

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
Monday, May 24, 2010
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary/Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Bradley Crull, Mr. John Ellingson, Mr. Glen Gratz, and Mr. Tom Kinser
Absent: *(None)*

SPEAKERS

(No Speakers)

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Michele Johnson inquired about the status of the sports programs. She had heard various rumors and wanted to know when a decision would be made and what district parents could do to save these programs.

Mr. Ward replied that the Board would be reviewing the 2010-2011 budget at this meeting and expected everything to be resolved by the June Board meeting. The budget breakdown is available through the Business Department.

Dr. Baule added that any elimination of personnel in the sports programs would depend on the direction of the state.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Kinser to approve the Agenda as amended:

IX. Consent Agenda – D. Personnel - Move to Executive Agenda

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Library/Media Report Update

Mrs. Pat Jones, District Media Director, recalled that the last time Library Assistants were eliminated was approximately seven years ago. She stressed that there would be no

access to libraries without full-time staffing of libraries. She also demonstrated a new search tool on the library website, Destiny Quest, in which books can be cross referenced in all the schools on one screen as well as its many other features.

B. Special Education Changes

Dr. Baule noted that there would be a couple changes in special education next year. Mr. Paulsgrove will make delivery of special education more efficient and reduce transportation costs. An option being discussed is to develop a program to tie into the present preschool program at Capron that would flow well and meet the needs of all Pre-K students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mrs. Balsley reported that the Policy Committee last met on May 3, 2010. The next Policy Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010 at 4:15 p.m. may be cancelled.

Business Services Committee

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Business Services Committee last met on May 10, 2010. The next Business Services Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee

Mr. Crull stated that the next Facility/Long Range Planning Committee meeting has not yet been determined.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee

Mr. Gratz reported that the C.I.A. Committee last met on May 13, 2010. The next C.I.A. Committee: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2010 at 3:45 p.m. will be suspended until September.

Other Committee Report

Mr. Kinser reported that the Technology Subcommittee last met on May 20, 2010. Although the usual next meeting would be on Thursday, June 10, that meeting date may be moved to when a report is received from Techcare.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Zwart stated that the Treasurer's Report was submitted to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Kinser to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

- A. Minutes of the Special Meeting April 22, 2010
- B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting April 26, 2010

- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting May 4, 2010
- E. Current Bills
- F. Consideration of 1st Reading – 4:10, Fiscal and Business Management
- G. Consideration of 1st Reading – 4:30, Revenue and Investments
- H. Consideration of 1st Reading – 4:60, Purchases and Contracts
- I. Consideration of 1st Reading – 4:90, Activity Funds
- J. Consideration of 1st Reading – 4:110, Transportation
- K. Consideration of 1st Reading – 4:170, Safety
- L. Consideration Policy 5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- M. Consideration Policy 7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- N. Consideration of Policy 8:30, Visitors To and Conduct On School Property
- O. Consideration of Approval of IASB Annual Dues in the Amount of \$3,599.20
- P. Appointment of John Ellingson as Governing Board Representative to IASB.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2010-2011 Budget

Dr. Baule distributed “Round 3” of proposed budget eliminations. Unfortunately, the district is now in a waiting game to see what the state is going to do. The most likelihood is that the difference in revenue between this school year and next will remain flat, with no change. The General State Aid Foundation may stay as is, but many of the grants may be reduced or not funded at all. The next deadline for the state to approve their budget is May 31. There is some potential that the federal government may legislate money for districts; however, that money would not be available until at least July.

Administration was asked to bring additional potential reductions, which is indicated on the “Round 3” spreadsheet in the total amount of approximately \$1.5. These proposed reductions do allow for some teaching assistants to return. We are now at a point where any additional reductions would result in eliminating all athletics.

Mrs. Zwart announced that she would like to reconvene the district’s Community Involvement Committee to look into making some of the extracurricular positions more self-efficient.

Dr. Baule added that no final decision has been made in regard to cutting any programs.

Mr. Crull felt that if the state does not act by the end of the week, some form of definitive action would have to be made at the next Board meeting.

