

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, December 19, 2011
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
Absent: *None*

Mr. Ward opened the meeting by wishing everyone a very merry Christmas. He also congratulated Mrs. Balsley on the birth of her third grandchild, Theo.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2011 TAX LEVY

(No speakers regarding the 2011 Tax Levy)

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Julie VanLaar, stated that there was a lot of information available regarding wind turbines that she urged the Board to read. She then read the testimony as given by Rene Taylor, of Ellsworth IL, before a Union, WI Planning Commission in 2008 and the impact of the turbines on her family's health and welfare.

Brian VanLaar, addressed the wind farm projections prepared by Mrs. Zwart and requested that the Board not use those projections for financial planning because of the many variables, especially in regard to federal, state and county taxes. He stated that this item should be under "Unfinished Business" on the Agenda and asked for a roll call vote.

Pam Oberholtzer, stated that her children went to North Boone schools, and spoke about the negative health effects created by wind turbines.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IX. Consent Agenda: Move the following item to X. Unfinished Business:
D. Wind Farm Projections

Move the following item to XII Executive Session
F. Superintendent Vacation Days

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Baule stated that it is his intent to present a 2012-13 and a 2013-2014 school calendar at the next meeting in January for the Board's approval.

The Regional Board of Education recently informed Dr. Baule that they expect the consolidation of regional offices will result in 17 to 20 offices as opposed to 56 offices. However, it is anticipated that the regional office in Loves Park will remain intact.

Dr. Baule reported that the high school concert on December 8th as well as the middle school/upper elementary concert on December 12th went well, as there was standing room only at both concerts.

Dr. Baule presented the state's proposed new rules for implementing SB7, which will impact the process for determining reduction in force and evaluation of principals. He urged anyone who has any concerns to contact him so that he may forward those concerns to the state. He also presented a summary of the state's four areas of focus.

Dr. Baule advised that the process to upgrade technology connections between the K-4 buildings would start on December 22nd. He also requested that the Board consider a potential exploratory 1-1 pilot program for the 2012-2013 school year using computer tablets rather than laptops.

Good news. K-9s were brought to both the high school and middle school on December 19th to sniff for drugs and nothing was found.

Dr. Baule reported that Mr. Novak is working with the architects to draft proposals for roofing projects at Capron Elementary and the North Boone Middle School and for renovating the cafeteria at Manchester Elementary. They hope to present their proposals to the Facilities Committee on January 17, 2012.

Dr. Baule reported that the Illinois EPA has advised the district it will receive a grant in the amount of \$68,528.00 for new heaters for the buses, which will improve fuel efficiency. He thanked Mr. Mulholland for his work on this grant.

All of the libraries in the district except the high school held book fairs and raised over \$2,200.00, which will be used to purchase additional library materials. Dr. Baule thanked Mrs. Lenser and the library assistants for their work on these fairs.

The next teacher institute day on January 13 will be for teachers only. It will focus on Response to Intervention and some additional Compass Learning training. Dr. Baule thanked Mrs. Nelson for finding sponsors who have provided lunches for all the in-service days this year.

Dr. Baule also reported that PowerSchool was upgraded during the Thanksgiving week. It was a long process, but thanks to Mr. Randy Porter and Mrs. Kathy Gustafson, it was completed prior to school resuming on Monday.

Dr. Baule displayed the plaque the district recently received from General ASP, Inc. who provides online software for school districts to, among other things, find effective traits in potential principals. Dr. Olds has been working with the instrument and they have advised that the district may continue to do so for the next year at no cost.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mrs. Balsley reported that the Policy Committee last met on December 5, 2011. The next Policy Committee meeting date is to be determined.

Business Services Committee

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

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee

Mr. Ward reported that the Facility/Long Range Planning Committee did not meet in December. The next Facility/Long Rang Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee

Mr. Gratz reported that the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee did not meet in December. The next Curriculum Committee meeting will take place in the spring.

Other Committee Reports

Mr. Kinser reported that the Technology Subcommittee did not meet in December. The next Technology Committee meeting date is to be determined.

