

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, IL 61065
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
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 Ed Mulholland.

Present: President Ed Mulholland, Secretary Brian Haselhorst, Joe Haverly, Judy Hutchinson, Tom Kinser, Vice President Mary Maxey, and Nan Schilling

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to approve the Agenda with the following changes:

- X. A-November 2024 Bills to be moved to after Executive Session
- Add B. Students to Executive Session

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Ms. Jessica Borchardt spoke in regards to the heating at Manchester Elementary School.

Mr. William Randall spoke in regards to the Levy and the planned abatement per the mailer that was received as well as bonds.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As stated at the Business Services Committee Meeting, there were only 4 working days to get the month closed, reconciled and to Ms. Nelson. This was not feasible with the amount of time and working with the current software. This will be included at the November Board Meeting.

Discussion:

Concerns were expressed by not having timely reports for the month and how this can be resolved. It was said that the Business Office does have to have everything reconciled and closed to be sent to the Treasurer for her reports. In the past, the District Office produced the Treasurer's Report and there was no lag time. The staff is working to get everything completed as soon as possible but when information is not received until the 2nd or 3rd day after the end of the month, nothing can be started until that time. There is also still issues with the software as the new software is not being used until July 1, 2025 as it takes time to get everything implemented.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Greenlee stated that at the Business Services Meeting the Limitation of Administrative Costs waiver was mentioned which is something that needs to be filed if our costs exceed an increase of 5%. It has increased due to the rise in insurance rates and additional staff. There will be a hearing in December in regards to this which a vote will follow to approve. He will meet with Mr. Mulholland to arrange for this to be included in one of the upcoming Special Meetings of the Board of Education.

In regards to the Policy Committee, we did have to cancel the last meeting due to the Golden Apple Banquet. We had arranged for an IASB Rep to meet with the Committee to introduce one of the programs for PRESS Plus. This will be rescheduled.

Next weekend is the IASB Joint Annual Conference in Chicago. On that Friday, our District will be presenting at 2:00 p.m. The title is “Small Districts Making Big Decisions”.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee The next meeting date is TBD.

Business Services Committee The committee met on November 4, 2024 and discussed the Audit, Levy and the Limitation of Administrative Costs waiver.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee The next meeting date is December 3, 2024.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee The committee met on November 4, 2024 regarding a special education discipline program, revising an Administrative Procedure as well as a new course for the high school and an updated course guide. Both of which will be discussed tonight.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haverly to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – October 15, 2024
- B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/ End Date
1. Non-Certified - Transfer				
MES- CES	Sue Zarndt	Nurse	Per NBESS Schedule	11/18/2024
2. Extra-Curricular - Hire				
HS	Matthew Winkler	Head Varsity Competition Cheer Coach	Group V, Year 1	2024-2025 Season

3. Extra-Curricular - Resignation				
HS	Jim Nolen	Assistant Football Coach	N/A	End of 2024-2025 Season
MS	Tony Libit	Athletic Director	N/A	11/06/2024
HS	Ryan Kelley	Head Football Coach	N/A	11/07/2024

C. Overnight Field Trip Request

D. Approval of Jostens Yearbook Agreement for North Boone High School

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Finance Update

Ms. Corder stated that the Finance Update will be included in the November Board Meeting Packet due to the shortened time period to have it completed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ~~November 2024 Bills~~ Moved to following Executive Session

B. Tentative 2024 Tax Levy

Dr. Greenlee stated that this is the time of year to discuss the tax levy. All of this information came from the Business Services Committee meeting. What Ms. Corder will be presenting must go on display for the next 20 days to be approved at the December Board Meeting.

Ms. Corder then discussed the timeline for the process of doing a levy and the key definitions. From the Business Services Committee Meeting, the following was discussed and agreed upon to bring to the Board as the Tentative 2024 Tax Levy-

2024 Tax Levy:

- Establish a correct Aggregate Base to figure the 2024 Levy from.
 - \$11,206,659 (Boone & Winnebago included)
- Proposing a 4.99% levy over correct Aggregate Base
 - \$11,765,871
 - Truth in Taxation – would not be needed
 - This would ensure no funds are left on the table from:
 - Additional new property not in estimate
 - Increased EAV after estimate from Counties

Presenting the next topic and then voting was requested.