B. Technology Update

Mr. Kinser gave an overview of the proposal Techcare presented at the last Technology Subcommittee meeting on May 20th. He felt that the scope of the work showed that they will be a good fit.

Dr. Baule added that, effectively, Techcare’s proposal is actually a maintenance contract, and any new services would be at additional costs.

Mr. Kinser stated that Techcare has worked with PowerSchool, and is comfortable with that arrangement. His only concern is what would be included in Techcare’s reference in

their Service Attachment to “on-boarding.” His preference would be to include the language regarding “on-boarding” on page 16 of the Conceptual Agreement because until they complete the “on-boarding” process, there are still some unknowns. Techcare did include a 30-day out after one year as requested by the Board.

Dr. Baule reported that the technology consultant, Nancy Battaglia, met with him and several staff members earlier for a couple hours to review the PowerSchool issues. It is intended that individuals from PowerSchool will visit the district in June.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to accept the Techcare Service Attachment through June 30, 2012, pending legal review and the addition of the expanded “on-boarding” language.

Ayes: Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Crull, Mr. Ellingson, Mr. Kinser, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Zwart

Nays: Mr. Gratz

Motion passed 6-1.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Settlement Agreement between North Boone CUSD #200 and Belvidere CUSD #100

Mr. Ward reported that Belvidere approved the Settlement Agreement under which our special education students will receive services for one more year. The services to be provided for our students will be similar to those received this year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Gratz to approve the Settlement Agreement between North Boone CUSD #200 and Belvidere CUSD #100.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

B. Consideration of Competitive Federal Grant: Race to the Top

Dr. Baule explained that this is a federal grant program for states. Only two states in which 100% of their districts participated received grants in the first round. The grant will change teacher quality standards, and evaluations will be tied to student test scores.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Gratz to approve participating in the 2nd Race to the Top federal grant.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

C. Consideration of a Special Board Meeting at 6:15 p.m. on June 28, 2010 for Hearings on: 2009-2010 Amended Budget and Waiver for ISBE Rules for Driver Education Contracting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve a special Board meeting at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, June 28 for hearings on the 2009-2010 Amended Budget and Waiver for ISBE Rules for Driver Education Contracting.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:53 p.m. by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Crull to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; 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/Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Bradley Crull, Mr. John Ellingson, Mr. Glen Gratz, and Mr. Tom Kinser.

The Open Session of the Board of Education was called to order at 9:30 p.m. by President Don Ward.

Present: President Don Ward, Vice President Denise Balsley, Secretary/Treasurer Laura Zwart, Mr. Bradley Crull, Mr. John Ellingson, Mr. Glen Gratz, and Mr. Tom Kinser
Absent: *(None)*

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to hire Matthew Sbertoli for the position of North Boone High School Science Teacher, and Jason Mitchell for the position of Poplar Grove Elementary Special Education Teacher.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Ellingson to accept the retirement of Brad Morelock effective August 15, 2010 and pay a one-time Retirement Bonus of \$100/year for 22 years of service.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve the Settlement Agreement and General Release between North Boone CUSD #200 and Employee A2010.

Ayes: Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Ellingson, Mr. Gratz, Mr. Kinser, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Zwart

Nays: Mr. Crull

Motion passed 6-1.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellingson and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve hiring Amy Adamson, Sherry Timm and Ashley Mulholland for the position of Grounds Maintenance at \$9.75/hr. effective May 25 – June 30, 2010, pending administrative review of the hiring procedures.

Ayes: Mr. Crull, Mr. Ellingson, Mr. Kinser, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Zwart

Nays: Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Gratz

Motion passed 5-2.

Mr. Ward thanked Mr. John Paulsgrove for all he has done for the district this past year. He also expressed his appreciation to everyone who joined Dr. Baule at the “meet and greet” gathering this afternoon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

- A. **Enrollment**
- B. **FOIA Report**
- C. **Student Activity Fund Reports**
- D. **District Activities Calendar**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Gratz to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT *Don Ward* /S/
Don Ward

SECRETARY *Laura Zwart* /S/
Laura Zwart

APPROVED: **6-28-10**