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Community Involvement Committee last met on December 7, 2011. The next Community Involvement Committee 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. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Morris to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 28, 2011
- B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/End Date
1. Certified - Hire				
NBHS/NBMS	Marybeth Kurnat	0.8 Music Teacher	BA, Step 0	January 5, 2012
2. Extra-Curricular – Hire				
NBMS	Erika Bronowski	.25 Lunch Supervision	Group II, Step 0	2 nd Semester, 2011-2012 School Year
NBMS	Krystal Kneip	Basketball Cheerleading	Group VI, Step 0	2011-2012 School Year
NBMS	Marybeth Kurnat	Band	Group VII, Step 0	January 5, 2012
NBHS	Marybeth Kurnat	Vocal Music with Musical	Group I, Step 0	January 5, 2012
NBHS	Marybeth Kurnat	Instrumental Music	Group II, Step 0	January 5, 2012

- C. First Reading and Approval of Policies
- ~~D. Wind Farm Projections~~
- E. Engineering and Science Running Start Program
- ~~F. Superintendent Vacation Days~~
- G. Overnight Field Trip Request – Chess Team

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Wind Farm Projections

Mrs. Zwart explained that the spreadsheet regarding Wind Farm Projections contained real numbers taken from the actual tax code, which is set to expire in 2016. The tax numbers will most likely change at that time. The wattage can be changed depending on proposed projects, which will follow through the entire spreadsheet. The amount set for bonds are actual numbers. However, she would not recommend this information be used for budget purposes. The projections are more for information should the Board ever be asked, as the spreadsheet contains information that relates solely to the school district.

Mrs. Morris was concerned that approval of the Wind Farm Projections would appear that the Board supports the wind farm project.

Mr. Kinser felt it was good to validate the numbers but preferred to send it back to the Business Services Committee to review with the county board to see what has changed. He preferred that the projects be kept internal until someone requests it.

Mr. Ward commented that false information can be found both pro and con about wind turbines. The proposed Wind Farm Projections spreadsheet is neither for nor against wind turbines; it merely gives the best information possible as it relates to the school district at this time. It is a reasonable calculation of information that no one but the school district has, and different assumptions can easily be entered in the spreadsheet.

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Mr. Kinser to send the Wind Farm Projections document back to the Business Committee until the document is requested by an outside entity.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Mrs. Morris to amend the above motion by removing the wording, “by an outside entity” and substitute therefor, “from the County Board or one of their subcommittees.”

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

Roll call on the original motion by Mrs. Morris as amended:

Ayes: Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Morris

Nays: Mr. Crull, Mr. Gratz, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Zwart

Motion failed 3-4.

A motion was made by Mr. Gratz and seconded by Mr. Crull to accept the Wind Farm Projections as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to amend the above motion by adding that the Business Committee also review the Wind Farm Projections for any changes or additions for the next twelve (12) months.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

Roll call on the original motion by Mr. Gratz as amended:

Ayes: Mr. Crull, Mr. Gratz, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Zwart

Nays: Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Morris

Motion passed 4-3.

NEW BUSINESS

A. December 2011 Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve the December 2011 Bills.

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.

B. 2011 Tax Levy

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Kinser to approve the 2011 Tax Levy

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

C. Resolution Abating the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2011 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008A, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties, Illinois

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve the Resolution Abating the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2011 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008A, of Community Unit School District Number 200, Boone and Winnebago Counties, Illinois.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:38 p.m. by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Morris to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; student disciplinary cases; collective negotiating matters; 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 9:30 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
Absent: *None*

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Zwart and seconded by Mr. Crull to expel Student 2012-03 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Should the student complete the requirements for a high school diploma, one will be awarded.

The motion was carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Gratz and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to approve Side Letter 2012-01 with the NBEA concerning sick leave.

The motion failed upon voice vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Gratz to approve the following salaries effective January 1, 2012:

Kathleen Gustafson - \$33,500.00
Dianne Mulligan - \$48,450.00
Randall Porter - \$47,000.00
Gerald Rudolph - \$32,500.00
Mary Walraven - \$31,000.00

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

A motion was made by Mrs. Zwart and seconded by Mrs. Morris to approve the payment of \$2,283.52 to the Superintendent for unused vacation days.

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

Nays: Mrs. Balsley

Motion passed 6-1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

A. Enrollment

B. Student Activity Fund Reports

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mr. Gratz to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT _____ *Don Ward* /S/
Don Ward

SECRETARY _____ *Tom Kinser* /S/
Tom Kinser

APPROVED: 1-23-12