

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, January 28, 2025 - **RESCHEDULED**
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 (via telephone), 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. Schilling to amend the Agenda as follows:

- Under New Business, split A. Approval of Superintendent Contract, into 2 separate votes.
 - Approve the choice for Superintendent
 - Approve the Superintendent's Contract

Discussion:

Mrs. Hutchinson would like an announcement made to the public as to who the Board has chosen as the new Superintendent prior to approving the contract.

Ayes: Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Schilling

Nays: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Haverly, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland

The motion failed with 2 Ayes and 5 Nays.

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

Discussion:

(none)

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Haverly, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland

Nays: Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Schilling

The motion passed with 5 Ayes and 2 Nays.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Mr. William Randall spoke regarding the abatement and that the schedule is different than what was originally approved, interest income, and the County tax error.

Ms. Jessica Borchardt spoke regarding transparency including the contract for the Superintendent, respecting the taxpayers when it comes to the abatement, and the bus purchases without 3 quotes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The December Treasurer's Report is as presented.

Discussion:
(none)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Greenlee stated that Jim Nolen and Dean Schultz had an update regarding the HVAC. Mr. Nolen shared that they have been working with Greg Stahler and Dan McCurdy on issues with 11 units and are very close to being resolved. These units were located at the Middle School, Manchester Elementary, and Capron Elementary. All of the units had heat, just not enough. Some tuning was done and added insulation due to wind and the temperatures. Greg Stahler did cover the cost of the startup fees from Ceroni totaling \$46,000. Mr. Nolen and Mr. Schultz are working on something for the fresh air at the Middle School. Currently, it is always in occupied mode. More information will be brought to the Facility/Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting on February 4, 2025.

Dr. Greenlee mentioned that some concerns have been voiced regarding immigration. A letter was sent out to all families stating that the District will not release any student without prior authorization, will not release any school records without court order, nor do we ask the immigration status for any individual, be it a student or family member.

Two committee meetings are being held next Tuesday, February 4th. An IASB representative will be attending the Policy Committee Meeting to introduce PRESS Plus. The Facility/Long-Range Planning Committee will meet following that meeting.

The competitive cheer team from the high school, for the 7th time in a row, has won at Conference. Congratulations!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee- The next meeting date is February 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. and Nicholas Baumann from IASB will be presenting in regards to PRESS Plus.

Business Services Committee – A meeting was held on January 14, 2025. The Abatement was discussed and options will be presented this evening in regards to it.

Facility/Long Range Planning Committee - The next meeting date is February 4, 2025.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee A meeting was held on January 14, 2025. There are two proposals included in today’s agenda for the Board’s approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – December 17, 2024.

B. Personnel

Site	Person	Position	Salary	Effective/ End Date
1. Certified - Hire				
MS	Matthew Stacionis	EL Teacher	MA+16, Step 19	01/06/2025
2. Certified - Retirement				
HS	Michael Winebrenner	Instructional Coach	N/A	June 30, 2029
3. Certified - FMLA				
4. Non-Certified - Retirement				
HS	Jodie Embry	Secretary	N/A	End of 2024/2025 School Year
5. Non-Certified - Transfer				
PGE to MS	Brad Ward	Head Custodian	Per NBESS Agreement	12/30/2024
6. Extra-Curricular Hire				
HS	Brett Frederick	Head Football Coach	Group IA, Year 10	2025/2026 Season
HS	Chris Weber	Assistant Football Coach	Group II, Year 10	2025/2026 Season
MS	Taylor Anderson	Mentor	Group VI, Year 1	2024/2025 School Year
7. Extra-Curricular - Resignation				
MS	Jodie Rogers	Quiz Bowl - Master	N/A	01/14/2025
MS	Matt Protz	7 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	N/A	End of 2024/2025 Season
8. Extra-Curricular – Volunteer				
HS	Kaitlin Stefek	Volunteer Softball Coach	N/A	2024/2025 Season

C. Overnight Field Trip Request

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Finance Update

Stacey Corder stated that everything is right on track. The expenses may seem slightly higher, however, that is fine as we are at an overall of 57% spent as you do expect to spend on your supplies earlier in the year rather than as the year is ending.

B. Strategic Plan Update

Kari Neri spoke regarding Goal 1: Student Achievement. One of our strategies is to build an MTSS system across our district and this year's goal was to implement Tier 2 which is additional time and support to master grade-level essential standards. 16 teachers have volunteered to be Tier 2 Early Adopters. They will pilot our district-created forms and processes and will provide feedback to the MTSS Team.

Kim Maville spoke regarding Goal 3: Workforce. With the increase in extreme student behaviors, particularly at the elementary level, we are looking into ways to assist in these situations. What can we develop and hire here in the district to help support the students and staff versus outplacing students? All of this is still a work in progress with input from the Committee and Admin.

Dr. Greenlee spoke regarding Goal 4: Partnerships. Chartwell has begun to work on a District-wide communication regarding the planned abatements, District news, and District Report Card.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Superintendent Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser to approve the new Superintendent Contract as presented and was seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

Discussion:

(none)

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Haverly, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland

Nays: Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Schilling

The motion passed with 5 Ayes and 2 Nays.

B. Approval of January 2025 Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to approve the January 2025 Bills as presented.

