

**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, October 22, 2012  
6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Don Ward.

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

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Guenter Wohlfarth, Chess Coach and former German Teacher, spoke about the formation of the present-day chess club at North Boone High School and how chess matches with other schools evolved into rated tournaments. Over the years, there were many successes and the North Boone Chess Team won many trophies. Unfortunately the IHSA reduced the chess structure from a two-tier to a one-tier, making it difficult for smaller schools to compete. Mr. Wohlfarth requested that the Board encourage the IHSA to return to the two-tier structure and to reinstate the stipend for the high school chess coach to promote a truly competitive program.

**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 Dr. Olds for the great job she did in organizing the Teacher Institute Day on October 5, 2012. The evaluations received for that day were very positive. He noted that the summaries for the Teacher Institute Day on October 5 and the School Improvement Day on October 10, 2012 were available as attachments to the Board agenda. Dr. Baule commented that the math piece (*enVisionMath*) was well done, and Mrs. Crawford has also organized meetings to help parents become acquainted with the program.

Dr. Baule reported that the Language Arts Audit is going well. Ms. Mindy Pudlow, who was also one of the speakers on Institute Day, is conducting this audit.

Although there has been a lot of positive reactions to *enVisionMath*, there are still some teachers who are really struggling because it so different from last year. However, from all the math program options available, most teachers feel this was definitely the best choice.

Dr. Baule reported that he had not heard back from Ken Terrinoni at Boone County regarding iFiber. Anything the district does with this is reimbursable through e-rate since according to the federal government, this district is not considered an underserved area. The county is helping to make a link but we do not have the real costs yet.

Dr. Baule informed the Board that he had included in each Board member's packet a list of talking points Mr. Ward had put together regarding the sales tax referendum. A web page has also been set up on the district website to provide information about this referendum and to allow for the community to send in questions. At this time, no responses have yet been received. Also, an informational meeting will be held at Candlewick at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2012. It does appear it would be a net gain for our property owners.

Dr. Baule stated that he met with the Boone County legislators after the last Board meeting. They feel the Truancy Ordinance has had a beneficial impact on the communities. Only four citations were issued last year. The county board has completed their review and is going to adopt the ordinance. The Boone County Sheriff and state's attorney also felt this is a very important enforcement tool.

The next Stadium Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 in the front office of the high school. At this point, 93 people have responded to the online survey. Dr. Baule will send the results of this survey to the Board members.

Dr. Baule stated that he had sent the School Report Cards to the Board, and they are also on the district website. As of this meeting, Dr. Baule had not received the ECRA data. One of the delays in getting this data is due to the time required to find all the historic data. The ACT scores have increased and our students were making active progress; however, this year's ACT data was disappointing.

Since October 15<sup>th</sup>, students have been allowed to use their cell phones during lunch period. However, if the tardy rate goes to 100 for the quarter, that privilege will be taken away. Dr. Baule felt this was a good way to motivate students to be in class on time.

Under the NCLB Act, schools that fail to meet AYP for two years in a row must offer school choice. Poplar Grove Elementary failed to meet AYP for the second year last year; however, only one 4<sup>th</sup> grade student opted to change to Manchester Elementary. The parents of this child were concerned about class size.

Dr. Baule called the Board's attention to the following information that was included in their packets:

- "Impact of the Boone County Truancy Ordinance on North Boone CUSD 200"
- "Healthcare Reform – After the Supreme Court Decision – Now What" by Gallagher Benefit Services. This was very depressing relative to the potential cost to the district. Dr. Baule offered to bring someone in from Gallagher to speak with the Board should they have any questions.
- Tailgating Guidelines for this Saturday.
- Village of Poplar Grove flyer regarding the electrical aggregation.

- Article from *TechLearning* titled “Challenge the Status Quo” written by Dr. Baule regarding changing the education system.
- Invitation from the Golden Apple Foundation to the 2012-2013 Golden Apple Nominee Reception on Wednesday, November 14, 2012. Please contact Dianne Mulligan to RSVP.

