out in one year if we are unhappy. He noted we could modify our own plan design once we are in the coop, giving the example of adding a higher deductible or HSA. Mrs. Saunders asked if there was a buy-in if we didn't join in year one. Mr. Parrott said there was not a standard fee. Mr. Parrott felt five to six groups may launch right away, and said if we were interested, we would just need to commit to remaining in the conversation. Mr. Parrott mentioned a copy of the resolution was sent to the District. Dr. Greenlee said he intended on having the attorney to look at the resolution. Mrs. Saunders thought if rates were equivalent, we may consider joining, but we may want to wait until we see the numbers. The Committee was in agreement to move forward and would make a decision based on the new rates.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Dr. Greenlee presented a project list prepared by Jim Novak.

He noted sealcoating and painting had not yet been approved by the Board, but felt since nothing has been sealed since 2012, he would like to take care of sealcoating and striping the heavy traffic areas at Poplar Grove, Manchester, Upper Elementary and the High School.

He also said he would like to start a painting rotation at all schools, beginning with Capron and the Middle School.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Mrs. Saunders addressed the bus driver shortage and asked to hire a permanent substitute bus driver. Mr. Mulholland suggested this position be posted as a full time bus driving position.

Mrs. Saunders also requested we hire two people for approximately 40 hours each to wash the outside of busses.

BUDGET UPDATE

Mrs. Saunders provided copies of the amended budget. She is suggesting we resolution \$700K from the transportation fund into the O&M fund.

UPDATE ON 2016-2017 PLANNING

Mr. Mulholland said he was in favor of the social studies proposal, option 2, which adds two social studies teachers at the Middle School, one special education teacher, and would place teacher assistants in the math interventionist positions. The estimated additional cost is \$78K. Mr. Mulholland would also like to wait until our Curriculum Coordinator is on board to discuss the math situation. Mrs. Maxey commented she would like to see the AD position kept as a stipend.

AUDIT UPDATE

Mrs. Saunders said summaries will be provided at the June Board Meeting.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Dr. Greenlee reviewed the outlined the proposed new substitute rates.

He also brought forward the possibility of purchasing two sets of portable bleachers which could be moved with wheel kits at a cost of \$6,800.00. Mr. Mulholland asked how much the Boosters paid for the large set of bleachers. Dr. Greenlee said he would investigate and provide that information.

Dr. Greenlee discussed the plans for technology. He said last year we brought in laptops for the

7th graders, and noted the 8th graders still have tablets. He mentioned they would like to purchase new laptops for the 7th graders. Dr. Greenlee said the Technology Department will be looking at Chromebooks, as we need a long-term plan to grow devices, and need to refresh some 2100's that are seven years old. Dr. Greenlee would like to get replacements for those, and that expense will fit into the budget. Dr. Greenlee said we will establish curriculum first then determine which devices are needed to provide support.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting is TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ed Mulholland /S/
Ed Mulholland, Co-Chair