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

C. Abatement

At the last Business Services Committee Meeting, Stacey Corder was asked to bring forth additional options to the Board Meeting. Mr. Corder presented these options which included:

- Option 1 – Continue with the original planned abatement amount of \$328,577
- Option 2 – Abate \$509,100, which includes the original abatement amount of \$328,577 and the remaining cost from the building of the high school of \$180,522
- Option 3 – Abate \$528,577 which combines the 2022 and 2024 abatements from the schedule
- Option 4 – Abate \$1,021,577 which combines the 2022, 2023, and 2024 abatements from the schedule
- Option 5 – Abate \$1,494,580 which combines the 2022, 2023, and 2024 abatements from the schedule plus the \$493,003 County error

Dr. Greenlee stated that the correspondence was received from the County Clerk's office and the amount is different from what Curtis Newport found. The Clerk is saying the amount is \$227,840 and Mr. Newport is saying \$473,003.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schilling to abate the 2024 planned amount of \$328,577 and was seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson.

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schilling to abate the County error repayment in the amount of \$473,003 and was seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson.

Ayes: Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Schilling

Nays: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Haverly, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland

The motion failed with 2 Ayes and 5 Nays.

Discussion was had in regards to the differing amounts. The Board Attorney recommends going with the amount the County Clerk has supplied and abate more when the amount is corrected. Mr. Kinser, who worked with Mr. Newport on this amount, does agree with the original \$473,003 but feels that it can be abated later down the road once agreed upon.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser to abate the County error repayment of \$227,840.18 and was seconded by Mr. Haselhorst.

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland

Nays: Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mrs. Schilling

The motion passed with 4 Ayes and 3 Nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser to abate the 2023 scheduled abatement amount versus the actual abatement amount of \$493,973 and was seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

Ayes: Mr. Haverly, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland

Nays: Mr. Haselhorst, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mrs. Schilling

The motion passed with 4 Ayes and 3 Nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser to abate the amount of \$200,000 that was not abated in 2022 and seconded by Mr. Haverly.

Ms. Corder stated that she does not feel comfortable with this amount being added to the abatement and that the \$493,973 does have her nervous as well. Ms. Cathy Nelson, the Board Treasurer, also stated that the \$200,000 could be a future abatement.

Ayes: Mr. Kinser and Mrs. Maxey

Nays: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Haverly, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. Mulholland, and Mrs. Schilling

The motion failed with 2 Ayes and 5 Nays.

The total amount to be abated for 2024 will be \$1,050,390.00.

D. Approval of Bus Purchase

Dr. Greenlee recommended that the Board accept the bid from Midwest Transit for the purchase of 5 buses that will fit into the yearly rotation of our bus fleet and was budgeted for and shared with the Business Committee. Three vendors were contacted for quotes. Midwest Transit is a bus dealer that the District has worked with regularly, is local, and provides us service on repairs and warranties. It also has buses that fill the specific codes of what is required for the State of Illinois. The other two vendors either did not have the inventory to meet our specifications or only had new buses in stock.

Ms. Corder did clarify that since we are going out for used buses, we only are required to get quotes, not go out for RFP.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinser to approve the purchase of 5 buses from Midwest Transit as presented and was seconded by Mr. Haselhorst.

Discussion:

Discussion included receiving more data for items such as the maintenance costs on the trade-in buses, the mileage on the quoted buses, and an inventory of parts. Mrs. Schilling noted that Harlem went out for RFP and went with Central on new buses. She noted that she reached out to Central and received a bid for the new buses. Central only has Blue Bird buses which will require different training for our drivers, different parts, and different tools. Also mentioned was that this was brought to the Business Services Committee Meeting and was agreed upon.

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Haverly, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Maxey, and Mr. Mulholland

Nays: Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Schilling

The motion passed with 5 Ayes and 2 Nays.

E. Approval of Horizon Education

It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Horizon Education for North Boone High School. Horizon Education provides ACT Preparation that includes benchmark assessments, curriculum and lessons, data and reporting, and professional development for teachers. The ACT has been adopted by ISBE as our HS state assessment, and we want to prepare our students to be successful on the test. The Horizon Education materials will provide us with assessments and data to use to instruct our 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade students using ACT lessons aligned to the state standards and state assessment. The total cost is \$12,000 and would be funded by a Title I Grant.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve the purchase of Horizon Education as presented and was seconded by Mrs. Schilling.

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

F. Approval of Catalyst for Change contract for 4th-5th Grade Transition Support

It is recommended that the Board approve the contract with Catalyst for Educational Change (CEC). In the Fall, we partnered with the CEC for a 4th-5th grade transition needs assessment in order to work on strengthening our students' transition from our K-4 elementary schools to our upper elementary school.

Based on this Needs Assessment, the CEC recommends working on the following:

- Vertical articulation in math and ELA between grade levels to provide clarity on essential priorities for success at the next grade level.
- Accountability measures to ensure that all students receive instruction that aligns with the curriculum and prepares students for future success.

To meet these goals, we would like to partner with the CEC to support this work. The scope of the work is outlined in the proposal and would include work days with our 4th and 5th grade teachers, which is integral to this process.

The total cost is \$23,200 and would be covered by a Title I Grant.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hutchinson to approve the contract as presented and was seconded by Mrs. Schilling.

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

At 9:05 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 was seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson.

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

At 9:17 p.m., Mrs. Maxey made a motion to return to open session and was seconded by Mr. Haselhorst.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Haselhorst made a motion to approve a 4% pay increase for Dr. Greenlee which was seconded by Mrs. Maxey.

Discussion:

(none)

The motion carried with unanimous roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

A. Enrollment
B. FOIA Log

C. Student Activity Fund Reports

Mr. Mulholland thanked Mrs. Maxey for her continued work with the Board during a difficult time with the passing of her husband Ron Maxey.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Haselhorst and seconded by Mr. Kinser to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. The motion was carried by unanimous voice call.

PRESIDENT Ed Mulholland /s/

SECRETARY Mary Maxey /s/

APPROVED: 02/18/2025