Mr. Kinser expressed his concern that many students might not have access to the online help for *enVisionMath*. He found it to be very helpful for his student. Dr. Baule offered to set up a home technology survey; however, the area with the most need is Internet access. There are grants to look into broadband access, but the largest cost for the district would be the pipeline.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Policy Committee**

Mrs. Balsley reported that the Policy Committee did not meet in October. However, a new PRESS package has been received and the next Policy Committee meeting date will be set for the near future.

### **Business Services Committee**

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Business Services Committee did not meet in October. 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 October. 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 October. The next Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee meeting date is to be determined.

### **Other Committee Reports**

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

Mrs. Zwart reported that the Community Involvement Committee did not meet in October. The next Community Involvement Committee meeting date is to be determined.

The Stadium Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mrs. Zwart reported that she was working on the Treasurer’s Report.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 24, 2012
- B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/End Date
<b>1. Certified – FMLA Leave</b>				
Manchester	Erin Roth	Kindergarten Teacher	N/A	January 10 – End of School Year (Use all sick days, then unpaid leave)
<b>2. Non-Certified - Hire</b>				
Capron	Vania DeAlmeida	Bilingual Assistant	TA120, Step 2	November 5, 2012
Transportation	Ed Hyzer	Bus Driver	\$24.25/Route	October 22, 2012
<b>3. Non-Certified – Resignation</b>				
District	Sandee Kleeman	Bus Aide	N/A	October 26, 2012
PGE	Inocencia Gomez	Bilingual Assistant	N/A	October 10, 2012
<b>4. Extra-Curricular - Hire</b>				
NBHS	Phil Baker	Wrestling Coach	Group I, Step 2	2012-2013 School Year
NBHS	Kim Crull	Share Cheerleading Sponsor	Group III, Step 2	2012-2013 School Year
NBHS	Krystal Kniep	Share Cheerleading Sponsor	Group III, Step 0	2012-2013 School Year
NBHS	Amber O’Mary	Scholastic Bowl Sponsor	Group VI, Step 0	2012-2013 School Year
NBHS	Adam Schultz	Assistant Wrestling Coach	Group II, Step 0	2012-2013 School Year

- C. Overnight Field Trip Request – Ag/FFA
- D. Approval of IASB PRESS Subscription Renewal
- E. Approval of Title I School Parental Involvement Agreements
- F. Approval of PMA Financial Planning Program Consulting Agreement

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(No Unfinished Business)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. October 2012 Bills**

A motion was made by Mrs. Zwart and seconded by Mr. Crull to approve the October 2012 Bills.

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

Nays: *(none)*

Abstain: Mrs. Balsley

Motion passed 4-0, with one abstention.

**B. Farmland Rental Agreements**

The rental rate at this time for the Central Campus Farmland (55 acres) and the Poplar Grove Road Farmland (25 acres) is \$150 per acre. The Board discussed today’s average

rental rates for farmland and concluded that \$225/acre was a fair price. The question to the Board was whether they preferred the district go back to the present renters and ask for \$225/acre, go out for bids on the properties or leave the rates as they are.

Mr. Kinser abstained from the discussion because of his association with one of the renters.

Mrs. Zwart suggested asking \$200/acre.

Mrs. Balsley and Mr. Crull preferred asking \$225/acre.

It was decided that the district would approach the current renters to see if they would accept paying \$225/acre and, if not, go out for bid.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:25 p.m. by Mrs. Balsley and seconded by Mrs. Zwart to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; 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 and Mr. Collin Crull. Mr. Glen Gratz and Mrs. Amy Morris were absent.

The Open Session of the Board of Education was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Don Ward.

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

Absent: Mr. Glen Gratz and Mrs. Amy Morris

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

*(No Recommendations from Executive Session)*

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Crull and seconded by Mr. Kinser to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_ *Don Ward* /S/  
**Don Ward**

**SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_ *Tom Kinser* /S/  
**Tom Kinser**

**APPROVED:** 11-26-12