C. Correction of Prior Year Tax Levy

Last week, Dr. Greenlee, Ms. Corder, the Board Attorney and Curtis Newport from Boone County met to get two pieces of information established: What is the corrected aggregate base that we should be at if the County's error had never occurred. The agreement was \$11,206,659. The other question was are both Boone and Winnebago Counties included in that amount? Yes, they are.

What are the next steps to correct the overpayment that was received? It was recommended to pull that amount from Debt Services and then abate it from there. This is then returned to the County who, from there, would return it to the taxpayers. Our attorney is currently working with the ROE and ISBE to verify that this is a satisfactory resolution. The timeline on doing this would be January/February of 2025.

The estimated tax rate being requested for the tentative Tax Levy is 5.7%. This can be changed when approving the Levy in December.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser to approve the Tentative 2024 Tax Levy, with an adjusted amount of \$11,684,555, and was seconded by Mr. Haselhorst.

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

D. State Data Presentation

Mrs. Neri presented the State Data that was released in October. North Boone Schools received the following Designations:

- North Boone High School – Commendable
- North Boone Middle School – Commendable
- North Boone Upper Elementary School – Commendable
- Capron Elementary School – Commendable
- Manchester Elementary School – Exemplary
- Poplar Grove Elementary School – Commendable

Congratulations go out to all of the schools (students, staff and principals) on their designations with a shout out to North Boone Middle School for moving from Targeted to Commendable. Also, congratulations go to Manchester Elementary School for reaching Exemplary status, which puts them in the top 10% of schools in the State!

Mrs. Neri then presented the Overview of Assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics which included Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) for Grades 3-8 and the SAT for Grade 11. The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) for Grades 5,8, and 11 were also reviewed.

The High School Graduation Rate and 9th Grade on Track was reviewed as well as Chronic Absenteeism.

Ms. Neri stated that our growth in achievement shows that our School Improvement Process is making a difference in all of our schools. The School Leadership Teams will continue to use the School Improvement Process to increase student achievement and growth.

Congratulations once again to all of our schools! Our staff should be proud of their hard work. Mr. Eckmann also pointed out that Mrs. Neri has a huge hand in all of these processes as well. Thank you.

E. Approval of High School Course Proposal.

It is recommended that Film Studies be approved as a semester course in the English Department at the high school for the 2025-2026 School Year. This course will provide students with a wider choice of electives for the English Department. This course will be open to Junior and Senior students and provide them with a rigorous learning experience in the area of film studies. This was vetted at the C.I.A Committee Meeting and it was agreed to take it to the Board Meeting for Board approval.

Mrs. Hutchinson made a motion to approve the addition of Film Studies as a High School Course and was seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

F. Approval of High School Updated Course Guide

During the Fall of 2024, Mr. Eckmann worked with all departments to determine potential changes to the NBHS Course Guide. Proposed changes were 2 course description revisions, a proposal to add that in order to earn an honors diploma, students must now earn two credits in the same language, course schedule changes and the addition of the Film Studies Course.

Mrs. Hutchinson made a motion to approve the High School Updated Course Guide as presented and was seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

Discussion:

(none)

At 7:47 p.m. Mrs. Maxey made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following: *The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel of the public body,*

including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). And the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10). and was seconded by Mr. Haselhorst.

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel
- B. Students

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

At 9:09 p.m., Mr. Haselhorst made a motion to return to open session and was seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

X-A. November 2024 Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Haverly and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to approve the November 2024 bills as presented.

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

- A. Enrollment
- B. FOIA Log
- C. Student Activity Fund Reports

Mr. Mulholland reminded the Board of the initial interviews for the Superintendent position will be held on December 3rd and 4th and then again on December 10th and 11th. The Facility/Long Range Planning Committee Meeting for December 3, 2024 has been canceled and will be rescheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haverly to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice call.

PRESIDENT Ed Mulholland /s/

SECRETARY Brian Haselhorst /s/

APPROVED: 12/17/24